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The reserve ratio of this Bank hovered between 40 and 45 per cent all the year, the higher percentages being prevalent early in the year. The cash reserve in 1919 averaged approximately $\$ 130,000,000$ as compared to $\$ 150,000,000$ in 1918. Federal reserve note liabilities held fairly steady at levels considerably in excess of the average figures for 1918, and deposit liabilities were also larger.

The demands on the Bank for loans and discounts to carry the large amount of subscriptions to Government bonds, notes and certificates received from this district, so reduced its reserve that it was compelled to rediscount constantly throughout the year.

The table which appears below gives weekly figures showing items of interest in connection with the reserve position. An illustrative chart shows the reserve position during the past year.

Reserve Position
(000's omitted)

| 1919 | Gold held | Total cash | Net deposits | Federal reserve note circulation | $\underset{\text { liability }}{\text { Net }}$ | Reserve ratio | Contingent liability |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan. 3 | \$126,545 | \$127,889 | \$72,661 | \$231,372 | \$304,033 | 42.1 | \$22,833 |
| Jan. 10 | 144.860 | 146.513 | 91.171 | 224,109 | 315.280 | 46.5 | 22,068 |
|  | 138.877 | 141.128 | 89,604 | 216,301 | 305,905 | 46.1 | 13,066 |
| 24 | 125,847 | 127.138 | 99,205 | 211.250 | 310,455 | 41.0 | 4,424 |
| 31 | 134,823 | 135.252 | 91,818 | 209,920 | 301,738 | 44.8 | 11,686 |
| Feb. 7 | 135,316 | 135.695 | 102,530 | 208.865 | 311,395 | 43.6 | 6,122 |
|  | 132.371 | 132,670 | 105,315 | 214.301 | 319,616 | 41.5 | 10,000 |
|  | 128.593 | 128.979 | 99,441 | 213.258 | 312,699 | 41.2 | 14,600 |
| 28 | 129.448 | 129,751 | 103,283 | 210,768 | 314.051 | 41.3 | 19,700 |
| Mar. 7 | 134,661 | 134.872 | 106.296 | 210,099 | 316.395 | 42.6 | 11.500 |
|  | 130.357 | 130.665 | 107,540 | 206.956 | 314,496 | 41.5 | 15,000 |
| 21 | 128.120 | 128,476 | 101.717 | 205,885 | 307,602 | 41.8 | 30.000 |
| 28 | 125,569 | 125,893 | 99,609 | 206,086 | 305,695 | 41.2 | 31,370 |
| April 4 | 128,701 | 128,930 | 100,383 | 206,696 | 307,079 | 42.0 | 43,250 |
|  | 129.980 | 130,256 | 104,593 | 206,336 | 310,929 | 41.9 | 45.950 |
| 18 | 126,010 | 126.331 | 92,683 | 208,296 | 300,979 | 42.0 | 36.330 |
| 25 | 125,952 | 126.595 | 104,601 | 206,594 | 311,195 | 40.7 | 29.496 |
| May 2 | 125.699 | 126,521 | 108,078 | 204,468 | 312,454 | 40.5 | 35,216 |
|  | 126.489 | 126,907 | 106,401 | 203.709 | 310,110 | 40.9 | 31,685 |
|  | 130.575 | 130.967 | 114.441 | 204.912 | 319,353 | 41.0 | 25.315 |
| 23 | 123.831 | 124.402 | 99,165 | 201.362 | 300.527 | 41.4 | 27.341 |
| 29 | 127.340 | 127,643 | 111.132 | 205.734 | 316.866 | 40.3 | 35,533 |
| June 6 | 131,239 | 131,514 | 96.831 | 207.352 | 304.183 | 43.2 | 35,281 |
|  | 135,777 | 136,051 | 130.457 | 203.710 | 334.167 | 40.7 | 36,366 |
| 20 | 132,637 | 132,887 | 120.262 | 200,619 | 320,881 | 41.4 | 56,966 |
| 27 | 124,622 | 124,873 | 104.414 | 203,703 | 308,117 | 40.5 | 57,966 |
| July 3 | 127.492 | 127.740 | 105,339 | 203,310 | 308.649 | 41.4 | 35,983 |
| July 11 | 127,448 | 127.813 | 105,259 | 204,046 | 309.305 | 41.3 | 39,875 |
|  | 144,514 | 144,755 | 118,872 | 201,957 | 320,829 | 45.1 | 38.845 |
| 25 | 131,305 | 131,461 | 111,864 | 201,693 | 313,557 | 41.9 | 34,900 |

Reserve Position (Continued)
(000's omitted)

| 1919 | Gold held | Total cash | Net deposits | Federal reserve note circulation | Net liability | Reserve ratio | Contingent liability |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug. 1 | \$124,870 | \$125.192 | \$103,994 | \$203,665 | \$307,659 | 40.7 | \$38,250 |
| Aug. 8 | 126,123 | 126,357 | 109,575 | 204,697 | 314,272 | 40.2 | 24.750 |
| 15 | 131.430 | 131,620 | 107,905 | 208,136 | 316,041 | 41.6 | 17.970 |
| 22 | 127,717 | 127,987 | 107,897 | 208,527 | 316,424 | 40.4 | 16,990 |
| 29 | 128,288 | 128,463 | 105,542 | 212,752 | 318,294 | 40.4 | 20,930 |
| Sept. 5 | 129,823 | 130,006 | 101,764 | 212,863 | 314.627 | 41.3 | 21.811 |
| Sept. 12 | 128,306 | 128,542 | 102,378 | 213,103 | 315,481 | 40.7 | 7,000 |
| 19 | 126,553 | 126,861 | 102,690 | 211,378 | 314,068 | 40.4 | 23,627 |
| 26 | 129,732 | 130,007 | 110,400 | 212,579 | 322,979 | 40.3 | 18,295 |
|  |  | 128,731 |  | 213.801 |  | 40.6 | 17,625 |
| 10 | 131,852 | 132,118 | 109,087 | 216,987 | 326,074 | 40.5 | 9,850 |
| 17 | 133,719 | 133,958 | 112,779 | 219,271 | 332,050 | 40.3 | 19.410 |
| 24 | 130,969 | 131.122 | 111,283 | 216.396 | 327,679 | 40.0 | 12,815 |
| 31 | 134,800 | 135,026 | 115,902 | 216,293 | 332,195 | 40.6 | 23,447 |
| Nov. 7 | 136.152 | 136,342 | 116.139 | 219.870 | 336,009 | 40.6 | 16.025 |
| Nov 14 | 131,989 | 132.150 | 107,846 | 220,593 | 328,439 | 40.2 | 21.155 |
| 21 | 133,610 | 134,055 | 112,384 | 219.689 | 332,073 | 40.4 | 20.370 |
| 28 | 128,222 | 128,699 | 97,128 | 223,051 | 320,179 | 40.2 | 23,500 |
| Dec. 5 | 131,010 | 131.487 | 101.747 | 222.612 | 324.359 | 40.5 | 24.350 |
| Dec. 12 | 134,185 | 134.734 | 107.674 | 229.076 | 336.750 | 40.0 | 14,900 |
| 19 | 137.093 | 137.637 | 107,906 | 233,241 | 341,147 | 40.3 | 21.100 |
| 26 | 138,341 | 138,880 | 99.840 | 240,273 | 340,113 | 40.8 | 27.615 |



## Discount Rates

The discount rates established early in 1918 were continued in force until November 6, 1919. In April of this year a rate was quoted on collateral notes of member banks and rediscounts secured by bonds of the War Finance Corporation. This latter rate was set at 1 per cent above the rate prevailing on commercial paper of the same maturity, as required by section 13 of the War Finance Corporation Act.

On November 6 a schedule of rates was put into effect which, in the main, removed the differential in favor of collateral notes of member banks and paper of short maturities.

Further advances were made on December 16, at which time the rates on loans secured by Government securities (with the exception of certificates of indebtedness) were advanced to the level of the rates on commercial paper.

Discount Rates-Changes during 1919

|  | RATES IN EFFECT |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan. I. 1919 | Apr. 11, 1919 | Nov. 6, 1919 | Dec. 16, 1919 | Jan. 1, 1920 |
| Member banks collateral notes: <br> Secured by bonds or notes of the United States. Secured by $41 / 2 \%$ certificates of indebtedness. Secured by $41 / 4 \%$ certificates of indebtedness. Secured by War Finance Corporation bonds. Secured by commercial paper. . |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4 \% | $4 \%$ | $41 / 2 \%$ | 43/4\% | 43/4\% |
|  | 4 | 4 | $41 / 2$ | $41 / 2$ | $41 / 2$ |
|  |  | 5 | $53 / 4$ | $53 / 4$ | $53 / 4$ |
|  | 4 | 4 |  |  |  |
| Rediscounts: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Secured by bonds or notes of the United States: 15 days and less. <br> 16 to 90 days. | $4{ }_{4}^{4} / 4$ | $4{ }^{4} 1 / 4$ | $41 / 2$ | 43/4 | 43/4/4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4 $41 / 4$ | $4{ }_{4} / 4$ | $41 / 2$ $41 / 2$ | $41 / 2$ $41 / 2$ | $41 / 2$ $41 / 2$ |
| Secured by $41 / 4 \%$ certificates of indebtedness:15 days and less.................. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4 | 4 | 41/4 |  |  |
| 16 to 90 days. ${ }^{\text {a }}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$. | 41/4 | 41/4 | 41/4 | 41/2 | 41/2 |
| Secured by War Finance Corporation bonds: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 days and less................ | $\cdots$ | 53/4 | $53 / 4$ | 53/4 | $53 / 4$ |
| Commercial paper: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 days and less.16 to 90 days.... | 4 | 4 | $43 / 4$ | 43/4 | 43/4 |
|  | 43/4 | 43/4 | 43/4 | 43/4 | 43/4 |
| Agricultural or live-stock paper: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 days and less. <br> 16 to 90 days. <br> 91 days to 6 months. | $4{ }_{4}^{43}$ | $4_{43 / 4}^{4}$ | $43 / 4$ $43 / 4$ | $43 / 4$ $43 / 4$ | $43 / 4$ $43 / 4$ |
|  | $5{ }^{4}$ | 5 | 5 | ${ }_{5}$ |  |
| Trade acceptances: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 days and less. | ${ }_{41 / 2}^{4}$ | $4_{4}^{4} 1 / 2$ | 41/2 | 43/4 4 | 43/4 |

## Loan and Discount Operations

The loan and discount operations were influenced chiefly by the fiscal operations of the Treasury. Including the Victory loan and the various issues of loan and tax certificates there was placed in the Third District more than $\$ 1,000,000,000$ of Government securities during the year. The banks not only bought extensively of the certificates themselves, but they encouraged other purchasers and particularly so in the case of the Victory loan. They became well loaned-up and in order to meet commercial demands they made free use of the rediscounting privilege.

