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FOR 1929  
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Atlanta, Ga., February 8, 1929.

Sirs:

I have the honor to submit herewith the  
Fourteenth Annual Report of the Federal  
Reserve Bank of Atlanta, covering the year  
1928.

Respectfully,

OSCAR NEWTON,

*Chairman of the Board and  
Federal Reserve Agent*

Federal Reserve Board,  
Washington, D. C.

## GENERAL BUSINESS CONDITIONS

Activity in nearly all lines of industry and trade in the Sixth Federal Reserve District averaged somewhat lower in 1928 than in 1927. Production of bituminous coal in Alabama was 8.6 per cent less than in 1927, but the output in Tennessee showed an increase of 7.3 per cent. The output of pig iron for 1928 in Alabama decreased 8.5 per cent compared with the previous year, and the average number of furnaces active was smaller than for 1927. Permits issued for the construction of buildings within the corporate limits of twenty reporting cities averaged 6.0 per cent less in value in 1928 than in 1927, and contracts awarded in the sixth district as a whole during 1928 show a decrease of 13.4 per cent compared with the total for 1927. Sales of merchandise by 120 wholesale firms in eight different lines of trade averaged 4.9 per cent smaller in 1928 than in 1927. Retail trade of 45 reporting department stores in the larger cities of the district increased 0.6 per cent over 1927. Commercial failures were slightly less numerous in 1928 than in 1927, but liabilities of failing firms increased 12.6 per cent. The value of agricultural crops, not including livestock, produced in the six states comprising the sixth district during 1928, based upon prices prevailing on December 1, was estimated by the United States Department of Agriculture at \$1,059,156,000, a decrease of 2.9 per cent compared with the total of \$1,091,206,000 for the year 1927. The estimates show increases in Florida, Louisiana and Tennessee, and decreases in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. Savings deposits of 83 reporting banks at the end of 1928 were nearly one per cent smaller than a year ago. Time deposits of all member banks in the district in December, 1928, were one-half of one per cent smaller than a year ago, and demand deposits in December show a decrease of 4.6 per cent. Debits to individual accounts at 26 reporting cities of the district averaged 1.8 per cent smaller in 1928 than in 1927.

	(000 omitted)		
	1928	1927	1926
Value of Crops (1).....	\$ 1,059,156	\$ 1,091,206	\$ 960,322
Building Permits, 20 cities.....	\$ 108,075	\$ 114,914	\$ 176,296
Contracts awarded—district .....	\$ 329,833	\$ 380,773	\$ 518,219
Failures: Number (2) .....	1,547	1,574	1,028
Liabilities .....	\$ 32,898	\$ 29,222	\$ 23,413
Retail Trade—Sales of 45 Department Stores.....	\$ 74,740	\$ 74,272	\$ 73,265
Wholesale Trade—Sales of 120 Firms.....	\$ 125,652	\$ 132,086	\$ 153,612
Debits to Individual Accounts (3).....	\$15,152,479	\$15,422,373	\$15,137,583
Deposits All Member Banks (4):			
Demand .....	\$ 593,643	\$ 622,434	\$ 631,243
Time .....	\$ 463,047	\$ 465,326	\$ 437,329
Bituminous Coal Production—Tons:			
Alabama .....	16,588	18,157	21,001
Tennessee .....	5,640	5,256	5,789
Pig Iron Production—Alabama—Tons.....	2,540	2,777	2,944
Active furnaces—Alabama (5) .....	17	19½	23

- (1) Total for six states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.
- (2) Actual number—000 not omitted.
- (3) Debits for 1928 and 1927 are for 26 cities—1926 for 24 cities.
- (4) December of each year.
- (5) Monthly average of furnaces active.

