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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Atlanta, Ga., March 10, 1927.

Sirs:

I have the honor to submit herewith the Twelfth Annual Report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, covering the year 1926.

Respectfully,

OSCAR NEWTON,

Chairman of the Board, and Federal Reserve Agent.

Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C.

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GENERAL BUSINESS CONDITIONS

General business conditions in the Sixth Federal Reserve District for the year 1926 were favorable, as compared with preceding years. Retail trade was in larger volume than in 1925. Savings deposits were greater for each month than at the same time a year earlier, and debits to individual accounts were greater than for 1925. While production of the principal agriculturul crops was greater than in 1925, the aggregate returns to the farmers were smaller. Building permits, and statistics of building contracts awarded, indicated a somewhat smaller total volume of building and construction in 1926 than in 1925, and during the latter part of the year wholesale trade and debits to individual accounts were smaller than in the corresponding periods of 1925.

Based upon prices prevailing on December 1st, the United States Department of Agriculture estimated that crops grown in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee during the year 1926 were worth approximately \$960,322,000. This is a decrease of over 308 millions, or 24.3 per cent, in the value of the principal agricultural crops in these states compared with the year 1925, and is due in large part to the lower price of cotton. Decreases are shown in the value of the principal crops in each of these states in 1926 compared with 1925, the decreases ranging from 8.8 per cent in Georgia to 34.5 per cent in Mississippi. The final report of the United States Department of Agriculture indicates that there were produced in the Sixth Federal Reserve Disrict (not including those parts of Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana situated in other Federal reserve districts) during 1926, 3,756,-000 bales of cotton, nearly four hundred thousand bales greater than 1925 production.

During each month of 1926, excepting October, the volume of retail trade in the sixth district, reflected in confidential reports rendered to the Federal Reserve Bank by about 45 department stores located throughout the district, was greater than in the corresponding month of 1925. Sales by these 45 department stores during the entire year of 1926 were 4.3 per cent greater than in 1925. The index number of sales during December 1926 is higher than has been recorded for any month in the series, which began with 1920. Wholesale trade during the first six months of 1926 compared favorably with the same part of 1925, but was in smaller volume for each month of the last half of the year than in the corresponding month of 1925.

Savings deposits reported monthly to the Federal Reserve Bank by 91 banks in the district averaged 9.2 per cent greater in 1926 than in 1925. At the beginning of the year, savings deposits were 15.2 per cent greater than in January 1925, but the increase grew smaller nearly every month, and at the close of the year savings deposits held by these banks were 2.6 per cent greater than at the end of 1925. Commercial failures in the sixth district during 1926 numbered 1,028, and liabilities totaled \$23,414,906; these figures show a decrease of 5.6 per cent in number, but an increase of 17.2 per cent in liabilities, compared with 1925. Debits to individual accounts at reporting cities in the sixth district were greater for each of the first seven months of 1926, than for the corresponding months of 1925, but beginning with August decreases were shown each month compared with the same month a year earlier. For the year debits to individual accounts were 4.1 per cent greater than in 1925.

Building permits were issued during 1926 at twenty regularly reporting cities in the sixth district for the construction of buildings valued at \$176,296,289, a decrease of 5.5 per cent compared with the value of permits in 1925 at the same cities. This is due to the smaller volume of building at five Florida cities which report regularly, and where, in 1926, building permits showed a decrease of 23.3 per cent compared with 1925. At the fifteen reporting cities in the district outside of Florida, 1926 permits were 18.5 per cent greater than in Statistics of building contracts awarded, compiled by the F. W. Dodge Corporation, and divided by Federal reserve districts by the Division of Research and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Board, show that in 1926 in the sixth district contracts were awarded to the amount of \$521,365,000, a decrease of 8.6 per cent compared with the total of \$570,526,000 in 1925. Figures for the first four months of 1926 showed increases over corresponding months of 1925, but decreases were shown for May and for the remainder of the year.

Pig iron production in Alabama during 1926 amounted to 2,944,-421 tons, an increase of 3.4 per cent over the production in 1925 which totaled 2,846,995 tons.