The applications for loans received were far larger than in 1918 and increased steadily as the year progressed. Note obligations made up the bulk of the investments. Very little commercial paper was offered for rediscount to maturity till the last months of the year, the banks preferring to make use of the so-called "rediscount under agreement to repurchase," whereby they could secure advances for 15 days at the 15 -day rate. The extensive use that was made of short-term borrowing served to swell the totals of these operations.

The following table shows loan and discount operations with comparisons of the monthly figures for 1918:

Loan and Discount Operations

| 1919 | $\underset{\substack{\text { discounted } \\ \text { member } \\ \text { banks }}}{\text { Bills }}$ |  | United States bonds under repurchase agreement | Purchases of United States certificates of indebtedness | Totals |  | Member banks accom-modated |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 1918 |  |
| January... | \$683,722,748 | \$883,389 |  | \$1,860,000 | \$686,466,137 | *\$51,165,270 | 351 |
| February.. | 640,608,351 | 1,541,652 |  | 1,000,000 | 643,150,003 | 47,069,569 | 322 |
| March.... | 832,991,680 | 1,828,063 | .... | 4,550,000 | 839,369,743 | 53,562,290 | 341 |
| April..... | 916,038,257 | 1,918,791 | .... | 2,660,000 | 920,617,048 | 61,161,415 | 346 |
| May. | 945,479,028 | 534,512 |  | 1,500,000 | 947,513,540 | 85,531,841 | 391 |
| June.... | 1,079,576,619 | 134,911 | \$2,000 | $8,579,500$ | 1,088,293,030 | 106,877.251 | 432 |
| July . . | 1.032,074,220 | 278,963 |  | 2,152,000 | 1,034,505,183 | 140,269,124 | 413 |
| August. | 922,775,286 | 509,731 |  | 2,707,000 | 925,992,017 | 165,420,383 | 389 |
| September. | 1.003,715,978 | 687,216 | .... | 16,087,500 | 1,020,490,694 | 167,232.191 | 388 |
| October... | 1.151,792,034 | 220,704 |  | 3.144 .500 | 1.155,157.238 | 271,122,400 | 389 |
| November. | 683,636,792 | 2.832.489 |  | 3,343,000 | 689,812,281 | 379.220.590 | 375 |
| December | 844,024,277 | 2,678,026 |  | 5,336,000 | 852,038,303 | 516,200,472 | 405 |
| 1919 | $\$ 10,736,435.270$ | $\$ 14,048,447$ | $\begin{array}{r} 29.000 \\ 29.978 .950 \end{array}$ | $\$ 52,919,500$ | \$10,803.405,217 | *\$2,044,832,796 | $494$ |

* Includes $\$ 10,000$ of municipal warrants

The average daily earning assets of the Bank advanced steadily up to the end of the year. In December the average was $\$ 243,809,000$, as compared with $\$ 197,818,000$ in December, 1918. The following tables show the average daily holdings of the several classes of earning assets for each month and for the year 1919, and their movement by weeks during the year.

## Earning Assets-Average Daily Amount

| 1919 | Bills discounted | Bills bought | United States securities | Totals |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 1919 | 1918 |
| January | \$177,059,450.14 | \$2,872,846.65 | \$11,812,254.84 | \$191,744,551.63 | * $\$ 56,592,574.00$ |
| February | 185,697,841.68 | 2,232,553.24 | 12,631,828.57 | 200,562, 223.49 | 53.576,334.00 |
| March. | 187,159,834.64 | 1,919,778.05 | 15,524,916.13 | 204,604,528.82 | 58,196.659.00 |
| April. | 188,089,151.27 | 1,403,378.62 | 18,347,500.00 | 208,440,030.89 | 63,680,782.00 |
| May. | 192,374,941.88 | 907,967.17 | 20,312,496.77 | 213,595,405.82 | 69,155.715.00 |
| July | 188,589,796.09 | 702.571.46 | 25,307,774.19 | 214,600,141.74 | 88.626 .133 .00 |
| August | 193,261,631.98 | 669,749.69 | 27,337,016.13 | 221,288,397.80 | 102,304,319.00 |
| Septemb | 196,612,073.97 | 845,225.87 | 29,304,400.00 | 226,759,699.84 | 114,640.100.00 |
| October. | 204,075,940.90 | 632,484.23 | 30,431,803.22 | 235,140,228.35 | 138,135,408.00 |
| Novemb | 205,069,357.06 | 1,394,053.71 | 31,663,083.33 | 238,126.494.10 | 189,486,768,00 |
| December | 206,825,891.82 | 4,442,339.33 | 32,541,238.71 | 243,809.469.86 | 197,818,495.00 |
| Average 1919. <br> Average 1918. | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 193,194,965.26 \\ 75,556,041.00 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$ } 1,581.246 .87 \\ & 18,375,123.00 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 23,262,739.72 \\ 7,135,005.00 \end{array}$ | \$218,038.951.85 | \$101,067,237.00 |

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## Movement of Principal Earning Assets During the Calendar Year 1919

(In thousands of dollars; i.e., 000 's omitted)

| 1919 | Discounted paper secured by United States war obligations | Other discounted paper | $(1+2)$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per cent } \\ 1 \div 3 \end{gathered}$ | Bills bought in open market | Total bills discounted and bought | United States securities | Total earning assets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January 3. | \$158,254 | \$19.065 | \$177.319 | 89.2 | \$3,401 | \$180,720 | \$11,418 | \$192,138 |
| January 10. | 156,377 | 15,613 | 171,990 | 90.9 | 3.072 | 175,062 | 11,243 | 186,305 |
| 17. | 153,550 | 15.518 | 169,068 | 90.8 | 2,770 | 171.838 | 11.243 | 183,081 |
| 24... | 172,210 | 15,673 | 187,873 | 91.6 | 2,571 | 190,454 | 12.211 | 202,665 |
| 31... | 156,352 | 15.036 | 171.388 | 91.2 | 2,133 | 173,521 | 12,185 | 185,706 |
| February 7. | 168,186 | 13.175 | 181,361 | 92.7 | 2,153 | 183,514 | 12,165 | 195,679 |
| 14. | 177,622 | 14,291 | 191,913 | 92.6 | 2,274 | 194,187 | 12,665 | 206,852 |
| 21... | 177,360 | 12,168 | 189,528 | 93.6 | 2,116 | 191,644 | 12,665 | 204,309 |
| 28... | 176,990 | 13,081 | 190,071 | 93.1 | 1,987 | 192,058 | 13,166 | 203,118 |
| March 7. | 178,463 | 9.331 | 187,794 | 95.0 | 1,658 | 189.452 | 13,666 | 203,118 |
| 14. | 178,171 | 11.536 | 189.707 | 93.9 | 1,332 | 191,039 | 15,165 | 201,831 |
| 21. | 169,255 | 13,620 | 182,875 | 92.5 | 2.291 | 185,166 | 16,665 | 201,831 |
| 28. | 172,914 | 12,375 | 185,289 | 93.3 | 2.270 | 187.559 | 16,715 | 204,274 |
| April 4. | 169,249 | 13.182 | 182,431 | 92.7 | 3.192 | 185,623 | 17,741 | 203,364 |
| April 11. | 174,204 | 13.186 | 187,390 | 93.0 | 1,021 | 188,411 | 17,666 | 206,077 |
| 18. | 166.448 | 14,688 | 181,146 | 91.9 | 914 | 182,050 | 18,665 | 200,715 |
| 25. | 182,169 | 9.501 | 191.670 | 95.0 | 826 | 192.496 | 18,661 | 211.157 |
| May ${ }_{\text {d }}$ 2... | 180.939 | 11.759 | 192,698 | 93.9 | 691 | 193,389 | 19,645 | 213,034 |
| May 4 9... | 178,113 | 12.240 | 190.353 | 93.6 | 930 | 191,283 | 20,075 | 211,358 |
| 16... | 182,468 | 13.408 | 195,876 | 93.2 | 922 | 196,798 | 20,075 | 216,873 |
| 23. | 170,315 | 12,378 | 182,693 | 93.2 | 918 | 183,611 | 21,075 | 204,686 |
| 29. | 183,577 | 13.012 | 196,589 | 93.4 | 1,113 | 197,702 | 21,075 | 218,777 |
| June - 6. | 160.810 | 13,900 | 174,710 | 92.0 | 972 | 175,682 | 27,065 | 202,747 |
| 13. | 191,277 | 14.389 | 205,666 | 93.0 | 969 | 206,635 | 22,070 | 228,705 |
| 20. | 176,588 | 18,254 | 194,842 | 90.6 | 864 | 195,706 | 23,066 | 218,772 |
| 27. | 173,957 | 17,229 | 191,186 | 91.5 | 860 | 192,046 | 23,248 | 215,294 |
| July 3 . | 170,753 | 17.852 | 188.505 | 91.0 | 711 | 189,216 | 24,236 | 213,552 |
| 11. | 173,697 | 15,679 | 189,376 | 91.7 | 631 | 190,007 | 25,231 | 215,238 |
| 18. | 165,015 | 19,557 | 184,572 | 89.4 | 759 | 185,331 | 25,178 | 210,509 |
| 25. | 170,366 | 19,881 | 190,247 | 89.5 | 719 | 190,966 | 26,198 | 217.164 |
| August 1... | 175,349 | 15,830 | 191,179 | 92.3 | 660 | 191,839 | 26,198 | 218.037 |
| 8... | 180,934 | 14,715 | 195,649 | 92.5 | 623 | 196,272 | 27,248 | 223,520 |
| 15... | 176,779 | 16,044 | 192,823 | 91.6 | 673 | 193.496 | 27,190 | 220,686 |
| 22... | 180,285 | 17,192 | 197.477 | 91.3 | 812 | 198,289 | 27,287 | 225,576 |
| 29. | 180,872 | 16,486 | 197.358 | 91.7 | 762 | 198,120 | 28,625 | 226,745 |
| September 5... | 175,974 | 16,830 |  | 91.3 | 843 | 193,647 | 28,566 |  |
| 12... | 179,199 | 15,985 | 195,184 | 91.8 | 1.061 | 196,245 | 28.616 | 224,861 |
| 19. | 173,229 | 21,528 | 194,757 | 88.9 | 811 | 195,563 | 30,054 | 225,622 |
| 26... | 180,151 | 21,705 | 201,856 | 89.2 | 735 | 202,591 | 29,567 | 232,158 |
| October 3. | 175,243 | 21,290 | 196,533 | 89.2 | 645 | 197,178 | 30,067 | 227,245 |
| 10 | 182,038 | 21,418 | 203.456 | 89.5 | 645 | 204,101 | 30,178 | 234,279 |
| 17. | 181,508 | 25,061 | 206,569 | 87.9 | 618 | 207,187 | 30,567 | 237,754 |
| 24. | 182,789 | 23,252 | 206,041 | 88.7 | 601 | 206,642 | 30,573 | 237,215 |
| 31. | 181,590 | 25,580 | 207,170 | 87.6 | 656 | 207,826 | 30,687 | 238,513 |
| November 7. | 186,560 | 23.415 | 209,975 | 88.8 |  | 210,862 | 30,600 | 241,462 |
| 14. | 182,962 | 20,894 | 203,856 | 89.7 | 1,297 | 205,153 | 32,431 | 237,584 |
| 21. | 188,259 | 18,399 | 206,658 | 91.5 | 1,444 | 208,102 | 31,746 | 239.848 |
| 28... | 185,583 | 12,684 | 198,267 | 93.6 | 3,135 | 201,402 | 32,856 | 234,258 |
| December 5. | 184,407 | 15,028 | 199.435 | 92.5 | 3,649 | 203,084 | 33.145 | 236,229 |
| December 12. | 193,337 | 14,673 | 208,010 | 92.9 | 4,705 | 212,715 | 32,303 | 245,018 |
| 19. | 177,655 | 27,154 | 204,809 | 86.7 | 4,704 | 209,513 | 32,519 | 242,032 |
| 26... | 178,648 | 29,492 | 208,140 | 85.8 | 4,698 | 212,838 | 31,914 | 244.752 |

## FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA



The earnings from loans and discounts were $\$ 8,550,000$, as compared to $\$ 4,230,000$ in 1918, though the average rate of return was only 3.94 per cent as compared to 4.19 per cent in 1918. United States securities afforded an average rate of return of only 2.13 per cent as compared to 3.27 per cent in 1918, but this is accounted for by the large proportion of one-year certificates of indebtedness of the United States, yielding 2 per cent, which were held to secure Federal reserve bank notes. Last year United States bonds formed a considerable percentage of the total amount of United States securities held.

The following tables give the earnings and average annual rates of earnings from the various classes of earning assets:

Earnings from Loans and Discounts for the Calendar Year 1919

| 1919 | Bills discounted | Bills bought in open market | United States securities | Total earnings |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 1919 | 1918 |
| January. | \$620,820.01 | \$10,737.25 | \$22,273.80 | \$653,831.06 | \$181,212.00 |
| February | 584,112.76 | 7,278.95 | - 21,432.76 | 612,824.47 | 158,443.00 |
| March. | 652,763.12 | 6,805.96 | 28,494.10 | 688,063.18 | 194,085.00 |
| April. | 635,409.30 | 3,603.11 | 32,862.03 | 671.874.44 | 212,439.00 |
| May. | 663,748.96 | 3,067.39 | 36,612.65 | 703.429.00 | 239,501.00 |
| June. | 646,815.40 | 3,314.72 | 40,532.58 | 690,662.70 | 267,264.00 |
| July. | 647,164.44 | 2,546.22 | 45,437.92 | 695,148.58 | 321,741.00 |
| August. | 660,546.70 | 2.486 .79 | 48,837.87 | 711,871.36 | 365,628.00 |
| September | 651,312.33 | 2,944.39 | 50,316.95 | 704,573.67 | 407,492.00 |
| October.. | 698,352.36 | 2,305.39 | 53,919.07 | 754,576.82 | 506,544.00 |
| November. | 727,252.52 | 4,989.45 | 55,854.11 | 788.096.08 | 691,796.00 |
| December. | 799,565.64 | 16.939.96 | 59,193.88 | 875,699.48 | 684,810.00 |
| Totals, 1919. | \$7,987,863.54 | \$67.019.58 | \$495.767.72 | \$8,550,650.84 |  |
| Totals, 1918. | 3,241,104.00 | 756,313.00 | 233,489.00 |  | \$4,230.955.00 |

Calculated Annual Rates of Earnings from Loans and Discounts

| 1919 | $\underset{\text { Biscounted }}{\text { dist }}$ | Bills bought in open market | United States securities | Averages |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 1919 | 1918 |
| January. | 4.12\% | 4.40\% | 2.224 | 4.01\% | 3.77\% |
| February | 4.10 | 4.25 | 2.21 | 3.98 | 3.85 |
| March. | 4.10 | 4.17 | 2.18 | 3.96 | 3.92 |
| April. | 4.09 | 4.07 | 2.17 | 3.92 | 4.05 |
| May. | 4.06 | 3.97 | 2.12 | 3.87 | 4.07 |
| June. . | 4.08 | 4.28 | 2.12 | 3.87 | 4.20 |
| July... | 4.04 | 4.26 | 2.06 | 3.81 | 4.27 |
| August. | 4.03 | 4.24 | 2.08 | 3.78 | 4.20 |
| September | 4.03 | 4.24 | 2.08 | 3.78 | 4.32 |
| October... | 4.02 | 4.29 | 2.08 | 3.77 | 4.31 |
| Novermber. | 4.31 | 4.35 | 2.14 | 4.02 | 4.32 |
| December. | 4.55 | 4.48 | 2.14 | 4.22 | 4.18 |
| Averages, 1919. | 4.13 | 4.23 | 2.13 | 3.94 |  |
| Averages, 1918.. | 4.29 | 4.12 | 3.27 |  | 4.19 |

## Bills Discounted

Total bills discounted during the year amounted to $\$ 10,736,-$ 435,000 ; in 1918 this total was $\$ 1,857,642,000$. The number of banks accommodated this year was 494 . Notes secured by United States Government obligations formed a very large proportion of the investments of the Bank. On the last Friday of December the ratio of paper secured in this manner to total discounted paper was 86 per cent of the total paper under discount, as compared to 89 per cent on the corresponding Friday in 1918. The increase in discount rates on short term paper early in November caused many of the banks to decrease their presentations of collateral notes and substitute in their stead their customers' paper secured in like manner. Notes secured by War Finance Corporation bonds were discounted in small amount.

Until the end of the year the commercial paper presented was inconsiderable, but the increased rates on Government-secured paper instituted in December resulted in larger offerings. Bankers' and trade acceptances played an unimportant part in the discount operations of the year and did not form a total at all comparable to that of 1918. Due to the industrial predominance of the district, agricultural paper was offered only in small amounts.

Total discounted paper held at the end of the year was $\$ 209,-$ 854,000 ; at the end of 1918 the figure was $\$ 178,819,000$, thus indicating an increase of 17 per cent during the year.

Bills Discounted Held by Bank
(Figures as of last Friday of each month)

| 1919 | Secured by United States war obligations |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Member banks collateral notes | Non-member banks' paper members | $\begin{gathered} \text { other bills } \\ \text { All } \end{gathered}$ | Member banks collateral notes secured by War Finance Corporation bonds |
| January. | \$131.955.955.95 | \$2,094,000.00 | \$22,302.026.85 |  |
| February | 134.161.890.94 | 3,344,000.00 | 26.432.817.20 | ......... |
| Alarril. | 162,662,152.05 | $2,771.000 .00$ $2,943,000.00$ | 25,329.861.25 |  |
| May. | 169.125.762.05 | 1.190,000.00 | 13.261.579.39 | \$35,000.00 |
| June. | 156.006.837.05 | 1.188 .000 .00 | 16,761,988.44 | 28,000.00 |
| July.. | 157.546.125.00 | 11,822.262.59 | 1398,000.00 | 20.500 .00 |
| August. | 166.602.305.00 | 1,062.000.00 | 13.206 .530 .75 | 40,000.00 |
| September | $1688.485,933.43$ $164,465,571.66$ | 818,000.00 888.00000 | 111047,639.43 | 3,000.00 |
| November | 104,122,516.66 | 9,043.400.00 | 72,417.423.17 | 3,000.00 |
| December. | 97,260,916.66 | 10,250,150.00 | 71,137,244.35 |  |

Bills Discounted Held by Bank (Continued)

| 1919 | Otherwise secured and unsecured |  |  | Totals1919 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Bankers ${ }^{\text {' }}$ acceptances | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trade } \\ \text { acceptances } \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\text { other bills }}{\text { All }}$ |  |
| January. |  | \$384,739.97 | \$14.650.751.04 | \$177, 387,473.81 |
| February | \$ 20,000.00 | $345,182.35$ 438.046 .85 | $12,737,826.04$ $11,99,517.35$ | $190,070,716.53$ 1855.289 .135 .65 |
|  | 20.000.00 | 450,931.65 | 9,0299.908.46 | 191,669,691.50 |
| May. | 20,000.00 | 368.894.09 | 12,588,214.01 | 196,589,449.54 |
|  | 576,894.47 | 344,076.99 | 16,280,657.80 | 191, 186,454.75 |
|  |  | 266.024,90 | 19,594,652.62 | 190,247.565.11 |
| August. |  | 303.349.13 | 16.123,983.66 | 197.358.038.29 |
| September | 18,869.75 | ${ }_{5988}^{407.681 .73}$ | ${ }_{2}^{21,27,962,548.085}$ | 201,856.628.95 |
| October | 18,869.75 | 1,1082.630.73 | 24,962.548.14 | 207.170,26.87 |
| December |  | 1,172,317.97 | 28,319,793.95 | 208,140,422.93 |

## Open Market Operations

The open market operations of this Bank during the past fiscal year were practically negligible. The demands on its resources through the discount of paper offered by member banks precluded the investment of large sums in paper to be purchased elsewhere. Bankers' acceptances in foreign transactions formed the major portion of such investments. Dollar exchange bills were bought only in the first two months. Total operations under this heading for the year were $\$ 14,048,000$; in 1918 they were $\$ 120,008,000$.