## RESULTS OF OPERATION

*Comparative Balance Sheets*—The total resources and liabilities of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta at the close of business on the last day of the year 1928 were smaller than at the close of any year since 1923. Total resources and liabilities on December 31, 1928, amounted to \$238,882,000, a decrease of \$19,780,000 compared with the preceding year. Cash reserves at the end of 1928 totaled \$127,709,000, and were smaller by \$51,566,000 than a year ago. Bills discounted for member banks at the close of the year totaled \$41,020,000, compared with \$28,202,000 at the end of 1927. Holdings of bills bought in the open market on December 31, 1928, totaled \$32,002,000, compared with \$2,238,000 a year earlier, and holdings of United States Government securities amounted to \$7,255,000, compared with \$13,585,000 held at the close of 1927. Total bills and securities at the end of the year 1928 amounted to \$80,277,000, compared with total holdings amounting to \$44,286,000 on December 31, 1927. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation at the close of the year's business totaled \$134,966,000, compared with \$144,097,000 a year ago. Total deposits on December 31, 1928, amounted to \$65,742,000 compared with \$75,135,000 on the same date of 1927. On page 12 are shown comparative balance sheets for the past four years.

*Earnings and Expenses*—On page 13 of this report will be found a table setting forth in detail the various items of income and expenditures, followed by profit and loss statements, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta for the past four years. Total earnings during the year 1928 were larger than for any year since 1921, and exceeded those for 1927 by 73 per cent. Earnings on discounted bills for 1928 were slightly more than double the earnings for the preceding year. Income from bills purchased in the open market totaled \$687,533 in 1928 compared with \$332,593 in 1927. Earnings on United States securities, and from other sources, however, were somewhat smaller than in 1927.

Total current expenses of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta during the year 1928 were smaller by \$11,022 than during 1927. There was a decrease of \$41,497 in the cost of Federal Reserve currency, including shipping charges, and cost of redemption, and the total of other current expenses in 1928 increased \$30,475 over the preceding year. This increase is made up of a number of small increases shown for the various items in the statement of expenses.

Current net earnings for the year 1928 amounted to \$2,325,022, compared with \$803,683, in 1927. After deductions for depreciation on bank premises, and furniture and equipment, reserves for probable losses, and other deductions, the net earnings available for dividends, surplus and franchise tax amounted to \$1,693,985, compared with a total of \$669,904 for 1927. Dividends amounting to \$312,259 were paid to member banks, \$558,425 was transferred to surplus account, and a franchise tax to the United States Government amounting to \$823,301 was paid.

## MOVEMENT OF PRINCIPAL ASSET AND LIABILITY ITEMS

*Total Bills and Securities*—Total bills and securities held by the bank on January 4, the first weekly report date of the year, amounted to \$47,224,000, and during the first three months of the year fluctuated within a range of about nine million dollars. The low point for any report date of the year was reached at \$40,870,000 on March 21, and from that date this total increased each week except one to \$89,119,000 on June 13, and after declining the two following weeks, continued the increase almost without interruption until the highest point for any report date of the year, \$107,692,000, was reached on October 3. The total for the last report date of 1928, December 26, was \$95,812,000, a little more than double the figure for the first report date of the year.

*Bills Discounted for Member Banks*—The total of bills discounted for member banks on the first report date of 1928 totaled \$30,992,000, and after fluctuating within a narrow range during the first quarter, increased to the peak for any report date of the year, \$86,038,000, on September 19. On the last report date of 1928 total discounts amounted to \$59,882,000.

*Bills Bought in the Open Market*—Holdings of bills bought in the open market on January 4 totaled \$2,393,000, the lowest amount for any report date of the year. From this point the total holdings of purchased bills increased to \$22,519,000 on May 16, declined to \$11,386,000 on September 12, and increased to the highest level for any report date in 1928, \$30,645,000, on December 26, the last report date of the year.

*United States Securities*—Holdings of United States securities, which on the first report date of 1928 totaled \$13,579,000, declined during the first five months of the year to a little more than five million dollars. Holdings of these government securities fluctuated within a narrow range during most of the remainder of the year but increased to \$7,321,000 on October 3. On the last report date of the year holdings of government securities totaled \$5,285,000.

