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PRESS STATEMENT.

Below is given the Federal Reserve Board's nineteenth weekly statement of total debits to deposit account, reported through the Federal Reserve Banks by about 150 of the country's more important clearing houses. Transactions cover the weekly periods ending Wednesday December 18th and Tuesday December 24. The statement closes with a recapitulation giving comparative data by reserve districts for those centers reporting complete data for both weeks.

Owing to the Christmas holiday, figures for the latter week comprise debits to deposit accounts for one day less than the week before. This accounts largely for the decrease in total debits reported to both individual and bank account for all except the Cleveland and Dallas districts, where small increases are shown for debits to bank account.

Comparative data for the last two weeks cover debit transactions for clearing house banks in 144 centers.

Figures of reporting clearing houses by Federal Reserve districts are as follows, (in thousands of dollars, i. e., 000's omitted):

	Debits to Individual Account		Debits to Banks' and Bankers' Account	
	December 18	December 24	December 18	December 24
1. BOSTON				
Bangor	2,717	1,739	425	362
Boston	231,125	214,173	228,327	200,806
Fall River	7,859	6,594	343	521
Hartford	20,301	16,815	1,547	1,575
Holyoke	3,374	2,890	519	530
Lowell	5,474	5,220	327	345
New Bedford	5,878	5,297	244	132
New Haven	16,739	13,970	452	343
Portland	7,810	6,620	3,669	2,503
Providence	31,172	27,461	2,011	1,777
Springfield	14,496	12,903	242	362
Waterbury	7,933	6,653	650	648
Worcester	14,987	14,653	1,961	1,605
2. NEW YORK				
Albany	18,282	19,893	12,797	13,271
Binghamton	3,139	2,593		
Buffalo	55,780	48,658	12,373	11,841
New York	3,815,554	3,501,307	1,602,214	1,479,303
Passaic	3,693	3,936	371	300
Rochester	25,065	21,318	781	628
Syracuse	15,138	11,472	570	584
3. PHILADELPHIA				
Altoona	2,137	2,195		
Chester	5,388	4,219	25	
Harrisburg	6,375	5,328	25	10
Johnstown	3,190	2,530	204	171
Lancaster	4,208	3,552	33	233
Philadelphia	294,752	263,385	402,492	281,853
Reading	4,404	3,193	1	
Scranton	9,565	11,719	2,176	1,898
Trenton	9,642	8,315	118	272
Wilkes Barre	6,401	5,431	113	49
Williamsport	3,210	3,570	360	237
Wilmington	9,317	11,455		
York	3,345	2,813	43	21

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December 18	December 24	December 18	December 24

4. CLEVELAND

Akron	14,273	13,326	500	
Cincinnati	58,564	40,775	47,969	40,684
Cleveland	133,144	124,846	107,955	98,381
Columbus	25,231	21,966	3,176	3,291
Dayton	10,937	11,677	687	614
Erie	6,945	6,058	193	63
Greensburg, Pa.	2,713	2,250		
Lexington, Ky.	4,317		2,894	
Oil City	4,866	2,018	3,211	1,971
Pittsburgh	181,756	164,042	310,671	376,495
Springfield	3,067	2,550	3,001	2,355
Toledo	24,785	24,405	8,857	8,059
Wheeling	7,697	4,960	5,993	6,169
Youngstown	9,970	15,906	591	354

5. RICHMOND

Baltimore	84,732	78,150	46,442	38,585
Charleston	6,505	4,881	1,680	1,484
Charlotte	6,400	4,900	8,400	6,500
Columbia	8,886	6,303	3,690	3,744
Norfolk	19,136	15,593	27,801	24,018
Raleigh	4,337	3,841	3,534	2,758
Richmond	24,617	25,038	80,015	71,898

6. ATLANTA

Atlanta	24,764	23,288	27,339	26,383
Augusta	7,433	7,700	2,838	2,571
Birmingham	13,246	14,332	4,731	4,596
Chattanooga	10,081	8,245	5,070	3,725
Jacksonville	10,676	10,474	8,324	7,050
Knoxville	5,600		1,700	
Macon	6,661	6,731	4,372	3,514
Mobile	6,774	6,297	999	704
Montgomery	4,386	3,539	784	517
Nashville	24,470	18,382	15,345	11,644
New Orleans	66,790	61,417	44,525	42,633
Pensacola	2,387	1,952	1,446	1,049
Savannah	13,842	12,686	10,705	9,969
Tampa	4,365	3,577	1,595	1,329
Vicksburg	1,940	2,000	215	97

7. CHICAGO

Bay City	2,673	2,726	448	495
Bloomington	2,373	2,004	918	707
Cedar Rapids	5,831	3,772	6,928	8,441
Chicago	615,669	541,631	562,237	507,522
Davenport	5,839	6,689	1,684	1,658
Decatur, Ill.	2,752	2,449	453	434
Des Moines	15,961	15,539	33,967	35,072
Detroit	107,322	93,647	46,053	41,451
Dubuque	2,022	1,825	1,356	1,500
Flint	3,131	5,141	25	38
Fort Wayne	5,198	4,425	1,806	1,913
Grand Rapids	12,849	12,117	4,422	3,557
Indianapolis	31,193	26,249	24,611	23,097
Kalamazoo	3,183	2,745	444	366
Lansing	2,957	2,500	134	218
Milwaukee	58,054	53,050	29,026	29,690
Peoria	11,072	8,380	2,308	1,832
Rockford, Ill.	4,659	4,323	204	106
Sioux City, Ia.	16,238		12,557	
South Bend	3,380	3,167	2,922	1,490
Springfield Ill.	3,014	3,965	2,039	1,943
Waterloo, Ia.	3,280	3,189	1,003	820