The following table shows the bills purchased in the open market held by the bank on the last Friday of the months specified:

Bills Bought in the Open Market
(Figures as of last Friday of each month)

| 1919 | Bankers' acceptances |  | Dollar exchange bills | Trade acceptances | Totals |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Foreign | Domestic |  |  |  |
| January. | \$1,022,257.07 | \$ 840,300.78 | \$250,000.00 | \$20,526.00 | \$2,133,083.85 |
| February | 826,629.03 | 1,040,449.57 | 100,000.00 | 20,526.00 | 1,987,604.60 |
| March. | 817,348.66 | 1,452,310.45 | . . . . . . . |  | 2,269,659.07 |
| April. | 525,023.25 | 301,447.72 |  |  | 826,470.97 |
| May. | 727,523.61 | 381,598.77 | . ....... | 3,485.16 | 1,112,607.54 |
| June. | 600,571.84 | 255,668.48 |  | 3,485,16 | 859,725.48 |
| July. | $620,142.72$ | 95,040.21 |  | 3,485.16 | 718,668.09 |
| August. | 572,619.02 | 189,464.36 |  |  | 762,083.38 |
| September. | 452,549.81 | 282,290.85 |  |  | 734,840.66 |
| October.. | 429,434.05 | 226,295.67 |  |  | 655,729.72 |
| November | 2,296,210.44 | 838,507.67 |  |  | $3,134,718.11$ |
| December. | 3,575,043,21 | 1,122,711.63 |  |  | 4,697,754.84 |

## Earnings and Expenses

As was to be anticipated from the reports made from time to time as to the activity of business, the operations of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia during the year 1919 were very much larger than for the previous year. Total earnings for 1919 were $\$ 8,609,000$ and current expenses were $\$ 1,775,000$, leaving net earnings of $\$ 6,834,000$. The net earnings were 89 per cent of the average capital stock for the year, as compared to 46 per cent in 1918 and 12 per cent in 1917.

After the deduction of the reserve for depreciation on United States securities and other sundry purposes, the net amount available for dividends and surplus was $\$ 6,659,000$. Dividends at the rate of 6 per cent were paid for the year and $\$ 6,196,000$ was transferred to surplus fund, bringing the total of that fund up to $\$ 8,805,000$, or approximately 111 per cent of the paid-in capital stock at the end of the year. Schedules follow showing the profit and loss account and earnings and expenses by months:


A chart of total earnings and expenses during the last three years is given below. It is apparent that the net earnings of the last fiscal year have been extraordinarily large. Total earnings show unusual increases, and total expenses have consumed only 21 per cent of them, as compared to 25 per cent in both 1918 and 1917.

In viewing the earnings for the year, it should be borne in mind that a large part of the loaning power of the Bank is derived from its note issuing privilege, a function conferred by the Government. Had its power to extend credit depended entirely upon its deposits and
capital, the Bank would have been of comparatively little aid to the business community, but through its note issues, which averaged $\$ 212,000,000$ for the year and were approximately twice the average deposits of member banks, it was able to serve the community as it did.


Comparative Statement of Condition




## Federal Reserve Notes

The circulation of Federal reserve notes fell off very noticeably during the first few months of the year and attained a low point of $\$ 200,498,000$ on June 21. The chart facing this page shows the general trend during the past three years. The decrease in the begining of 1919 can be traced to the falling off in business. The increased activity which began early in the year was reflected in larger circulation in August, and a steady increase in such issues continued until almost the end of the year.

The maximum amount of notes ( $\$ 241,348,000$ ) was in circulation on December 24, as compared to the former high level of $\$ 235$,586,000 on December 26, 1918. Immediately after Christmas the notes began to return in large amounts.

A statement of the accounts of the Federal Reserve Agent at the close of the fiscal year 1919, with comparative figures for 1918 and 1917, follows:

Comparative Statement of the Federal Reserve Agent's Accounts


Federal Reserve Notes Issued and in Actual Circulation

| 1919 | Outstanding at beginning of month | Issued during month | $\begin{gathered} \text { Fit } \\ \text { notes } \\ \text { received } \end{gathered}$ | Redeemed | Outstanding at end of month | Held by Bank at end of month | In actual circulation at end of the month |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 1918 |
| Jan... | \$241,870,745 | \$ 1,250,000 | \$13,000,000 | \$12,451,420 | \$217,669,325 | \$ 7,748,765 | \$209,920,560 | \$ 92,003,655 |
| Feb... | 217,669,325 | 18,290,000 |  | 13,065,590 | 222,893,735 | 12,125,815 | 210,767,920 | +104,219,060 |
| Mar... | 222,893,735 | 5,900,000 |  | 14,302,435 | 214,491,300 | 8,582,550 | 205,908,750 | 115,311,370 |
| April. . | 214,491,300 | 14,240,000 | ........ | 14,386,250 | 214,345,050 | 10,451,002 | 203,894,048 | 121,814,448 |
| May... | 214,345,050 | 20,240,000 | $\cdots \cdots$ | 18,793,655 | 215,791,395 | 9,520,990 | 206,270,405 | 134,459,425 |
| June... | 215,791,395 | 17,200,000 |  | 19,743,650 | 213,247,745 | 9,690,620 | 203,557,125 | 147,646,035 |
| July. | 213,247,745 | 17,800,000 |  | 15,389,785 | 215,657,960 | 12,336,825 | 203,321,135 | 164,747,585 |
| Aug. . | 215,657,960 | 21,900,000 |  | 17,168,825 | 220,389,135 | 6,832,005 | 213,557,130 | 185,594,395 |
| Sept. . | 220,389,135 | 19,400,000 |  | 14,872,730 | 224,916,405 | 12,071,570 | 212,844,835 | 200,426,030 |
| Oct.... | 224,916,405 | 22,300,000 |  | 14,889.320 | 232,327,085 | 16,034,490 | 216,292,595 | 216,125,610 |
| Nov.... | 232,327,085 | 12,500,000 |  | 10,997,135 | 233,829,950 | 10,303,865 | 223,526,085 | 226,690,915 |
| Dec... | 233,829,950 | 24,640,000 |  | 10,574,285 | 247,895,665 | 10,845,015 | 237,050,650 | 229,112,005 |



Notes of the smaller denominations have been in greatest demand, with $\$ 10$ and $\$ 20$ notes forming the bulk of those issued to the Federal Reserve Bank. There has been very little call for notes of higher denominations than $\$ 100$, though a reserve supply is maintained to care for any need that may arise. Fit notes returned by the Bank are not included in the table given below.

Denominations of New Federal Reserve Notes Issued to Bank During 1919

| 1919 | Fives | Tens | Twenties | Fifties | Hundreds | Five hundreds | Thousands | Totals |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan. | \$ 750,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$750,000 |
| Feb. | $5.300,000$ 680,000 | $\$ 2.610 .000$ 2 120.000 | $\$ 4.135,000$ 800000 |  | \$1,200,000 |  |  | $12,045,000$ 4.800 |
| April | 2.560,000 | 4,200,000 | 3,680,000 | \$1,200,000 | 2,000,000 | \$200,000 | \$400,000 | 14,240,000 |
| May. | 3,560,000 | 5,520,000 | 6,160,000 | 1,200,000 | 2,800,000 |  |  | 19,240,000 |
| June. | 3,040,000 | 3,800,000 | 5,360,000 | 1,800,000 | 1,600,000 | ....... | 800,000 | 16,400.000 |
| July. | 2.480,000 | 6,680,000 | 8,640,000 | 600,000 |  | ...... |  | 18.400 .000 |
| Aug | 3,900,000 | 7,760,000 | 9,040,000 |  | 400,000 |  | 400,000 | 21,500,000 |
| Sept. | 4,560,000 | 4,880,000 | 9,760,000 |  |  |  |  | 19,200,000 |
| Oct.. | 2,300,000 | 7,760,000 | 9,040,000 | 1,200,000 | 1,200,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 22,300,000 |
| Nov... Dec.. | $\begin{aligned} & 1,300,000 \\ & \mathbf{6 , 2 8 0 , 0 0 0} \end{aligned}$ | $2,960,000$ $8,160,000$ | $6.240,000$ $8,000,000$ | $1,200.000$ $1,400,000$ | 800,000 800,000 | ...... | $\ldots$.... | $\begin{aligned} & 12,500,000 \\ & 24,640,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1919. | \$36,710,000 | \$56,450,000 | 0,855,000 | 600,000 | ,800,000 | 00,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$186,015,000 |
| Per ct. | 19.7 | 30.3 | 38.1 | 4.7 | 5.8 | . 3 | 1.1 | 100.0 |
| 1918... | 29,700,000 | 53,960,000 | \$89,600,000 | 12,600,000 | 5,600,000 |  |  | 191,460.000 |
| Per ct. | 5.5 | 28.2 | 46.8 | 6.6 | 2.9 |  |  | 100.0 |