RESULTS OF OPERATION

Comparative Balance Sheets.—The total resource and liability items of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta decreased \$17,417,000 from \$296,528,000 on December 31st, 1925, to \$279,111,000 on December 31st, 1926. Cash reserves increased \$55,202,000 from \$123,425,000 at the end of the year 1925 to \$178,627,000 at the end of the year 1926. Bills discounted and bought in the open market and United States securities owned amounted to \$61,738,000 on December 31st, 1926, which was \$62,506,000 less than the amount held on December 31st, 1925. Federal Reserve Notes in actual circulation amounted to \$165,827,000 at the close of December 1926, a decrease of \$3,139,000 as compared with the close of December

1925. Total deposits decreased \$8,184,000 from \$79,597,000 on Decmeber 31st, 1925, to \$71,413,000 on December 3st, 1926.

MOVEMENT OF PRINCIPAL ASSETS AND LIABILITY ITEMS.

Total Earning Assets.—The peak of the total bills discounted and securities owned was at the beginning of the year when they amounted to \$124,244,000, and the lowest point on any report date during the year was \$57,689,000 on May 12, 1926. The daily average of earning assets during 1926 was \$78,375,000, as compared with \$55,679,000 for the previous year.

Bills Discounted for Member Banks.—Member banks had \$32,-846,000 under rediscount with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta on January 6, 1926, the first report date of the year; the amount decreased to the low point for the year of \$20,566,000 on January 13th, the next report date one week later. The peak of the discounts for member banks on any report date during the year was \$58,640,000 on September 29, 1926. The daily average of bills discounted for member banks was \$42,626,000 for 1926, or \$19,-814,000 greater than the daily average for the preceding year.

Bills Bought in the Open Market.—At the beginning of the year open market bills amounted to \$76,732,000 which decreased to \$69,770,000 on January 6, with further declines until the low point of \$10,803,000 was reached on April 7. The daily average of bills bought in the open market during 1926 was \$28,856,000, as compared with \$21,796,000 for 1925, an increase of \$7,060,000.

United States Securities.—The peak of the United States securities owned was \$19,764,000 at the beginning of the year, and the low point was \$1,772,000 on December 29th, the last weekly report date of the year. The daily average holdings for 1926 was \$6,300,000, as compared with \$10,684,000 for the preceding year.

Total Cash Reserves.—The total cash reserves increased from \$123,425,000 at the beginning of the year with some fluctuation until the high point of \$212,936,000 was reached on April 14th, after which there was an irregular decline to \$159,157,000 on November 17. The cash reserves at the end of the year amounted to \$178,627,000. The daily average cash reserves amounted to \$176,737,000 as compared with \$161,138,000 for the preceding year.

Member Banks' Reserve Deposits.—The reserve deposits of member banks were at the peak for the year whn they amountd to \$86,-904,000 on January 6th, the first report date of the year. The member bank reserve deposits were at the lowest point on any report

date during the year when they amounted to \$65,045,000 on December 1st. The daily average of member banks reserve deposits for 1926 was \$72,822,000, which was \$1,517,000 greater than the daily average for 1925.

Federal Reserve Notes in Actual Circulation.—Federal Reserve Notes in actual circulation ranged between the low point of \$158,490,000 on February 3rd, to the peak of \$197,358,000 on April 14th. The daily average of Federal Reserve Notes in circulation amounted to \$174,360,000 for 1926, or \$29,514,000 greater than the daily average circulation for the preceding year.

Reserve Position.—The ratio of total cash reserves against the combined deposit and Federal Reserve note liability was 49.7% at the beginning of the year which was the low point for the year. The peak for the year of 79.3% was reached on May 12th. At the end of the year the ratio of total cash reserves to the combined deposit and Federal Reserve note liability was 75.3%. The daily average ratio of total cash reserves against the combined deposit and Federal Reserve Note liability was 70.4% or 3.3% less than the daily average for the preceding year.