*Total Cash Reserves*—Cash reserves on the first report date of the year totaled \$173,059,000. After small fluctuations during the first two and a half months of the year, the highest point for any report of the year, \$176,004,000, was reached on March 21, after which time, as discounts increased, reserves declined to the low point for the year, \$93,178,000, on September 26. On the last report date of the year total reserves amounted to \$119,376,000, and at the close of the year the total was \$127,700,000.

*Member Bank Reserve Deposits*—The total of member bank reserve deposits on the first report date of 1928 was \$73,798,000. The highest point for any report date of the year was \$74,089,000, on February 1. The lowest point was \$61,973,000, on September 5, and on the last report date of the year member banks reserve deposits totaled \$67,851,000.

*Federal Reserve Notes in Actual Circulation*—Outstanding Federal Reserve Currency in this district was greater during the first half of 1928 than during the last half of the year. Federal Reserve Notes in actual circulation on the



first report date of the year totaled \$142,796,000. The highest amount outstanding on any report date of 1928 was \$144,680,000, on April 4, after which there was a decline to \$125,214,000 on September 26. On the last report date of the year, December 26, Federal Reserve Notes in actual circulation totaled \$139,247,000.

*Reserve Position*—The ratio of total cash reserves to combined deposit and Federal Reserve note liability was 79.3 at the beginning of the year, reached the highest point for any report date of the year at 83.5 on March 21, and declined to the lowest point for any report date at 48.0 on October 3. On the last report date of 1928 the reserve ratio was 57.5, and at the end of the year it was 63.6.

## VOLUME OF DISCOUNTS AND PURCHASES OF BILLS AND SECURITIES

The total volume of discount and open market operations of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta during the year 1928 was \$1,507,545,000, an increase of 88.5 per cent over the total of \$799,749,000 for 1927. In this total are included bills discounted for member banks and for Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, bills and securities bought in the open market and from other Federal Reserve Banks, and other discount and open market transactions. Bills discounted in 1928 amounted to \$1,326,634,000, compared with \$667,521,000 in 1927. Bills bought in the open market in 1928 totaled \$96,854,000 compared with \$63,315,000 in 1927, and United States securities bought in the open market amounted to \$60,687,000, compared with \$62,644,000 in 1927. The monthly average number of member banks accommodated by the discount of paper in 1928 was 190.

## VOLUME OF OPERATIONS IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS

During the year 1928, 10,259 applications for the rediscount of 60,473 items amounting to \$1,326,634,000 were handled, compared with 7,110 applications for the rediscount of 47,155 items amounting to \$667,521,000 in 1927. These figures show increases of 44.3 per cent in the number of applications, 28.2 per cent in the number of items, and 98.7 per cent in amount, compared with 1927.

Bills purchased in the open market during 1928 numbered 9,268, and amounted to \$96,854,000, an increase of 59 per cent in number and of 53 per cent in amount over the 5,828 items amounting to \$63,315,000 handled in 1927.

During the year 122,279,626 pieces of currency amounting to \$536,362,000 were received and counted, a small increase in number, but a slight decline in amount, compared with 1927. Coin received and counted during 1928 numbered 60,994,041, and amounted to \$8,249,000, slightly smaller in both number and amount than in 1927.

Checks handled during 1928 numbered 31,384,000 and amounted to \$11,975,832,000, showing decreases of 1.6 per cent in number and 3.1 per cent in amount compared with 1927.

The number of government security coupons and other collection items handled in 1928 was 817,847, amounting to \$169,287,000, a decrease of 17.0 per cent in number and of 2.5 per cent in amount, compared with those handled in 1927.

Transactions in United States securities by the Fiscal Agency Department during 1928 numbered 169,416, and totaled \$236,759,000 in amount, showing increases of 22.8 per cent in number and of 36.8 per cent in amount, compared with figures for 1927.

Transfers of funds during 1928 numbered 85,470, amounting to \$2,296-725,000, and were greater than those handled in 1927 by 12.5 per cent in number and 0.7 per cent in amount.