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		December 18	December 24	December 18	December 24
8.	ST. LOUIS				
	Evansville	4,361	3,485	1,215	1,668
	Little Rock	9,205	7,718	8,267	6,137
	Louisville	49,936	36,858	26,613	22,850
	Memphis	33,971	30,036	31,821	27,093
	St. Louis	149,453	124,520	134,810	120,583
9.	MINNEAPOLIS				
	Aberdeen	1,663	1,220	1,141	872
	Billings	1,899	1,854	785	1,036
	Duluth	47,662	44,105	5,718	5,104
	Fargo	2,883		4,205	
	Grand Forks	1,693	1,250	2,080	1,720
	Great Falls	3,512		5,982	
	Helena	2,462	2,418	6,724	3,528
	Minneapolis	91,037	85,767	86,291	88,913
	St. Paul	44,094	32,141	54,333	44,886
	Superior	2,685		171	
10.	KANSAS CITY				
	Atchinson	858	669	618	344
	Bartlesville, Okla.	1,963	1,512	81	60
	Colorado Springs	2,009	2,297	770	1,042
	Denver	29,805	25,257	22,845	21,946
	Joplin	3,624	2,347	638	443
	Kansas City, Kas.	3,790	3,522	5,682	4,366
	Kansas City, Mo.	88,927	86,466	173,476	137,024
	Muskogee, Okla.	3,428	2,928	2,536	2,097
	Oklahoma City	14,441	11,637	11,213	8,050
	Omaha	63,535	79,214	61,349	66,219
	Pueblo	5,265	4,136	861	855
	St. Joseph	22,889	22,591	17,817	16,840
	Topeka	4,688	3,816	1,465	1,313
	Tulsa	19,391	17,568	5,814	6,064
	Wichita	8,546	7,332	13,323	10,246
11.	DALLAS				
	Albuquerque	1,590	1,229	3,570	2,984
	Austin	3,980	2,400	3,167	2,438
	Beaumont	3,581	4,187	401	427
	Dallas	30,274	29,796	53,862	57,475
	El Paso	5,782	4,539	6,640	6,161
	Fort Worth	15,847	14,814	38,849	32,758
	Galveston	10,040	7,726	6,224	8,107
	Houston	27,331	23,100	41,760	49,343
	San Antonio (a)	6,535	(a) 5,388		
	Shreveport	5,594	5,335	3,922	3,122
	Texarkana	1,527	2,049	508	430
	Tucson	1,530	1,258	1,530	1,282
	Waco	3,936	2,800	2,804	1,646

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	: Account : Bankers' Account		: Bankers' Account	
	: December 18 : December 24:		: December 18 : December 24	
12. SAN FRANCISCO				
Boise	2,901	1,837	4,918	5,428
Fresno	7,164	5,829	4,887	3,403
Long Beach	2,718	1,996	95	132
Los Angeles	56,715	52,831	40,563	32,298
Oakland	12,368	13,827	2,631	2,461
Ogden	5,720		7,348	
Pasadena	2,135	1,866	251	147
Portland	42,542	37,726	28,595	26,017
Reno	1,682	1,943	1,395	1,049
Sacramento	14,276	10,764	4,802	5,303
Salt Lake City	22,195	18,389	23,740	22,922
San Diego	5,063	4,061	670	121
San Francisco	161,586	150,138	97,804	112,257
Seattle	49,988	44,584	22,820	23,007
Spokane	8,951	8,812	8,602	8,203
Stockton	5,183	2,968	3,615	1,729
Tacoma	11,341	9,474	10,293	6,824
Yakima	2,034	2,041	744	562

Recapitulation showing figures for centers reporting both weeks.

Federal Reserve District	: Number of centers included:	: Debits to Individual : Debits to Banks' and		: Debits to Banks' and	
		: Account : Bankers' Account		: Bankers' Account	
		: December 18 : December 24:		: December 18 : December 24	
1. Boston	13	369,865	334,988	240,717	211,509
2. New York	7	3,936,651	3,609,177	1,629,106	1,505,927
3. Philadelphia	13	361,934	327,705	405,590	284,744
4. Cleveland	12	469,675	421,453	492,304	538,436
5. Richmond	7	154,613	138,706	171,562	148,987
6. Atlanta	14	197,815	180,620	128,278	115,781
7. Chicago	21	902,412	799,533	722,988	662,350
8. St. Louis	5	246,926	202,017	202,726	178,331
9. Minneapolis	7	190,510	168,755	157,072	146,059
10. Kansas City	15	273,158	271,292	318,488	276,909
11. Dallas	13	117,547	104,621	163,237	166,173
12. San Francisco	17	408,840	369,086	261,430	251,353
GRAND TOTAL	144	7,629,946	6,927,953	4,893,498	4,487,069

(a) Figures comprise debits to both individual as well as to banks' and bankers' account.