VOLUME OF DISCOUNTS AND PURCHASES OF BILLS AND SECURITIES

The total amount of bills discounted for member banks, bills and securities bought in the open market and from other Federal Reserve Banks, Foreign loans on gold, and bills discounted for the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia, amounted to \$1,025,754,000 in 1926, as compared with \$764,811,000 for the preceding year. The bills discounted for member banks amounted to \$810,592,000, the remaining \$215,162,000 was the amount of bills and securities purchased. The volume of discounts for member banks in March was \$87,545,000, the greatest amount for any one month during the year. In May the smallest volume was discounted for members, when the amount was \$51,722,000.

The total volume of bills bought in the open market and from other Federal Reserve Banks during 1926, was \$166,535,000, as compared with \$201,253,000 for the year 1925. The volume of United States securities purchased in the open market and from other Federal Reserve Banks was \$46,441,000 in 1926, compared with \$34,016,000 for the year 1925.

VOLUME OF BILLS DISCOUNTED FOR MEMBER BANKS IN EACH STATE

Alabama—Duuring the year 1926, \$76,144,000 was rediscounted for 88 member banks in Alabama ,with a membership of 123 banks.

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This was \$28,411,000 greater than the volume discounted during 1925.

Florida—Forty-one member banks in Florida, out of a total membership of 73, rediscounted \$45,219,000 during 1926, compared with \$2,941,000 rediscounted for 17 member banks in that state during 1925.

Georgia—With a membership of 138 banks in Georgia, rediscounts amounting to \$241,522,000 were made to 121 banks during 1926, an increase of \$48,931,000 over the amount extended during 1925.

Louisiana—Twenty-two member banks in Louisiana, out of a membership of 28, were extended accommodation during 1926 amounting to \$319,530,000, an increase of \$96,032,000 over the amount extended during 1925.

Mississippi—During 1926 accommodation amounting to \$12,367,000 was extended to 14 member banks, out of a membership of 23 banks, an increase of \$7,606,000 over the amount extended during 1925.

Tennessee—During 1926 accommodation amounting to \$112,572,000 was extended to 47 member banks in Tennessee out of a membership of 90 banks, an increase of \$58,905,000 over the amount extended during 1925.

With a total membership in the sixth district of 475 banks at the close of 1926, the volume of rediscounts for 333 members during the year, including bills discounted for the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank amounting to \$3,238,000, was \$810,592,000, which was \$282,646,000 greater than the amount rediscounted for 320 banks during 1925, when the membership at the close of the year was 495 banks.

VOLUME OF OPERATIONS IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS

During 1926, 9,111 applications for the rediscount of 59,674 items amounting to \$810,592,000 were handled, as compared with 7,325 applications for the rediscount of 43,025 items amounting to \$527,946,000 during 1925.

The volume of bills purchased in the open market during 1926 numbered 8,030, amounting to \$99,201,000, as compared with 13,-602 amounting to \$172,856,000 in 1925.

During the year, 130,465,000 pieces of currency were received and counted amounting to \$652,774,000, as compared with 116,202,000 pieces received and counted in 1925 amounting to \$529,979,000, or an increase of 12.3 per cent in the number, and an increase of

\$122,795,000, or 23.2 per cent in amount. Coin received and handled numbered 63,931,000 pieces amounting to \$9,105,000, a decrease of 15.8 per cent in number, but an increase of 5.2 per cent in amount, over 1925.

There were 31,575,000 checks handled in 1926 amounting to \$13,673,722,000, as compared with 29,092,000 checks amounting to \$12,436,129,000 handled in 1925, an increase of 8.5 per cent in number and 10.0 per cent in amount.

The number of United States coupons and other collection items handled in 1926 was 1,059,000, amounting to \$194,581,000, compared with 1,139,000 items amounting to \$192,970,000 handled in 1925, a decrease of 7.0 per cent in number, but an increase of 0.8 per cent in amount.

Transactions in United States securities in 1926 numbered 103,-000 pieces amounting to \$61,563,000, as compared with 243,000 pieces amounting to \$69,689,000 handled in 1925.