## OPERATION OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE CLEARING SYSTEM

*Transit Operations*—During the year 1928 the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta handled 29,479,000 items (exclusive of duplications on account of items handled by both the parent bank and one or more of its branches) amounting to \$11,701,251,000. This represents a decrease of 480,000, or 1.6 per cent, in the number of items handled, and a decrease of \$356,253,000, or 3.0 per cent, in the amount, compared with the preceding year.

*Clearings and Transfers through the Gold Settlement Fund*—Total payments through the Gold Settlement Fund to other Federal Reserve Banks for clearings and transfers of funds in 1928 amounted to \$4,270,759,000, smaller by \$147,545,000 than during 1927. Receipts from other Federal Reserve Banks through the Gold Settlement Fund for clearings and transfers totaled \$4,235,-937,000, a decrease of \$172,451,000 compared with receipts during 1927. There was a net loss in gold for the year 1928 amounting to \$34,822,000, as compared with a net gain during 1927 of \$4,433,000. The net gain to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta in ownership of gold since the establishment in 1915 of the Gold Settlement Fund amounted at the close of the year 1928 to \$188,234,000.

## MOVEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

At the beginning of the year 1928, there were 380 national banks and 84 state bank members of the Federal Reserve System in the sixth district, a total of 464 members. During the year, due to new banks organized, conversions, mergers, suspensions and other changes, there was a net loss of three in the number of national banks, and a net loss of eight in the number of state bank members, and at the end of 1928 there were 453 active members of the System in the sixth district. The table following indicates the number of members in each class active at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year, and the changes during the year.

	<i>National</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Total</i>
Active member banks on January 1, 1928.....	380	84	464
New national banks organized.....	+ 6		+ 6
Admission of state bank.....		+ 1	+ 1
Conversion of non-member state bank to national bank.....	+ 1		+ 1
Former state bank member re-opened.....		+ 1	+ 1
Merger of state bank members.....		— 1	— 1
Absorption of member bank by non-member.....	— 1		— 1
Suspensions and insolvency.....	— 4	— 3	— 7
Absorption of national bank by another national bank.....	— 4		— 4
Voluntary liquidation.....	— 1	— 1	— 2
Voluntary withdrawal of state bank member.....		— 5	— 5
Active member banks on December 31, 1928.....	377	76	453

## BANK ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL

Mr. W. H. Kettig, whose term as a Class C director expired December 31, 1928, was reappointed by the Federal Reserve Board for the three-year term ending December 31, 1931.

Mr. E. C. Melvin, whose term expired December 31, 1928, was re-elected a Class A director for the three-year term ending December 31, 1931.

Colonel Luke Lea, a Class B director, whose term expired December 31, 1928, was re-elected for the three-year term ending December 31, 1931.

Mr. J. P. Butler, of New Orleans, Louisiana, was elected member of the Federal Advisory Council from the Sixth Federal Reserve District for the year 1929.

Mr. R. S. Hecht, President of the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company of New Orleans, was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Branch for a three-year term beginning January 1, 1929.

Mr. C. P. Kendall, a director of the Jacksonville Branch, resigned, and Mr. Arthur F. Perry, President of the Florida National Bank, of Jacksonville, was elected a director of the Jacksonville Branch for the unexpired portion of the term ending December 31, 1930.

At the January, 1928, meeting of the Board of Directors, Mr. E. R. Black, who had served as a Class A director for the three-year term ending December 31, 1927, was elected Governor, succeeding Mr. M. B. Wellborn, resigned.

Mr. C. R. Camp was elected an Assistant Cashier.

The number of officers and employees of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, including its branches and agencies, on January 1, 1928, was 420, and on December 31, 1928, was 432.

## MONEY RATES

The discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta was increased on all classes of paper from  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 per cent on February 11, 1928, from 4 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent on May 26, 1928, and from  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 per cent on July 14, 1928.