Interdistrict Movement of Notes

|  | Received from | Returned to |  | Received from | Returned to |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boston. <br> New York. <br> Cleveland <br> Richmond <br> Atlanta <br> Chicago <br> St. Louis. | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 4,370,700 \\ 47,221,750 \\ 10.451 .000 \\ 7.180,750 \\ 1.874,200 \\ 3,906,900 \\ 1,123,805 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,382.000 \\ 59,800.500 \\ 8,798,000 \\ 7,897,500 \\ 3,510.500 \\ 5,633,000 \\ 1,477,000 \end{array}$ | Minneapolis . | \$ 395,000 | \$ 1,068,500 |
|  |  |  | Kansas City | 571.100 | 1,452,500 |
|  |  |  | Dallas...... | 392,800 | 512.500 |
|  |  |  | San Francisco. | 811.880 | 993,050 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Total, 1919 | \$78,299,885 | \$94.525,050 |
|  |  |  | Total, 1918 | \$39,501,305 | \$62,354,660 |

## Federal Reserve Bank Notes

Demand for notes of small denominations continued throughout he year, and was especially urgent in the month of December due to the great activity in retail trade. The amount of notes in actual circulaion increased from $\$ 8,926,000$ at the end of 1918 to $\$ 28,791,000$ at ne end of 1919 , or 223 per cent. Melting of silver dollars authorized $v$ the Pittman Act was discontinued in May.

Statistical tables on Federal reserve bank notes follow.

Federal Reserve Bank Notes

| 1919 | Outstanding at beginning of month | Issued during month | Redeemed | Outstanding at end of month | Held by Bank at end of month | In actual circulation at end of month |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | \$ 9,258,200 | \$1,343,000 | \$173.200 | \$10.428.000 | \$ 110.750 | \$10,317,250 |
| February | 10,428,000 | 1,520,000 | 352.000 | 11.596.000 | 285.237 | 11.310 .763 |
| March. | 11,596,000 | 3,908,000 | 560.000 | 14.944.000 | 379.507 | 14,564.493 |
| April. | 14,944,000 | 2,508,000 | 524,000 | 16,928.000 | 414.104 | 16.513 .896 |
| May | 16,928,000 | 2,780,000 | 640,000 | 19.068.000 | 432.548 | 18.635.452 |
| June. | 19,068,000 | 2,716,000 | 412,000 | 21,372,000 | 452,405 | 20.919.595 |
| July. | 21,372,000 | 3,016,000 | 120,000 | 24,268,000 | 356,444 | 23.911 .556 |
| August | 24,268,000 | 2,692,000 | 520,000 | 26,440,000 | 1,157.648 | 25,282,352 |
| Septernber | 26,440,000 | 1,120,000 | 824,000 | 26,736,000 | 378,249 | 26,357,751 |
| October | 26,736,000 | 2,476,000 | 980,000 | 28,232,000 | 478.848 | 27,753,152 |
| Novemb | 28,232,000 | 2,176,000 | 1,872,000 | 28,536,000 | 589,234 | 27,946,766 |
| December | 28,536,000 | 2,800,000 | 2.284,000 | 29,052,000 | 260,249 | 28,791,751 |

Federal Reserve Bank Notes Issued

| 1919 | Ones | Twos | Fives | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January. | \$ 564.000 | \$120,000 | \$ 659,000 | \$1,343,000 |
| February | 1,208.000 | 312.000 |  | 1,520,000 |
| March. | 1,728,000 | 200,000 | 1,980,000 | 3,908,000 |
| April. . | 1,900,000 | 608,000 |  | 2,508,000 |
| May. | 2,120,000 | 160,000 | 500.000 | 2,780,000 |
| June. | 1,848,000 | 448.000 | 420,000 | 2,716,000 |
| July... | 1,224,000 | 392.000 | 1,400,000 | 3,016,000 |
| August. | 1,892,000 | 800.000 | $\cdots \cdots \cdots$ | 2,692,000 |
| September | 836,000 | 144,000 | 140,000 | 1,120,000 |
| October. . | 1,996,000 | 480,000 |  | 2,476,000 |
| November | 1,800,000 | 376,000 |  | $2,176,000$ |
| December. | 2,128,000 | 672,000 |  | 2,800,000 |
| Totals. | \$19,244,000 | \$4,712,000 | \$5,099,000 | \$29,055,000 |

## Coupon Department

The work of the coupon department has been more than triple that of 1918 in the number of items handled and their total amounts. Fourteen persons are now employed in this division. The number of items handled has run as high as 111,000 a day, and the amount has been in excess of $\$ 1,700,000$. The distribution of the maturities of Government coupons over the various months of the year has created a steady demand on the services of this department.

The total number of items handled during 1919 was $8,258,108$, as compared to $2,728,361$ in 1918. The value of these coupons during the last fiscal year was $\$ 47,063,622.79$, in comparison to $\$ 11,736,-$ 02.64 in 1918. Monthly figures on the amount and number of coupons cancelled and shipped during 1919 are given herewith.

Shipments of Cancelled United States Coupons

|  |  | Number | Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | 919 | 1919 | 1919 |
| January . |  | 341,208 | \$1,259,666.67 |
| February |  | 101,277 | 246.973.52 |
| March. |  | 793.130 113616 | 3.801.746.12 |
| April. |  | 1,136.616 | 7,628,972.04 |
| May. |  | 973,181 | 4,760,996.63 |
|  |  | 572.025 | 2,620,369.58 |
| July... |  | 301,186 | 831,077.53 |
| August... |  | 155,076 | 327,196.48 |
| September |  | 638,086 | 3.433,730.02 |
| October. |  | 1,258,959 | 8,803,868.13 |
| November |  | 833,241 | 4,724,969.07 |
| December |  | 1,154,123 | 8,624,057.00 |
| Totals, 1919. |  | 8,258,108 | \$47,063,622.79 |
| Totals, 1918. |  | 2,728,361 | 11,735,022.00 |

## Collection Department

The work of the collection department was much larger than the previous year and increased during the year to a high point in December. No charges are made on items except the actual cost of postage, insurance, and registration on maturing coupons, bonds, and other securities attached to drafts sent for collection and 15 cents on items returned unpaid to member banks. A resume of the items handled during 1919 follows.

A large portion of the collections is handled through the gold settlement fund, thus accounting for the differences between the total amounts of collections and the cash, checks and drafts received as shown in the following table:

| 1919 | Number of items received for collection | Number of items returned unpaid | Total amount of items received for collection | Total amount of collections paid and credited | Amount of actual cash handled in payment of collections | Amount of checks and drafts handled in payment of collections |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 2,607 | 211 | No record | \$3,313,908.52 | \$18,440.58 | \$1,588,241.82 |
| Februar | 1,851 | 185 | No record | 2,252,319.53 | 12,877.83 | 489,342.41 |
| March. | 1,882 | 168 | No record | 3,751,735.29 | 10,250.71 | 1,244,561.99 |
| April | 2,181 | 179 | No record | 2,375,840.51 | 16,140.96 | 351,457.14 |
| May | 2.322 | 167 | \$ 3,902,922.44 | 3,440,087.72 | 18,125.28 | 930,979.92 |
|  | 2,409 | 250 | 4,828.225.14 | 2,774,844.87 | 21,549.67 | 735.138.18 |
| July | 2,763 | 158 | 6,404,377.29 | 3,119,066.31 | 19,324.77 | 1,135.577.58 |
| August | 2.918 | 246 | 7,170,404.07 | 4,235,229.44 | 21,484.28 | 1,954,186.32 |
| Septemb | 3.485 | 362 | 6,059,475.90 | 5,478,612.78 | 38,979.59 | 1,578,675.22 |
| October | 4.059 | 484 | 7,718,721.44 | 6,600.510.70 | 49,615.18 | 1,991,739.20 |
| Novemb | 3.734 | 438 | 8,523,092.55 | 6,094.393.85 | 49.185.51 | 2,363,104.30 |
| December | 5,081 | 615 | 10,858.371.42 | 8,253.581.88 | 50,951.36 | 2,792,531.00 |
| Totals | 35,292 | 3.463 | Incomplete | \$53,690,331.40 | \$326,925.72 | \$17,155,535.08 |

## Gold Settlement Fund

The operations through the gold settlement fund were much larger than in 1918, record figures being reached in December of this year. Payments received through this fund totaled $\$ 7,630,713,000$ in comparison to $\$ 5,440,137,000$ in 1918, and the amounts paid to other Federal reserve banks were $\$ 7,636,447,000$ as compared to $\$ 5,434$,826,000 in the previous year. Monthly figures of total transactions and net gains and losses are given herewith.