Transfers of funds during 1926 numbered 74,000, amounting to \$2,249,153,000 as compared with 67,000 transfers handled in 1925 amounting to \$2,134,535,000.

OPERATION OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE CLEARING SYSTEM.

Transit Operations.—During the year 1926 the Federal Reserve Bank at Atlanta handled 29,767,000 items (exclusive of duplications on account of items handled by both the parent bank and one or more of its branches) amounting to \$13,289,298,000, as compared with 27,690,000 items handled in 1925 amounting to \$12,024,437,000. This is an increase of 7.5 per cent in number and 10.5 per cent in amount.

Clearings and Transfers through the Gold Settlement Fund.—The total payments through the Gold Settlement Fund to other Federal Reserve Banks for clearings and transfers in 1926 amounted to \$4,541,408,000, an increase of \$197,068,000, or 4.5 per cent, over 1925. Receipts from other Federal Reserve Banks through the Gold Settlement Fund for clearings and transfers amounted to \$4,601,788,000 in 1926, as compared with \$4,313,168,000 in 1925, or an increase of 6.7 per cent. There was a net gain of gold for the year of \$60,380,000, as compared with a net loss during 1925 amounting to \$31,172,000. The net gain to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta in ownership of gold since the establishment of the Gold Settlement Fund in 1915 amounted to \$218,623,000 at the close of 1926.

PRINCIPAL ASSET AND LIABILITY ITEMS OF RE-PORTING MEMBER BANKS IN LEADING CITIES OF THE SIXTH DISTRICT

Thirty-five member banks located in Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Savannah report each week their principal asset and liability items to the Federal Reserve Bank. The volume of loans and discounts reported by these banks on the last report date of 1925 amounted to \$530,735,000. This total declined during January and February 1926, but increased to \$529,339,000 on March 17th, from which point it gradually receded until it reached the lowest level for the year at \$494,862,000. In July, August, and September this total increased and on October 6th it reached the highest point for the year at \$529,611,000. On the last report date in 1926 total loans and discounts of these banks amounted to \$516,910,000. There were some fluctuations in investment holdings of these banks in United States Government securities and in "Other Stocks and Bonds" and on the last report date of the year these 35 banks reported the ownership of \$37,162,000 in United States Government securities and \$60,578,000 in "Other Stocks and Bonds." Demand deposits reported by these banks increased somewhat during the early part of the year, but later declined, reaching the lowest point for the year on September 29. On the last report date of 1926 demand deposits of these banks totaled \$334,007,000. Time deposits which, on the last report date in 1925 amounted to \$223,817,000, declined somewhat during the first three months of 1926. The lowest point reached for the year was \$212,560,000 on March 31st, and the highest point for year was \$232,615,000 on October 13. At the end of the year time deposits amounted to \$223,776,000, slightly lower than the figure for the last report date of the year before. Accommodation furnished by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta to these thirty-five member banks amounted to \$24,430,000 on the last report date of 1926, compared with \$23,360,000 on the last report date of 1925.

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CONDITION OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA (In thousands of dollars)