During the early months of the year interest rates charged by member banks in Atlanta on prime commercial loans eligible for rediscount with the Federal Reserve Bank, ranged from  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 per cent, and at branch Federal Reserve Bank cities in this district from 5 to 6 per cent. During the last five months of the year rates at Atlanta and New Orleans ranged from  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 per cent.

## MOVEMENT OF PRINCIPAL ASSET AND LIABILITY ITEMS OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN SELECTED CITIES

Thirty-one member banks located in Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville and Savannah reported each week their principal asset and liability items to the Federal Reserve Bank. The total volume of loans and investments of these banks on the first report date of 1928 was \$627,224,000. The lowest point reached during the year was \$605,171,000 on March 7, after which there was an increase, with fluctuations, to the high point of \$655,070,000 on December 19. On the last report date of 1928 total loans and investments amounted to \$649,387,000. Loans to customers reported by these banks at the beginning of the year amounted to \$497,000,000 and the lowest total reported for the year was \$486,000,000 on March 7. The highest point reached during the year was \$518,000,000 on December 5, and on the last report date these loans totaled \$512,000,000. Investments of these banks in United States government securities and in other bonds, stocks and securities totaled \$130,184,000 on the first report date of 1928 and declined to the lowest point for the year, \$118,191,000 on February 29. The largest total of investments reported for the year was \$146,813,000 on September 19, and at the close of the year these investment holdings totaled \$137,227,000. Demand deposits held by these banks on the first report date of the year totaled \$354,198,000, declined to \$320,171,000 on June 20, and after increasing in following weeks declined further to the lowest level reported for the year at \$303,882,000 on September 19. On the last report date of 1928 demand deposits of these banks totaled \$331,758,000. Time deposits at the beginning of the year totaled \$243,381,000; the highest total reported during the year was \$245,837,000 on June 20, the lowest \$234,100,000 on October 17, and on the last report date of the year time deposits totaled \$236,308,000. Borrowings by these weekly reporting member banks from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta on the first report date of the year amounted to \$21,286,000, and declined to \$10,594,000 on March 21, the lowest point for the year. The highest level reached on any report date during 1928 was \$57,381,000 on September 19, and at the end of the year these borrowings amounted to \$35,848,000.

# CONDITION OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA

(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

RESOURCES	Dec. 31, 1928	Dec. 31, 1927	Dec. 31, 1926	Dec. 31, 1925
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent.....	\$ 96,377	\$ 145,772	\$ 140,135	\$ 87,364
Gold redemption fund with United States Treasury .....	3,974	1,688	3,104	5,302
Gold held exclusively against F. R. Notes.....	\$ 100,351	\$ 147,460	\$ 143,239	\$ 92,666
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board.....	12,856	11,791	21,707	20,240
Gold and gold certificates held by bank.....	5,139	8,078	4,311	3,488
Total gold reserve.....	\$ 118,346	\$ 167,329	\$ 169,257	\$ 116,394
Reserves other than gold.....	9,363	11,946	9,370	7,031
Total reserves.....	\$ 127,709	\$ 179,275	\$ 178,627	\$ 123,425
Non-reserve cash.....	4,178	4,371	4,476	3,718
Bills Discounted:				
Secured by U. S. Government obligations.....	\$ 9,467	\$ 8,053	\$ 1,113	\$ 3,707
Other bills discounted.....	31,553	20,149	35,563	23,721
Total bills discounted.....	\$ 41,020	\$ 28,202	\$ 36,676	\$ 27,428
Bills bought in open market.....	32,002	2,238	23,172	76,732
U. S. Government securities:				
Bonds.....	\$ 1,564	\$ 5,971	\$ 352	\$ 2,986
Treasury notes.....	4,311	893	1,538	9,773
Certificates of indebtedness.....	1,380	6,721		7,005
Total U. S. Government securities.....	\$ 7,255	\$ 13,585	\$ 1,890	\$ 19,764
Other securities.....		260		
Foreign loans on gold.....				320
Total bills and securities.....	\$ 80,277	\$ 44,286	\$ 61,738	\$ 124,244
Uncollected items.....	\$ 22,454	\$ 26,545	\$ 30,385	\$ 40,982
Bank premises.....	2,744	2,823	2,864	2,715
All other resources.....	1,520	1,361	1,021	1,444
Total resources.....	\$ 238,882	\$ 258,662	\$ 279,111	\$ 296,528
LIABILITIES				
F. R. Notes in actual circulation.....	\$ 134,966	\$ 144,097	\$ 165,827	\$ 168,966
Deposits:				
Member bank-reserve account.....	63,385	73,243	66,742	78,276
Government.....	1,944	1,532	2,613	846
Foreign banks.....	273	190	1,126	339
Other deposits.....	140	170	932	136
Total deposits.....	\$ 65,742	\$ 75,135	\$ 71,413	\$ 79,597
Deferred availability items.....	\$ 21,361	\$ 23,981	\$ 26,847	\$ 34,232
Capital paid in.....	5,231	5,175	5,020	4,656
Surplus.....	10,554	9,996	9,632	8,700
All other liabilities.....	1,028	278	372	377
Total liabilities.....	\$ 238,882	\$ 258,662	\$ 279,111	\$ 296,528
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal reserve note liabilities combined (per cent) .....	63.6	81.8	75.3	49.7
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	\$ 13,567	\$ 9,380	\$ 2,258	\$ 2,884

