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CONDITION OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

The daily average volume of Federal reserve bank credit outstanding during the week ending September 23, as reported by the Federal reserve banks, was \$1,297,000,000, an increase of \$44,000,000 compared with the preceding week and of \$298,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1930.

On September 23, total reserve bank credit amounted to \$1,315,000,000, an increase of \$36,000,000 for the week. This increase corresponds with an increase of \$77,000,000 in money in circulation and decreases of \$100,000,000 in monetary gold stock and \$19,000,000 in Treasury currency, adjusted, offset in part by decreases of \$138,000,000 in member bank reserve balances and \$40,000,000 in unexpended capital funds, nonmember deposits, etc.

Holdings of discounted bills increased \$13,000,000 each at the Federal reserve banks of Philadelphia and Cleveland, \$7,000,000 each at New York and Chicago, \$4,000,000 at Richmond, \$3,000,000 at Kansas City and \$47,000,000 at all Federal reserve banks. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market increased \$25,000,000 and of United States bonds \$7,000,000, while holdings of Treasury certificates and bills declined \$11,000,000.

Changes in the amount of reserve bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ending September 23, 1931, were as follows:

	Sept. 23 1931	Increase or decrease since Sept. 16 1931	Sept. 24 1930
	(In millions of dollars)		
Bills discounted	310	+ 47	+143
Bills bought	243	+ 25	+ 45
Special Treasury certificates	-	- 14	-
Other United States securities	738	+ 10	+136
Other reserve bank credit	24	- 32	-
TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT	1,315	+ 36	+324
Monetary gold stock	4,897	-118	+391
Treasury currency adjusted	1,781	- 19	+ 11
Money in circulation	5,164	+ 77	+729
Member bank reserve balances	2,280	-138	-136
Unexpended capital funds, nonmember deposits, etc.	549	- 40	+133

The statement this week is influenced by two principal movements, the passing of the influence of the Treasury tax period and a number of changes in foreign account including a substantial earmarking of gold. The passing of the tax period is reflected in the reduction of member bank reserve balances from the large excess which was brought about last week by Treasury operations, in the elimination of the Treasury special one-day certificates of indebtedness to cover an excess of Treasury disbursements over receipts, and in an increase in discounts for member banks. The principal operation for foreign account was the earmarking of \$123,000,000 of gold which accounts largely for the reduction shown in gold reserves. A part of the funds for this earmarking operation was provided by the liquidation of bankers' bills held by reserve banks for foreign account and reported under "Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents." There were also changes in foreign bank deposits and a reduction in foreign bills held offset by increased holdings of domestic bills.

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES
OF THE TWELVE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS COMBINED

(In thousands of dollars)

	<u>Sept. 23, 1931</u>	<u>Sept. 16, 1931</u>	<u>Sept. 24, 1930</u>
R E S O U R C E S			
Gold with Federal reserve agents	2,156,539	2,225,948	1,543,956
Gold redemption fund with U.S. Treasury .	31,824	29,882	35,811
<u>Gold held exclusively against F.R. notes</u>	2,188,363	2,255,830	1,579,767
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board .	389,178	432,865	570,102
Gold and gold certificates held by banks	749,892	797,044	839,062
<u>Total gold reserves</u>	3,327,433	3,485,739	2,988,931
Reserves other than gold	164,113	162,061	151,857
<u>Total reserves</u>	3,491,546	3,647,800	3,140,788
Non-reserve cash	71,110	72,002	69,277
Bills discounted:			
Sec. by U.S. Government obligations .	142,845	111,150	48,146
Other bills discounted	166,982	151,844	119,016
<u>Total bills discounted</u>	309,827	262,994	167,162
Bills bought in open market	243,189	217,770	197,743
U. S. Government securities:			
Bonds	284,335	277,009	38,235
Treasury notes	18,962	18,962	292,029
Special Treasury certificates	-	14,000	-
Other certificates and bills	434,658	432,487	271,542
<u>Total U.S. Government securities</u>	737,985	742,458	601,806
Other securities	14,805	15,342	6,772
<u>Total bills and securities</u>	1,305,806	1,238,564	973,483
Due from foreign banks	8,752	8,743	701
F. R. notes of other banks	17,906	17,110	21,871
Uncollected items	461,276	601,804	549,479
Bank premises	59,221	59,220	59,644
All other resources	34,230	33,508	12,062
<u>TOTAL RESOURCES</u>	5,449,847	5,678,751	4,827,305
L I A B I L I T I E S			
F. R. notes in actual circulation	2,045,005	2,005,896	1,347,720
Deposits:			
Member bank - reserve account	2,279,545	2,417,712	2,416,153
Government	21,777	3,487	42,594
Foreign bank	162,073	197,297	5,263
Other deposits	23,618	27,050	19,534
<u>Total deposits</u>	2,487,013	2,645,546	2,483,544
Deferred availability items	460,682	569,904	533,029
Capital paid in	166,760	166,896	170,563
Surplus	274,636	274,636	276,936
All other liabilities	15,751	15,873	15,513
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	5,449,847	5,678,751	4,827,305
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	77.0%	78.4%	82.0%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	181,436	233,102	432,624