Gold Settlement Fund Operations

| 1919 | Total receipts | Total disbursements | Net gain for month | Net loss for month | Balances at close |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January. | \$551,056,538.85 | \$540,841,853.46 | \$10,214,685,39 |  | \$47,627,091.93 |
| February | 436,030,868.77 | 442,545,830.12 |  | \$6,514,961.35 | 41,112,130.58 |
| March. | 554,073,619 20 | 552,989,646.51 | 1,083,972.69 |  | 42,196,103.27 |
| April. | 588,400,307.17 | 588,564,726.77 |  | 164,419.60 | 42,031,683.67 |
| May. | 583,586,131.08 | 586,259,043.37 |  | 2,672,912.29 | 39,358,771.38 |
| June. | 673,526,475.96 | 663,859,290.47 | 9,667,185.49 |  | 49,025,956.87 |
| July. | 741,545,305.75 | $749.478,311.91$ |  | 7,933,006.16 | 41,092,950 71 |
| August. | 629,658,805,30 | 629,054,373.65 | 604,431.65 |  | 41,697,382.36 |
| September | 681,569,283.81 | 689,470,979.68 |  | 7,901,695.87 | 33,795,686.49 |
| October. | 727,159,603.27 | $725.326,327.67$ | 1,833,275.60 |  | 35,628,962.09 |
| November | 678,574,592.09 | 684,462,903.98 |  | 5,888,311.89 | $29,740,650.20$ |
| December. | 785,532,324.76 | 783,594,223.03 | 1,938,101.73 |  | 31,678,751.93 |
| Totals | \$7,630,713,856.01 | \$7,636,447,510.62 | \$25,341,652.55 | \$31,075,307.16 | . |

## Transit and Clearings

The transit department reports operations for the year on a much larger scale than in 1918. In dollars this increase is not so noticeable, the total value of all items handled this year being $\$ 13,843,-$ 000,000 , as compared to $\$ 11,292,000,000$ in 1918. In point of number of items handled, however, very large increases are reported, the number of items passing through the department being $34,886,768$ as compared to $17,133,761$ in 1918. This points to a considerable decline in the average amount of each item, and, as the tables which follow demonstrate, this is particularly true of such items as were drawn on Philadelphia banks. The department handled as many as 156,000 items in a day.

The campaign to extend the par system to all banks in the district was rewarded with complete success. At the beginning of the year items were received without exchange charges by all member banks and all non-member banks with the exception of 115. Continual efforts were made to have these 115 institutions remit at par, and by July the number had been reduced to 46 . Shortly before this time it was decided that, beginning July 1, this Bank would receive and collect all items at par, collections on institutions making exchange charges being handled through the express companies. Further efforts on the part of this Bank resulted in the bringing of all institutions into the collection system.

The tables which follow show the total number and amounts of items handled and the daily averages by months.

Total Number and Amount of Checks Handled Monthly

| 1919 | On Philadelphia |  | On banks elsewhere in district |  | On banks in other reserve districts |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Amount | Number | Amount | Number | Amount | Number | Amount |
| Jan. | 536,089 | \$704,657,161 | 1,05 | \$142,887,606 | 53 | \$251,170,421 | 2,118,934 | \$1,098,715.188 |
|  | 504,651 | 583,438,785 |  | 118,609,517 | 514.178 | 199,052,797 |  |  |
| Mar. | 643,540 | 717,606,959 | 1,145,348 | 150,109,944 | 585,568 | 220,261,439 | 2,374,456 | 1,087,978,342 |
| April. | 881,534 | 638,917,287 | 1,177,357 | 153,582,154 | 603,235 | 220,084,737 | 2,662,126 | 1,012,584,178 |
| May.. | 1,086,792 | 695,116,725 | 1,221,629 | 156,985,289 | 549,510 | 211,690,433 | 2,857,931 | 1,063,792,447 |
| June. | 1,127,835 | 730,558,427 | 1,253,479 | 174,188,000 | 567,320 | 229,640,928 | 2,948,634 | 1,134,387,355 |
| July. | 1,155,150 | 757,265,867 | 1,323,226 | 187,674,318 | 614,513 | 248,584,951 | 3,092,889 | 1,193,525,136 |
| Aug. | 1,128,639 | 704,683,625 | 1,253,901 | 176,602,670 | 596,547 | 228,493,695 | 2,979,087 | 1,109,779,990 |
| Sept. | 1,168,642 | 845,110,979 | 1,324,840 | 210,203,714 | 635,602 | 238,436,056 | 3,129,084 | 1,293,750,749 |
| Oct. | 1,299,512 | 850,916,400 | 1,565,906 | 216,385,122 | 739,996 | 252,443,980 | 3,605,414 | 1,319,745,502 |
| Nov.. | 1,153,815 | 779,371,298 | 1,437,360 | 201,888,858 | 698,254 | 252,068,043 | 3,289,429 | 1,233,328,199 |
| Dec.. | 1,364,844 | 900,028,864 | 1,666,804 | 240,083,975 | 819,641 | 254,943,339 | 3,851,289 | 1,395,056,178 |
| 1919.. | 12,051,043 | \$8,907,672,377 | 15,379,260 | \$2,129,201,167 | 7,456,465 | \$2,806,870,819 | 34,886,768 | \$13,843,744,363 |
| 1918. | 4,256,167 | 6,655,028,275 | 8,569,393 | 1,263,933,879 | 4,308,201 | 3,373,447,958 | 17.133,761 | 11,292,410,112 |

## Average Daily Number and Amount of Checks Handled

| 1919 | On Philadelphia banks |  | On banks elsewhere in district |  | On banks in other reserve districts |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. | Amount | No. | Amount | No. | Amount | No. | Amount |
| January | 20,618 | \$27,102,198 | 40,414 | \$5,495,677 | 20,465 | \$9,660,401 | 81,497 | \$42,258,276 |
| Februar | 20,186 | 23,337,551 | 38,346 | 4,744,380 | 20,567 | 7,962,112 | 79,099 | 36,044,043 |
| March | 25,743 | 28,704,278 | 45,813 | 6,004,397 | 23,422 | 8,810,458 | 94,978 | 43,519,133 |
| April | 35,262 | 25,556,692 | 47,095 | 6,143,286 | 24,128 | 8,803,389 | 106,485 | 40,503,367 |
| May. | 43,472 | 27,804,669 | 48,865 | 6,279,411 | 21,980 | 8,467,617 | 114,317 | 42,551,697 |
| June. | 45,113 | 29,222,337 | 50,139 | 6,967,520 | 22.693 | 9,185,637 | 117,945 | 45,375,494 |
| July. | 46,206 | 30,290,634 | 52,929 | 7,506,972 | 24,580 | 9,943,399 | 123,715 | 47,741,005 |
| August | 45,145 | 38,187,345 | 50,157 | 7,064,106 | 23,861 | 9,139,748 | 119.163 | 54,391,199 |
| September | 46,745 | 33,804,439 | 52,994 | 8,408,148 | 25,424 | 9,537,442 | 125,163 | 51,750,029 |
| October. | 49,980 | 32,727,554 | 60,228 | 8,322,505 | 28,461 | 9,709,383 | 138,669 | 50,759,442 |
| November | 46,152 | 31,174,852 | 57,495 | 8,075,554 | 27,930 | 10,082,721 | 131,577 | 49,333,127 |
| December | 54,594 | 36,001,154 | 66,672 | 9,603,359 | 32,785 | 10,197,734 | 154,051 | 55,802,247 |
| Average, 1919 | 40,171 | \$29,692,241 | 51,264 | \$7,097,337 | 24,854 | \$ 9,356,236 | 116,289 | \$46,145,814 |
| Average, 1918. | 14,171 | 22,095,528 | 28,458 | 4,195,819 | 14,310 | 11,208,640 | 56,939 | 37,499,987 |



## Internal Organization

Richard L. Austin, chairman and Federal reserve agent; Henry B. Thompson, deputy chairman; E. Pusey Passmore, governor; Edwin S. Stuart, deputy governor; William H. Hutt, deputy governor.

| Class | Name | Residence | Term expires |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\text { A\{ } \begin{cases}\text { Group } & 1 . . \\ \text { Group } & 2 . \\ \text { Group } & 3 . .\end{cases}$ | Joseph Wayne, jr., president Girard National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa. Francis Douglas, cashier, First National Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. M. J. Murphy, c/o A. B. Leach \& Co., bankers, New York City. | Philadelphia, Pa . Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Clarks Green, Pa. | Dec. 31, 1920 Dec. 31, 1921 <br> Dec. 31, 1919 |
| $\text { B } \begin{cases}\text { Group } & 1 . . \\ \text { Group } & 2 . . \\ \text { Group } & 3 . .\end{cases}$ | Alba Johnson, vice-president, Southwark Foundry \& Machine Co., Philadelphia, Pa . <br> Edwin S. Stuart, merchant, Philadelphia, Pa. <br> Charles K. Haddon, vice-president, Victor Talking Machine Co., Camden. | Rosemont, Pa . Philadelphia, Pa. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec.31, } 1919 \\ & \text { Dec. 31, } 1920 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | N. J. | Camden, N. J. | Dec. 31, 1921 |
| C | Richard L. Austin. <br> Henry B. Thompson, president, U. S. Finishing Co., New York City. Charles C. Harrison. | Philadelphia, Pa. Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia, Pa. | Dec. 31, 1920 <br> Dec. 31, 1919 <br> Dec. 31, 1921 |

Mr. R. M. Miller, jr., cashier of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Phœnixville, Pa., and Mr. Frank W. Labold, of this bank, were elected assistant cashiers on May 1, and Mr. Samuel Earl, paying teller of the Bank, was elected an assistant cashier on December 18. Mr. R. D. Stockton was elected comptroller on January 2 and assumed office on February 1.

The resignation of Mr. Thomas Gamon, jr., an assistant cashier of the Bank, was presented to the board of directors at the meeting of December 4 and the following resolution was adopted:
"Whereas, Thomas Gamon, jr., an assistant cashier, since January 13, 1916, who came to this Bank as an employee in the early days of its establishment and therefore had an active part in the difficult task of organization, and the adoption of new methods for the proper handling of its business, has now tendered his resignation to accept an official position with the National Security Bank, in which he feels the opportunity will be broader and more remunerative;
"Therefore, Be it Resolved, that his resignation be accepted as of December 31, 1919, with leave of absence during the interim, and with the assurance that he carries with him to his new work the cordial good wishes of the members of this Board."

At the meeting of the board of directors on December 31, the officers were confirmed in their appointments for the coming year and Mr. Levi Rue, president of the Philadelphia National Bank, was again selected to represent the Third Federal Reserve District on the Federal Advisory Council.