RESOURCES:	Dec. 31, 1926	Dec. 31, 1925	Dec. 31, 1924	Dec. 31, 1923
Gold with Federal reserve agent	\$140,136	\$ 87,364	\$143,306	\$ 93,689
States Treasury Gold held exclusively against F. R.	3,104	5,302	2,492	5,178
notes	143,239	92,666	145,798	98.867
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	21.707	20,240	12,963	17,773
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	4,311	3,488	8,390	6,466
Total gold reserves	169,257	116,394	167,151	123,106
Reserves other than gold	9,370	7,031	9,167	4,980
Total reserves	178,627	123,425	176,318	128,086
Non-reserve cash	4,476	3,718	4,701	6,128
Bills discounted: Sec. by U. S. Government obligations Other bills discounted	1,113 35,563	3,707 23,721	1,329	10,968
Total bills disounted			14,741	44,774
Bills bought in open market	$36,676 \\ 23,172$	27,428 76,732	16,070 9,202	55,742 12,154
U. S. Government securities:	20,112	10,102	3,202	12,104
Bonds	352	2,986	1,564	261
Treasury notes Certificates of indebtedness	1,538	9,773	1,349	92
		7,005	872	31
Total U. S. Government securities Other securities	1,890	19,764	3,785	384
Foreign loans on gold	*************	320	264	51
Total bills and securities	01.550		29,321	68,331
Uncollected items	61,758	124,244		
Bank premises	30,385 2,864	40,982 $2,715$	27,950 2,780	$23,411 \\ 2,664$
All other resources	1.021	1.444	1.775	386
Total Resources	\$279,111	\$296,528	\$242,845	\$229,006
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LIABILITIES:	\$165,827	\$168,966	\$142,879	\$140.894
F. R. notes in actual circulation				
Deposits: Member bank—reserve account	66,742	78,276	62,897	54,697
Government	2,613	846	3,757	2,561
Foreign bank	1,126 932	339 136	81 43	67 246
Other deposits				57,571
Total deposits	71,413	79,597	66,778	16,117
Deferred availability items	26.847 5.020	34,232 4,656	19,023 4,564	4,430
Capital paid in Surpus	9,632	8,700	8,950	8,950
All other liabilities	372	377	651	1,044
Total Liabilities	\$279,111	\$296,528	\$242,845	\$229,006
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and				
Federal reserve note liabilities com- bined (per cent)	75.3	49.7	84.1	64.5
Contingent liability on bills purchased	0.050	2.884	1.878	779
for foreign correspondents	2,258	2,884	1,018	119

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EARNINGS AND EXPENSES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA

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	1926	1925	1924	1923
EARNINGS				
Discounted bills	1 705 117	019 401	1 590 000	1 000 100
Purchased hills	1,705,117 1,024,830	912,491	1,532,222	1,998,189
United States securities	228,280	726,707 370,529	234,196 85,388	550,770
Dencient reserve penalties	41,936	32,481	40,720	79,752 42,278
Miscellaneous	46,004	30,170	14,595	11.32
Total earnings	3,045,867		1,907,121	
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CURRENT EXPENSES Salaries:				
	191,016	172,092	206,719	177,065
Bank Officers Clerical staff	418,096	385,367	431,430	426,492
Special officers and watchmen	31,426	30,073	431,430 37,188	32,909
All other	00 0501	35,769	34,906	39,336
Governors' conferences Federal reserve agents' conferences Federal Advisory Council	255	358	280	551
Federal reserve agents' conferences	129	272	405	239
Federal Advisory Council	892	666	848	952
Directors' meetings Traveling expenses (1) Assessments for Federal Reserve B'd expenses	24,602	23,200 18,848	25,290	26,079
Assessments for F-1 D. D.	32,994	18,848	20,821	20,341
Legal fees	28,686 9,728	28,954		
Insurance (other than on currency and se-	9,728	9,405	9,019	6,741
curity shipments)	20,826	18,525	19,742	18,99
Insurance on currency and conveity abinments	47,398	33,204	28,459	28,608
	54,987	58.082	47,667	41,967
Light, heat and power Repairs and other alterations, banking house	13,600	58,082 12,986	13,402	
Repairs and other alterations, banking house	4,234	4,714	9,070	
	9,485	9,475	14,695	19,789
Office and other supplies Printing and stationery Telephone	23,556	17,137	23,848	30,365
Printing and stationery	31,565	29,905	29,518	46,209
Telephone	6,123	5,160	5,045	4,970 77,346
relegraph	70,499	68,859	79,427	77,346
Postage Expressage	104,296	104,093	98,924	96,991
Miscellaneous expenses	33,437 32,767	26,534 25,495	21,169 29,942	22,036 33,725
Total exclusive of cost of currency	1.228,850		1,214,711	
Federal reserve currency, including shipping	1,220,000	1,110,110	1,214,111	1,101,000
charges:	1			
Original cost	148,763	102,863	28,409	78,992
Cost of redemption	11,555	3,697		
Taxes on Federal Reserve Bank-note	11,000	0,001	0,002	10,000
circulation	l i			108
Total current expenses	1,389,168	1,225,733	1,247,012	1,294,232
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT				
Earnings	3,045,867	2.072 378	1,907,121	2.682.314
Current expenses	1,389,168	1.225.733	1,247,012	1.294.232
Current net earnings	1,656,699		660,109	
Additions to current net earnings	12,794	6,803	14,298	2,789
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Deductions from current not coming				
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Deductions from current net earnings: Bank premises—depreciation Furniture and equipment Reserve for probable losses Reserve for self-insurance Reserve for depreciation, U. S. bonds All other Total deductions Net earnings available for dividends, surplus and franchise tax	151,341 24,313 261,663 3,849 441,166	75,836 18,468 724,359 8,594 827,257]	94,984 17,321 285,585 3,911 401,751	305,411 57,228 668,416 7,637 1,038,692 352,179
Deductions from current net earnings: Bank premises—depreciation Furniture and equipment Reserve for probable losses Reserve for self-insurance Reserve for depreciation, U. S. bonds All other Total deductions Net earnings available for dividends, surplus and franchise tax Dividends paid	151,341 24,313 261,663 3,849 441,166 [1,228,327]	75,836 18,468 724,359 8,594 827,257 26,191 276,488	94,984 17,321 285,585 3,911 401,751 272,656 272,656	305,411 57,228 668,416 7,637 1,038,692 352,179
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^{(1)—}Other than those connected with governors' and agents' conferences and meetings of directors and of the advisory council.