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1931

(In thousands of dollars)

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R E S O U R C E S

	Total	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleve.	Rich.	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minn.	Kans. Cy.	Dallas	San Fran.
Gold with Federal reserve agents	2,156,539	159,917	481,919	161,000	229,510	55,070	98,400	520,100	65,380	53,980	67,000	23,500	240,763
Gold redemption fund with U.S. Treasury	31,824	930	12,422	2,654	2,179	1,600	1,556	3,816	1,447	633	1,196	1,028	2,363
<u>Gold held exclusively against</u>													
<u>F. R. notes</u>	2,182,363	160,847	494,341	163,654	231,689	56,670	99,956	523,916	66,827	54,613	68,196	24,528	243,126
Gold settlement fund with F.R. Board	389,178	20,921	129,958	45,314	40,605	21,305	9,022	3,479	15,282	14,110	23,055	22,554	43,573
Gold and gold certif. held by banks	749,892	34,903	474,516	24,040	54,557	4,416	9,098	89,667	13,258	5,083	8,150	4,967	27,237
<u>Total gold reserves</u>	3,327,433	216,671	1,098,815	233,008	326,851	82,391	118,076	617,062	95,367	73,806	99,401	52,049	313,936
Reserves other than gold	164,113	20,399	40,486	10,958	13,215	9,001	5,965	27,166	11,247	3,911	7,894	6,328	7,543
<u>Total reserves</u>	3,491,546	237,070	1,139,301	243,966	340,066	91,392	124,041	644,228	106,614	77,717	107,295	58,377	321,479
Non-reserve cash	71,110	11,083	23,401	3,144	2,777	2,941	3,978	9,008	3,817	1,348	2,010	2,930	4,673
Bills discounted:													
Secured by U.S. Govt. obligations	142,845	3,517	31,665	27,989	24,990	5,668	2,907	22,187	5,239	269	1,633	449	16,332
Other bills discounted	166,982	4,392	22,176	17,220	20,325	20,988	23,283	10,498	7,275	3,810	13,698	12,634	10,683
<u>Total bills discounted</u>	309,827	7,909	53,841	45,209	45,315	26,656	26,190	32,685	12,514	4,079	15,331	13,083	27,015
Bills bought in open market	243,189	17,106	90,243	9,117	17,672	6,435	6,723	55,262	5,868	4,215	6,423	4,371	19,754
U. S. Government securities:													
Bonds	284,335	18,010	103,387	18,210	19,852	10,875	6,751	46,167	9,201	13,667	9,344	14,836	14,035
Treasury notes	18,962	2	5	3,403	3	2	2,409	4	3,503	1	2	1	9,627
Certificates and bills	434,688	36,815	132,313	34,719	52,230	20,681	13,449	52,265	18,507	13,790	19,769	10,293	29,857
<u>Total U.S. Govt. securities</u>	737,985	54,827	235,705	56,332	72,085	31,558	22,609	98,436	31,211	27,458	29,115	25,130	53,519
Other securities	14,805	960	7,240	1,260	-	700	600	1,790	630	535	-	-	1,090
<u>Total bills and securities</u>	1,305,806	80,802	387,029	111,918	135,072	65,349	56,122	188,173	50,223	36,287	50,869	42,534	101,378
Due from foreign banks	8,752	689	3,217	910	881	349	314	1,241	25	17	253	262	594
F. R. notes of other banks	17,906	223	6,268	134	865	1,684	751	2,862	1,460	597	1,302	226	1,534
Uncollected items	461,276	51,195	128,599	43,221	44,260	35,156	11,469	55,858	18,084	9,638	22,766	14,393	26,637
Bank premises	59,221	3,458	15,240	2,614	7,803	3,654	2,573	8,061	3,635	1,926	3,804	1,831	4,622
All other resources	34,230	965	16,042	1,553	2,077	1,602	3,154	2,264	1,207	1,285	820	2,046	1,215
TOTAL RESOURCES	5,449,847	385,485	1,719,097	407,460	533,801	202,127	202,402	911,695	185,065	128,815	189,119	122,649	462,132