# EARNINGS AND EXPENSES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA

## EARNINGS

	1928	1927	1926	1925
Discounted bills .....	\$2,529,951	\$1,254,629	\$1,705,117	\$ 912,491
Purchased bills .....	687,533	332,593	1,024,830	726,707
United States securities .....	245,502	290,218	228,280	370,529
Deficient Reserve penalties .....	32,996	25,900	41,636	32,481
Miscellaneous .....	82,174	164,499	46,004	30,170
<b>Total earnings .....</b>	<b>\$3,578,156</b>	<b>\$2,067,839</b>	<b>\$3,045,867</b>	<b>\$2,072,378</b>

## CURRENT EXPENSES

### Salaries:

Bank Officers .....	\$ 207,184	\$ 201,992	\$ 191,016	\$ 172,092
Clerical Staff .....	405,562	408,533	418,096	385,367
Special Officers .....	36,511	35,217	31,426	30,073
All Other .....	37,656	39,408	38,253	35,769
Governor's Conferences .....	398	282	255	358
Federal Reserve Agents' Conferences .....	67	136	129	272
Federal Advisory Council .....	1,089	945	892	666
Directors' Meetings .....	22,651	23,243	24,602	23,200
Traveling Expenses (1) .....	19,368	17,582	32,994	18,848
Assessments for Federal Reserve Board expenses .....	28,590	32,177	28,686	28,954
Legal fees .....	11,323	9,144	9,728	9,405
Insurance (other than on currency and security shipments) .....	24,374	21,474	20,826	18,525
Insurance on currency and security shipments .....	35,600	33,167	47,398	33,204
Taxes on banking house .....	61,045	57,429	54,987	58,082
Light, heat and power .....	15,182	13,949	13,600	12,986
Repairs and alterations, banking house .....	18,891	7,013	4,234	4,714
Rent .....	6,120	5,626	9,485	9,475
Office and other supplies .....	21,659	20,482	23,556	17,137
Printing and stationery .....	30,321	29,354	31,565	29,905
Telephone .....	6,243	6,159	6,123	5,160
Telegraph .....	64,419	63,635	70,499	68,859
Postage .....	99,074	99,785	104,296	104,093
Expressage .....	36,918	31,692	33,437	26,534
Miscellaneous .....	35,620	36,966	32,767	25,495

<b>Total exclusive of cost of currency .....</b>	<b>\$1,225,865</b>	<b>\$1,195,390</b>	<b>\$1,228,850</b>	<b>\$1,119,173</b>
Federal reserve currency, including shipping charges:				
Original cost .....	19,914	59,861	148,763	102,863
Cost of redemption .....	7,355	8,905	11,555	3,697
<b>Total current expenses .....</b>	<b>\$1,253,134</b>	<b>\$1,264,156</b>	<b>\$1,389,168</b>	<b>\$1,225,733</b>