⁽²⁾⁻Deficit in earnings before payment of dividends.

⁽³⁾⁻Deficit in earnings after payment of dividends, charged to surplus account.

VOLUME OF OPERATIONS IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA

	1926	1925	1924	1923
NUMBER OF PIECES HANDLED Bills discounted:				
Applications	9.111	7,325	10,492	13,240
Notes discounted				
Bills purchased in open market for own account	8,030	13,602	4,426	6,673
Currency received and counted		116,202,000	106,694,000	97,814,000
Coin received and counted	63,931,000	75,915,000		
Checks handled	31,575,000	29,092,000		
Collection items handled:				
U. S. Government coupons paid	903,000	997,000	1,202,000	
All other	156,000	142,000	147,000	147,000
U. S. securities—issues, redemptions and ex-				
changes by Fiscal Agency department	103,000	243,000		
Transfers of funds	74,000	67,000	73,000	68,000
AMOUNTS HANDLED				
Bills discounted	\$ 810.592,000	\$ 527.946.000	\$ 550,312,000	\$ 728,081,000
Bills purchased in open market for own account	99,201,000	172,856,000	59,621,000	94,701,000
Currency received and counted	652,774,000	529,979,000	450,008,000	415,248,000
Coin received and counted	9,105,000	8,659,000		
Checks handled	13,673,722,000	12,436,129,000	8,650,648,000	8,251,381,000
Collection items handled:				
U. S. Government coupons paid	8,020,000	8,680,000		
All other	186,561,000	184,290,000	165,758,000	165,548,000
U. S. securities—issues, redemptions and ex-			F0. #04.000	151 500 000
changes by Fiscal Agency department	61,563,000			
Transfers of funds	2,249,153,000	2,134,535,000	1,738,402,000	1,466,213,000

^{*}Large total due to redemption of war savings securities which matured January 1, 1923.

DISCOUNTS AND PURCHASES OF BILLS AND SECURITIES BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA: VOLUME BY CLASSES. (In Thousands of Dollars)

