

COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Register of Papers

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FRED I. KENT

(1869 - 1954)

The papers of Fred I. Kent, expert in foreign exchange matters, director of the Division of Foreign Exchange of the Federal Reserve Board, Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and active in setting up its Foreign Exchange Division, are housed in the International Finance Section of the Princeton University Library. They were deposited by his son, Warner Kent, in the spring of 1955 at the urging of this Committee. A 22 page index of these papers was compiled by Mr. Kent's secretary, Miss Dorothy Warden, in the spring of 1955, and a copy is in the Committee office. 14 pages concern periodicals in which Mr. Kent's articles appeared. The other 8 are appended.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 24

Approximate number of items: 24,000

Some books from Mr. Kent's library, which were rejected by Princeton, were deposited in the New York University Library at the same time.

A copy of Mr. Kent's incompleted memoirs (147 pages) is in this office.

No special restrictions have been put on these papers. Publication of anything in them would be subject to common law copyright. Otherwise, access to them will be granted by the Princeton Library according to the usual Library regulations.

See: Letter 12/6/55 from Mr. Alexander P. Clark of Princeton Univ. Library
Internal memoranda dated 12/17/54, 1/6/55, 1/19/55, 2/8/55

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Biographical Note

1869, Feb. 12	Born, Chicago, Illinois
1891	Married Etta W. Williams (1 son, Warner Kent)
1905-07	Manager, Foreign Exchange Dept., First National Bank of Chicago
1909-29	Vice President, Bankers Trust Co., New York Set up its foreign exchange department
1914-	Active in foreign exchange problems of World War I
1917	Deputy Governor, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
1918-19) 1933-34)	Organizer and director, Foreign Exchange Division, Federal Reserve Board
1919	Representative of U.S. on organization committee of Reparations Commission in Paris
1948	Served on Hoover Reorganization Commission to study executive branch of government
1929-54	Rented office space at Ingalls and Snyder, New York (no connection with firm)
1954, Oct. 25	Died

See: Who's Who in America, 1952/53, vol. 27, Marquis

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PARTIAL

LIST OF MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL

belonging to Fred I. Kent

sorted by his secretary, Miss Dorothy Warden

in the spring of 1955

and included in material sent to

Princeton for the

Collection on International Finance

Box # 24

Envelope of misc. early papers found in locked wooden box in Mr. Kent's library.

Notebook containing Report of Special Committee of ABA on Proposed Uniform Commercial Code

1 file folder of 1914 correspondence "Gold Pool"

1 black book "Gold Syndicate" 1914

2 "letter press books" of 1916-1917 correspondence

2 file boxes of 1903-04 correspondence

1 file folder 1923 correspondence while Mr. Kent was abroad.

2 file folders 1914 correspondence New York Bankers Fund London Committee

1 file folder 1914 correspondence referring to stranded Americans on the Continent (beginning of World War I)

1 file folder 1914 Embassy correspondence

1 file folder 1914 American Citizens Committee and Bankers Trust Co. matters at outbreak of World War I.

1 group of small pocket notebooks used by Mr. Kent

1 bundle of misc. papers

Telegraph code books Bankers Trust Co.

" " " First National Bank of Chicago

1 group misc. papers unable to place

1 group of E. C. Converse letters

Overseas Securities Corporation reports

Bankers Trust Co. Dept. of Foreign Information weekly sheets

Bankers Trust Co. Features of the Week

Letters to the President (Roosevelt and Truman) assorted files from 1933. Incomplete. Regardless of whether folders are marked "Statistical" or "Special" letters to the president, they contain both in chronological order. (Mr. Kent wrote weekly letters to Roosevelt)

Weekly Review of Economic Press, circulated by the General Secretary, International Committee for Relief Credits, Paris

Filing Cabinet drawer containing miscellany of papers covering Yama Conferences, Economic Restoration Committee, International Chamber of Commerce, Reparations, etc. These are exactly as they were in the original files.

"Dawn of the Diesel Age" (1935) large flat book
Two etchings in folders sent by Harris Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago
"Golden Gate International Exposition" (1939) large flat booklet
"For All Who Worship God" pamphlet of inaugural ceremonies of The Temple of Religion, New York World's Fair 1939
1 copy of magazine "America's Future" November 1938
Bulletin of New York World's Fair 1939
Large pamphlet put out by NBC 1938 giving pictorial history of National Broadcasting Company
Large pamphlet "A portfolio of Selfridge's Decorations for the Coronation" May 1937 covering coronation of George VI and Queen Elizabeth
Large booklet "Highways of Friendship" giving account of Pan American Highway Commission. 1924 (2 copies)
Large flat book "These Tremendous Years 1912-1937" giving pictures and description of events occurring during those years
Large flat booklet "Book of New York" put out by ABA Oct. 1922
1 copy of "The Graphic - Netherlands Number" March 6, 1921
Large flat book "National Monetary Commission - Financial Diagrams" - compiled by A. Piatt Andrew 1910
Large pamphlet "Battle Fields of Today" covering World War I
Rand-McNally "Atlas of Two Wars containing maps of Philippine Islands and South Africa" Geographical Series Vol. 15 No. 1, November 2, 1899
Hammond's "Highway Atlas of the United States and Canada" (no date)
"Atlas of the World's Commerce" (London, Eng. 1907)
Large pamphlet dated Oct. 1917 "Charing Cross to Bagdad" published by "Daily Chronicle" London, Engl.

Many many small pamphlets covering a wide variety of subjects, too numerous to attempt to list in detail.

THINK magazines, various issues 1946 through 1945, including large bound volume covering the war years.

The COMMERCIAL & FINANCIAL CHRONICLE

1917 Dec. 22)	Contains war news, armistice and years following (World War I)
1918 Nov. 16)	
1920 Oct. 16)	
1920 Nov. 20)	
1910 Oct. 15)	ABA Convention numbers
1912 Sept. 21)	

HOUSE AND SENATE Acts, Resolutions and amendments

DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Supplements to Commerce Reports various dates from 1922 through 1925
Pamphlet "American Underwriting of Foreign Securities in 1928"
Pamphlets "Balance of International Payments of U.S. in 1927"
" " " " " " " " 1930"
" " " " " " " " 1931"
" " " " " " " " 1932"

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF UNITED STATES

pamphlets "Our World Trade" 1920, 1921, 1923, 1926, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1933, 1934
"Foreign Commerce" 3 cc.

NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL

Collection of misc. papers, reports, final declarations, etc.

ROYAL ECONOMIC SOCIETY

Memos from July 1927 to April 1931 Nos. 1 through 30 except 5,7,8,10,12,13,15,22
Economic Journal: 1932, March, Sept.
1922, Sept.
1924, Dec.
1925, Mar., June, Sept., Nov.
1926, Mar., Dec.
1927, Dec.
1928, June, Dec.
1930, Mar.

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Economic History
1933 Jan.
1938 Feb.

Reports of
 COMMERCE AND MARINE COMMISSION
 AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION

	Spring	Fall
1922		"
1923		"
1927		"
1928		"
1929	"	"
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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES

Fred I. Kent, President of the Council

1931 1 copy
1932 1 copy
1933 1 "
1934 None
1935 4 copies
1936 4 "
1937 None
1938 4 copies each year
to
1951 inc.