The terms of office of Mr. Michael J. Murphy, representing the group 3 banks as a class A director, and of Mr. Alba B. Johnson, rep-
resenting the group 1 banks as a class B director, expired on December 31, and they were re-elected for terms of three years from January 1, 1920.

The increase in the operations of the Bank has necessitated many additions to the clerical force. At the end of this year there were 627 employees and 15 officers, as compared to 419 employees and 11 officers at the end of 1918.

The following table gives the number of persons in each department together with comparative figures for December 31, 1918 :


The increased operations of the Bank not only resulted in a larger personnel, but an increased need for space as well. About 75 per cent of the available room in its building is occupied by the Bank. The contemplated construction of a new vault in the basement of the main banking building made necessary the rental of the first floor of an adjoining building.

The comfort and convenience of the clerical force has been considered as much as possible, and on July 8 a cafeteria was opened on the premises of the Bank with complete equipment furnished by the Bank. Meals are furnished at cost; its service has been satisfactory and has proved a physical and financial benefit to those connected with the institution.

In connection with the Federal Reserve Club, a monthly magazine has been issued, and educational courses are being prepared.

## General Business Conditions

At the opening of the year the business outlook was uncertain and operations were still dominated by conditions incident to the ending of the World War. Cancellations of Government contracts and civilian orders, also, had a depressing effect. The inability of buyers and sellers to agree on prices resulted in a decrease in the volume of business and the appearance of some unemployment, which lasted for three or four months.

However, the war had produced a shortage of many of the necessities of life and practically all of the luxuries. The people did not recognize the same necessity to curtail their purchases as in time of war and manifested a distinct tendency to buy clothing and other furnishings at any price which was requested. The comparatively low stocks of the retail establishments did not admit of sales in large volume without replenishment and manufacturers were given an increasing volume of orders. These conditions were particularly typical of the textile and house-furnishing lines.

Personal wants were not the only needs that had not received full satisfaction during the period of active warfare. Manufacturing establishments had been compelled to forego many repairs and replacements which were urgently needed, and buildings of all types were scarce. The need for repairs, alterations, and new construction overcame the cautious purchasing policy which had been maintained early in the year and orders for iron and steel and their products, paints, building materials of all kinds, etc., increased very largely.

The shipbuilding industries of the district were actively engaged during most of the year in completing the program of the Shipping Board. Toward the end there has been some slowing-up due to a lack of new business at prices which can be met here.

The mining of anthracite coal, while not quite up to the levels of 1918, has been satisfactory and seems to be in ample volume to take care of the needs of domestic consumers.

At the end of the year the majority of the business concerns of the district report orders on hand far in excess of the capacity to fill them. Business conditions generally, as far as demand and supply are concerned, are good almost beyond precedent. Skilled workers are scarce and the disinclination of operatives to do a full day's work is curtailing production. Prices of raw materials have kept pace with the extremely high prices demanded for manufactured goods, and the amount of capital required to conduct business has greatly increased, making necessary much larger lines of credit.

## Banking Conditions in the District

The boundaries of the district remain unchanged and include all of Delaware, that part of New Jersey south of the northern boundaries of Mercer, Burlington and Ocean counties, and that part of Pennsylvania east of the western boundaries of McKean, Elk, Clearfield, Cambria and Bedford counties. The total area is 36,844 square miles, making this the smallest of the Federal reserve districts territorially. The population at the last census was $6,632,611$, or 6.4 per cent of the total population of the country at that time.

At the end of the fiscal year our records show that there are 640 national banks and 453 state institutions, 38 of the latter class being members of this Federal Reserve Bank. The total net additions since January 1 to the list of national banks are 13, two of which are accounted for by the conversion of state banks into national banks. The total resources of all banks and trust companies in the district on November 15 was $\$ 3,011,090,000$, of which the national banks totaled $\$ 1,741,542,000$, or 58 per cent. Total resources in 1918 were $\$ 2,702,193,000$, indicating an increase of 11 per cent during 1919.

The table given below analyzes the figures compiled in greater detail by states.


The capital and surplus of the member banks increased somewhat during the year. This increase amounted to $\$ 10,682,000$ in the case of national banks in the district between the dates of August 31, 1918, and September 12, 1919. The borrowings of national banks on their bills payable increased very largely, and the percentage of these borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank to total borrowings on such paper was 99 per cent in the fall of 1919, as compared to 95 per cent in the previous year. Comparative reports of the Comptroller of the Currency on the national banks of the district are as follows:

Combined Statement of Condition of Member National Banks

| RESOURCES | Date of Comptroller's call |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sept. I2, 1916 | Sept. 11, 1917 | Aug. 31, 1918 | Sept. 12, 1919 |
| Loans and discounts <br> Liberty bonds and Victory notes. Other United States bonds. Other bonds, securities, etc. All other resources. <br> Totals. $\qquad$ | \$597,371,000 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 647,542,000 \\ 23,903,000 \end{array}$ | $\$ 635,753,000$ | \$843,965,000 |
|  | 58,812,000 | 67.804,000 | 142,412,000 | * 327.3900000 |
|  | 244,462,000 | $283,356,000$ $316,206,000$ | 271,998,000 |  |
|  | \$1,195,983,000 | \$1,338,811,000 | \$1,440,349,000 | \$1,808,247,000 |
| Liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Capital stock | \$ 76,814,000 | \$ 76,708,000 | \$ 76.1788000 | \$ 79,368,000 |
| Undivided profts. | 24,460,000 | 28,766,000 | 28,908,000 | 33,960,000 |
| National bank notes outstanding | 56,291,000 | 55,596,000 | 54,212,000 | 54,561,000 |
| Individual deposits. | 759,894,000 | 877,549,000 | 905,834,000 | 1,043,787,000 |
| Bank deposits. | 166,926,000 | 166,175,000 | 164,629,000 | 161,220,000 |
|  | 1,042,000 | 9,909,000 | 40,269,000 | 165,694,000 |
| All other liabilities. | 13,252,000 | 25,071,000 | 66,851,000 | 158,697,000 |
| Totals. | \$1,195,983,000 | \$1,338,811,000 | \$1,440,349,000 | \$1,808,247,000 |

[^1]Member banks in Philadelphia, Scranton, Camden, and Wilmington for the past two years have been reporting to this Bank weekly some of the resource and liability items appearing in their statements. The figures given are for the last Friday in each month of 1918 and 1919.

Member Banks in Camden, Scranton and Wilmington

| 1918 | United States securities owned | Loans secured by United States securities | All other loans and investments | Total loans and investments | Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank | Cash in vault | Net demand deposits | Time deposits | Government deposit | Number of banks reporting |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Janua | 34,882 | 25,560 | 615,270 | 675,712 | 59,446 | 22,490 | 567,847 | 15,506 | 28,585 | 46 |
| Februa | 53,890 | 22,527 | 603,004 | 679,421 | 58,607 | 21,974 | 569,913 | 15,876 | 40,099 | 47 |
| March. | 74,820 | 21,488 | 600,504 | 696,812 | 53,562 | 19,771 | 566,712 | 15,578 | 34,863 | 47 |
| April. | 96,634 | 21,213 | 611,090 | 728,937 | 57,349 | 20,419 | 587,163 | 14,965 | 43,756 | 49 |
| May . | 77,459 | 35,849 | 633,752 | 747,060 | 54,591 | 20,469 | 575,703 | 13,796 | 70,865 | 49 |
| June. | 66,427 | 38,543 | 630,130 | 735,100 | 53,300 | 19,841 | 564,865 | 14,427 | 76,313 | 49 |
| July. | 77,633 | 42,571 | 601,371 | 721,575 | 50,060 | 18,974 | 553,158 | 15,246 | 17,359 | 49 |
| August | 89,504 | 44,245 | 609,794 | 743,543 | 55,311 | 18,617 | 584,633 | 14,311 | 32,066 | 50 |
| September | 114,169 | 45,796 | 620,941 | 780,906 | 65,596 | 19,479 | 628,748 | 16,391 | 25,742 | 52 |
| October | 153,014 | 160,091 | 621,928 | 935,033 | 68,969 | 20,867 | 606,679 | 15,987 | 30,179 | 53 |
| November. | 114,415 | 170,278 | 620,611 | 905,304 | 66,412 | 21,053 | 615,753 | 15,801 | 27,910 | 54 |
| December.. | 106,426 | 157,618 | 619,529 | 883,573 | 58,120 | 25,612 | 629,478 | 18,972 | 31,235 | 56 |
| 1919 January |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 153,235 177735 | 147,639 | 622,872 | 923,646 | 64,774 | 19.012 | 632,839 | 20,086 | 55,088 | 56 |
| Febru | 177,735 179,870 | 145,429 | 599,381 623,256 | 922.545 | 67,036 | 19,705 | 638.823 | 21.354 | 45,747 |  |
| April. | 177,769 | 144,911 | 614.232 | ${ }_{9} 945.412$ | 67,363 | 19,293 | 653,426 654,734 | 22,3016 | 38,963 27,276 | 56 |
| May | 189.440 | 165,047 | 642,082 | 996,569 | 65.490 | 18,278 | 651,349 | 20,634 | 62,338 | 56 |
| June | 125,065 | 176,968 | 649,120 | 951,153 | 63,113 | 18.411 | 635,929 | 20,627 | 48,818 | 56 |
| July | 105,101 | 172.910 | 645,401 | 923,816 | 65,187 | 17.184 | 646,191 | 21,303 | 26,564 | 56 |
| August | 119,014 | 165,804 | 665,248 | 950,066 | 69,615 | 16,062 | 664,273 | 21,783 | 32.213 | 56 |
| September | 125,098 | 161,534 | 675,998 | 960,630 | 74,574 | 16.550 | 663,812 | 22,122 | 54,732 | 56 |
| October | 103,182 | 153,211 | 685,688 | 945,081 | 69,658 | 17,108 | 675,267 | 22,453 | 27,484 | 56 |
| November | 94,018 | 126,930 | 698,868 | 919,816 | 60,354 | 18,333 | 666,231 | 22,440 | 11,366 | 56 |
| December. | 108,642 | 102,411 | 704,735 | 915,788 | 60,199 | 21,549 | 655,361 | 22,242 | 36,080 | 56 |

An analysis of the table discloses that the movements of the various classes of loans and investments reflect clearly the issuing of Government securities of various kinds. The peak of the United States securities owned was reached in May, 1919, while the high point in the loans secured by United States securities was reached in June. The reserves held with the Federal Reserve Bank averaged higher in 1919 than in 1918, but the amount of cash in vault was smaller. Deposits show a natural increase in keeping with the larger amounts of loans and investments. This table includes a larger number of banks in the year 1919 than in 1918, but the figures of the banks added to the list do not obscure the trends to any considerable extent.