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Earnings .....	\$3,578,156	\$2,067,839	\$3,045,867	\$2,072,378
Current expenses .....	1,253,134	1,264,156	1,389,168	1,225,733
<b>Current net earnings .....</b>	<b>\$2,325,022</b>	<b>\$ 803,683</b>	<b>\$1,656,699</b>	<b>\$ 846,645</b>
Additions to current net earnings .....	\$ 5,462	\$ 956	\$ 12,794	\$ 6,803

Deductions from current net earnings:

Bank premises—depreciation .....	\$ 85,673	\$ 85,008	\$ 151,341	\$ 75,836
Furniture and equipment .....	49,980	48,460	24,313	18,468
Reserve for probable losses .....	403,018		261,663	724,359
All Other .....	97,829	1,267	3,849	8,594
Total deductions .....	\$ 636,500	\$ 134,735	\$ 441,166	\$ 827,257
Net earnings available for dividends, surplus and franchise tax .....	\$1,693,985	\$ 669,904	\$1,228,327	\$ 26,191
Dividends paid .....	\$ 312,259	\$ 305,817	\$ 296,573	\$ 276,488
Transferred to surplus account .....	558,425	364,087	931,754	(2) 250,297
Franchise tax paid U. S. Government .....	823,301			

REIMBURSABLE FISCAL AGENCY  
EXPENSES

Salaries .....	\$ 5,289	\$ 5,220	\$ 5,209	\$ 10,687
All Other .....	2,321	2,886	897	1,602
Total .....	\$ 7,610	\$ 8,106	\$ 6,106	\$ 12,289

(1) Other than those connected with governors' and agents' conferences and meetings of directors and of the advisory council.

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

# VOLUME OF OPERATIONS IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS

## FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA

<i>Number of Pieces Handled</i>	1928	1927	1926	1925
<b>Bills discounted:</b>				
Applications .....	10,259	7,110	9,111	7,325
Notes discounted .....	60,473	47,155	59,674	43,025
<b>Bills purchased in open market for own account..</b>	9,268	5,828	8,030	13,602
<b>Currency received and counted .....</b>	122,279,626	121,378,000	130,465,000	116,202,000
<b>Coin received and counted..</b>	60,994,041	61,760,000	63,931,000	75,915,000
<b>Checks handled .....</b>	31,384,000	31,904,000	31,575,000	29,092,000
<b>Collection items handled:</b>				
U. S. Gov't coupons paid..	663,108	827,000	903,000	997,000
All Other .....	154,739	158,000	156,000	142,000
<b>U. S. securities—issues, re- demptions and exchanges by Fiscal Agency department</b>	169,416	138,000	103,000	243,000
<b>Transfers of funds.....</b>	85,470	76,000	74,000	67,000
 <i>Amounts Handled</i>				
<b>Bills discounted .....</b>	\$ 1,326,634,000	\$ 667,521,000	\$ 810,592,000	\$ 527,946,000
<b>Bills purchased in open market for own account..</b>	96,854,000	63,315,000	99,201,000	172,856,000
<b>Currency received and counted .....</b>	536,362,000	538,462,000	652,774,000	529,979,000
<b>Coin received and counted..</b>	8,249,000	8,250,000	9,105,000	8,659,000
<b>Checks handled .....</b>	11,975,832,000	12,360,424,000	13,673,722,000	12,436,129,000
<b>Collection items handled:</b>				
U. S. Gov't coupons paid	6,074,000	6,737,000	8,020,000	8,680,000
All Other .....	163,213,000	166,884,000	186,561,000	184,290,000
<b>U. S. securities—issues, re- demptions and exchanges by Fiscal Agency department</b>	236,759,000	173,076,000	61,563,000	69,689,000
<b>Transfers of funds.....</b>	2,296,725,000	2,281,756,000	2,249,153,000	2,134,535,000