	253	Total	*Bills Discounted for Member Banks			Bills	Bills Bought	†U. S. Securities	U. S. Securi-	§Foreign
	MONTH	Discounts and Purchases	Total	Member Bank Col- lateral Notes	Rediscount- ed Bills	Bought in Open Market	from other Federal Reserve Banks	Bought in Open Market	from other Federal Reserve Banks	Loans on Gold
	1926	,			i				1	
January	***************************************	85,524	74,068	42,069	31,999	8,899		2,549	**********	8
February .	***************************************	60,426	53,829	34,087	19,742	5,484		731		382
March	***************************************	102,561	87,545	62,128	25,417	4,324		10,048		644
April		116,451	73,665	49,496	24,169	6,522	16,515	4,752	14,969	28
May	25/25/	67,191	51,722	26,389	25,333	10,717	1,956	1,736		1.060
Luna		77,920	55,651	29,573	26,078	11,835	6,002	4,412		20
July		79,410	60,974	27,267	33,707	6,584	8,335	3,473		44
Amount		81,677	62,262	34,006	28,256	7,945	10,705	765	,	
September		100,254	79,252	47,049	32,203	9,998	10,168	836		
Oatohom		100,989	82,685	44,809	37,876	9,666		1,295		
November		76,952	63,050	33,332	29,718	9,192		400		
December		76,399	65,889	35,793	30,096	8,035		475		
Total:	1926	1,025,754	810,592	465,998	344,594	99,201	67,334	31,472		2,186
	1925	764,811	527,946	299,995	227,951	172,856		20,625	13,391	1,596
	1924	630,698	550,312	206,976	343,336	59,621		19,627	874	264
	1923	902,675	728,081	284,717	443,364	94,701	391	72,931	6,500	271

^{*}Includes agricultural paper discounted for the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia, S. C. †Includes special temporary certificates received from the Secretary of the Treasury as follows: 1926—June, \$2,000,000; 1925—None; 1924—None; 1923-\$54,500,000.

§Includes Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures as follows: March, \$560,000; May, 700,000.

zMunicipal Warrants.

BILLS DISCOUNTED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA: VOLUME, BY STATES

(Amounts In Thousands of Dollars)

MONTH	(1) Tennessee	Georgia	Florida	Alabama	(1) Mississippi	(1) Louisiana	(3) Total	Number of Member Banks in district at end of Month (2)	Number of Member B'ks Accumulated during the Month
January February March April	9,673 4,194 8,336 7,438	32,027 23,218 31,261 23,579	900 527 1,723 1,426	3,478 4,924 5,420 5,294	121 200 964 1,209	27,719 20,466 38,841 34,519	74,068 53,829 87,545 73,665	492 495	146 140 203 189
May June July August	7,311 7,650 7,089 11,633	17,340 17,215 14,313 14,174	1,691 5,670 8,516 2,356	3,509 4,029 6,378 8,616	974 863 807 1,810	20,897 20,224 23,871 23,673	51,722 55,651 60,974 62,262	489 489	234
September October November December	14,497 13,086 10,033 11,632	18,118 16,397 14,891 18,989	5,966 5,646 5,322 5,476	12,266 9,994 7,176 5,060	1,734 1,062 1,096 1,527	26,561 35,422 24,132 23,205	79,252 82,685 63,050 65,889	485 481 476	182
Total: 1926 1925 1924 1923	112,572 53,667 117,131 106,771	241,522 192,591 161,060 210,443	45,219 2,941 28,218 70,065	76,144 47,733 48,689 65,377	12,367 4,761 8,822 8,507	319,530 223,498 186,142 266,668	(5) $-550,312$	1	
Number of Member Banks at end of year:—(2) 1926	90 93 93 95	138 153 172 184	73 70 69 71	123 124 126 132	23 24 24 20	28 31 32 33	475 495 516 538	5 	
Number of Member Banks Accommodated 1926	47 47 58 41	121 131 156 143] 15	27	39	0 0	-

(1)-Figures relate only to that part of the State located in the Atlanta district.

(2)-Banks in actual operation. Figures prior to March, 1925, represent number of banks as shown by the capital stock records.

^{(3) -} Includes bills discounted for the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia, S C., as follows: January \$150,000, February \$300,000, March \$1,000,000, April \$200,000, September \$110,000, October \$1,078,000, and November \$400,000. Total, \$3,238,000. (4)—Includes \$2,755,000 discounted for the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia, S. C.

⁽⁵⁾⁻Includes \$250,000 discounted for the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia, S. C.