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1931

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LIABILITIES

	Total	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleve.	Rich.	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minn.	Kans. Cy.	Dallas	San Fran.
F.R. notes in actual circulation	2,045,005	142,003	388,702	156,879	250,159	80,335	111,611	452,981	75,729	56,073	70,179	31,337	219,017
Deposits:													
Member bank - reserve account	2,279,545	147,083	973,941	136,537	173,141	60,500	54,352	318,747	56,441	47,923	78,287	55,477	167,116
Government	21,777	912	3,784	972	1,811	2,594	1,533	3,581	1,317	1,348	430	1,594	1,901
Foreign bank	162,073	10,611	67,140	14,005	14,290	5,659	5,093	19,100	4,952	3,254	4,103	4,244	9,621
Other deposits	23,618	55	10,414	63	4,239	41	78	774	192	231	858	149	6,524
<u>Total deposits</u>	<u>2,487,013</u>	<u>158,661</u>	<u>1,055,279</u>	<u>151,578</u>	<u>193,481</u>	<u>68,794</u>	<u>61,056</u>	<u>342,202</u>	<u>72,902</u>	<u>52,756</u>	<u>83,678</u>	<u>61,464</u>	<u>185,162</u>
Deferred availability items	460,682	51,462	125,070	44,910	44,398	34,433	11,573	54,817	19,759	8,996	21,895	15,997	27,372
Capital paid in	166,760	11,775	64,669	16,723	15,648	5,654	5,211	19,552	4,781	2,975	4,207	4,179	11,386
Surplus	274,636	21,299	80,575	27,065	28,971	12,114	10,857	39,936	10,562	7,144	8,702	8,936	18,475
All other liabilities	15,751	285	4,802	305	1,144	797	2,094	2,207	1,332	871	458	736	720
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,449,847	385,485	1,719,097	407,460	533,801	202,127	202,402	911,595	185,065	128,815	189,119	122,649	462,132
Reserve ratio (per cent)	77.0	78.8	78.9	76.6	76.7	61.3	71.8	81.0	71.7	71.4	69.7	62.9	79.5
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	181,436	13,635	59,445	17,999	18,362	7,272	6,545	24,544	6,363	4,182	5,272	5,454	12,363

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT

Federal reserve notes:													
Issued to F.R. bank by F.R. agent	2,484,834	165,130	537,778	194,196	281,451	85,763	128,412	550,181	81,763	60,866	80,976	38,781	279,537
Held by Federal reserve bank	439,829	23,127	149,076	27,317	31,292	5,428	16,801	97,200	6,034	4,793	10,797	7,444	60,520
In actual circulation	2,045,005	142,003	388,702	156,879	250,159	80,335	111,611	452,981	75,729	56,073	70,179	31,337	219,017
Collateral held by agent as security for notes issued to bank													
Gold and gold certificates	752,059	35,300	426,919	38,700	24,510	10,070	10,900	87,100	14,580	6,580	-	7,300	90,000
Gold fund - F. R. Board	1,404,480	124,617	55,000	122,300	205,000	45,000	87,500	433,000	50,700	47,400	67,000	16,200	150,763
Eligible paper	450,342	21,220	91,682	33,953	57,009	31,249	31,023	80,845	16,728	7,231	20,127	15,852	43,423
Total collateral	2,506,881	181,137	573,601	194,953	286,519	86,319	129,423	600,945	82,108	61,211	87,127	39,352	284,186

MATURITY DISTRIBUTION OF BILLS AND SHORT TERM SECURITIES

	Total	Within 15 days	16 to 30 days	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	91 days to 6 months	Over 6 months
Bills discounted	309,827	228,060	22,333	33,950	20,013	4,958	513
Bills bought in open market	243,189	87,629	33,663	48,688	72,666	543	-
Certificates and bills	434,688	7,000	10,950	76,150	169,529	112,045	59,014
Municipal warrants	105	-	15	-	10	80	-