Toward the end of the period covered the banks reported their loans and investments in greater detail and these figures for December 26,1919 , are given herewith.


Christmas savings funds have been conducted by many of the banks of the district. In response to a questionnaire sent out by this Bank, returns were received from 75 to 80 per cent of the banking institutions, and their reports indicate Christmas savings fund deposits of $\$ 9,789,000$ in 1919 , as compared to $\$ 8,174,000$ in 1918. Increases in regular savings accounts were reported also.

## Fiduciary Powers

Some of the national banks of the district appreciate the advantages of exercising fiduciary powers. The applications of 48 banks, permitting them to exercise full fiduciary powers, were approved during the year. The total number of banks in the district exercising full powers is now 59, and in addition, 38 others had been granted partial powers under the act as originally passed. The following table shows their distribution by states:

|  | Full powers | Partial powers | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Delaware.... New Jersey. Pennsylvania | 2 10 47 | 2 5 31 | 4 15 78 |
| Totals. | 59 | 38 | 97 |

The following map shows the locations of these banks in the district and emphasizes their wide distribution. National banks possessing such powers are located in 72 cities and towns of the district.


## Power to Accept up to 100 Per Cent

No additions were made to the list of banks authorized to accept up to 100 per cent of capital and surplus during the past fiscal year. The following banks, all of which are located in Philadelphia, possess this power:

Bank of North America
First National Bank
Girard National Bank
Philadelphia National Bank

Corn Exchange National Bank Fourth Street National Bank Market Street National Bank
Tradesmens National Bank

## State Bank Members

The pressure of other business has precluded the possibility of conducting an active campaign for the membership of state banks and trust companies during the last fiscal year. However, no opportunity has been neglected to bring to the attention of eligible non-member banks the advantages of membership in the system. The number of institutions which were admitted during the year was 11 , the names and resources being as follows:

| Bank name | Location | Admitted | Total resources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Riverside Trust Company | Riverside, N. J. | Jan. 3, 1919 | \$2,039,889 |
| Peoples Savings \& Trust Co | Hazleton, Pa. | Jan. 13, 1919 | 2,933,058 |
| Milford Trust Company... | Milford, Del. | Mar, 271919 | 1,077,830 |
| Union Banking \& Trust C | DuBois, Pa. | Mar. 28, 1919 | 2,173,668 |
| Berks County Trust Co. | Reading. Pa. | May 1, 1919 | 3,917,503 |
| Equitable Trust Co.. | Atlantic City, N. J. | June 20, 1919 | 3,166,688 |
| Burlington City Loan \& Trust Co | Burlington, N. J. | June 25, 1919 | 1,748,441 |
| Bankers Trust Co..... | Atlantic City, N. J. | July 11. 1919 | 676,035 |
| Lewistown Trust C | Lewistown, Pa. | Sept. 27. 1919 | 752,153 |
| Grange Trust Co.. | Huntingdon, Pa. | Oct, 7, 1919 | 706,752 |
| Schuylkill Haven Trust Co. | Schuylkill Haven, Pa. | Oct. 17, 1919 | 1,307,027 |

This list brings the number of state institutions which have entered the Federal Reserve system in this district up to 40, but, due to the conversion of the Bank of Commerce and the Drovers \& Merchants Bank, both of Philadelphia, into national banks, the number now stands at 38 .

There are 270 eligible non-member state institutions in the district, having total resources of approximately $\$ 668,000,000$. The member state institutions represent 41 per cent of the total resources of all eligible member and non-member state banks and trust companies. The table given below furnishes pertinent data relative to member state institutions as of November 17, 1919:

## Member State Institutions



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## Department of Examination

Examinations have been made in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania in co-operation with the state banking departments, which have resulted in more efficient results being obtained to the consequent benefit of all interested.

Every effort has been made to keep in close touch with the condition of all member banks and reports of examinations are very carefully analyzed and valuable statistical records are compiled.

## Fiscal Agency Operations

As fiscal agent for the United States the activities of the Federal Reserve Bank were again brought conspicuously to the public attention. The year saw the sale of the last popular loan, and with it a dissolution of the great army of loan workers through whose energetic efforts the five Liberty loans were so successfully distributed.

With the war over and the necessity for great popular campaigns ended, the function of conducting the sales of Government securities is again in sole charge of officers of the Reserve Bank. At the beginning of the year, the activities of the Liberty Loan Committee, the War Savings Organization, and the Certificate of Indebtedness Division were consolidated within the district into the War Loan Organization. This organization had at its head a director with associate directors. In this way the fiscal operations were co-ordinated and made more effective. At the close of the Victory loan, this organization automatically dissolved and sales of certificates of indebtedness were handled directly by officers of this Bank.

## Final Payments on Fourth Liberty Loan

Final payments on the fourth Liberty loan were completed in January. According to the schedule of payments arranged by the Secretary of the Treasury two installments aggregating 50 per cent were due in that month. So many investors paid for their bonds in full during 1918, however, that at the end of that year payments approximated 88 per cent of the $\$ 598,763,650$ allotted to this district. The remaining 12 per cent was paid in January without disturbance to the money market.

## Victory Liberty Loan

The Victory Liberty loan was a complete success, though it was floated at a time when the country was relaxing from the strain of war. Subscriptions in this district amounted to $\$ 422,756,100$ on a quota given the district by the Secretary of the Treasury of $\$ 375$,000,000 . The allotment to the district was $\$ 376,290,100$.

The banking institutions co-operated with the Federal Reserve Bank in every way, not only to insure the success of the loan, but also to secure the widest possible distribution of the notes. At the outset of the campaign the financial institutions of Philadelphia as a unit agreed to lend Victory loan subscribers 95 per cent of the face value of their subscriptions for 90 days at $43 / 4$ per cent, being the coupon rate, with the privilege of renewing the loan for a similar period of 90 days at $43 / 4$ per cent interest. This offer of the banks was widely accepted. Details of the Victory Liberty loan follow:

|  | Population | Total banking resources | Apportionment | Subscription |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Delaware. . <br> New Jersey. <br> Pennsylvania <br> Philadelphia. |  | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 90,769,857 \\ 210,214,658 \\ 1,023,308,193 \\ 1,074,488,676 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 12,889,200 \\ 29,850,400 \\ 145,309,800 \\ 186,209,450 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 13,807,650 \\ 33,368,850 \\ 167,097,400 \\ 208,482,200 \end{array}$ |
| Tot | 6,497,959 | \$2,398,781,384 | \$374,258,850 | \$422,756,100 |
|  | Allotment | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { subscribers } \end{gathered}$ | Per cent of population subscribing | Per capita subscription |
| Delaware. . New Jersey Pennsylvania Philadelphia | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 12,784,450 \\ 30.479,200 \\ 158,435,100 \\ 174,591,350 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25,979 \\ 93,096 \\ 512,683 \\ 350,903 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10.91 \% \\ & 13.96 \\ & 13.52 \\ & 19.49 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 58.00 \\ 50.00 \\ 44.00 \\ 116.00 \end{array}$ |
| Totals. | \$376,290,100 | 982,661 | 15.12 | \$65.00 |

## Summary of Liberty Loans

The results achieved in the Third Federal Reserve District in the five great war loans deserve recognition. The quotas assigned to this district on the five loans aggregated $\$ 1,515,000,000$, against which total subscriptions were received of $\$ 1,996,142,750$, or 132 per cent of the aggregate quota. Allotments to this district were $\$ 1,782,348,950$.

The relation of subscriptions to quotas in each of the loans is given herewith.

|  | Quota | Subscription | Percentage of subscription to quota |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First loan. | \$140,000,000 | \$232,309,250 | 165.9\% |
| Second loan | 250,000,000 | 380,350,250 | $152.1{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| Third loan. | 250,000,000 | 361,963,500 | 144.7 |
| Fourth loan. | 500,000,000 | 598,763,650 | 119.7 |
| Victory loan | 375,000,000 | 422,756,100 | 112.7 |
| Totals. | \$1,515,000,000 | \$1,996,142,750 | 131.7 |

Records of the five loans, tabulated by states, are shown in the following tables:

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## Record of the War Loans

Delaware

|  | Apportionment | Subscriptions | Allotment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First loan.. | \$ 6,136,000 | \$11.917.850 | \$ 6,136,100 |
| Second loan. | $\begin{aligned} & 7,500,000 \\ & 8,474.500 \end{aligned}$ | $8.314,200$ $25,391,400$ | $7,705.700$ 25.391 .400 |
| Fourth loan. | 16,013,260 | $2{ }^{2}, 621300$ | 25.391.400 |
| Victory loan. | 12,889,200 | 13,807,650 | 12,784,450 |
| Totals. | \$51,012,960 | \$82,052,400 | \$74,638,950 |

New Jersey

|  | Apportionment | Subscriptions | Allotment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First loan. | \$8.817.400 | \$11,702,700 | \$ 8,812,100 |
| Second loan. | 16,527,950 | 18,188,150 | 16.950.400 |
| Third loan... | 19,379,400 | 42,990,850 | 24,990,850 |
| Fourth loan. | 38,439,960 | 24,363,450 | 42,363,450 |
| Victory loan. | 29,850,400 | 33,368,850 | 30,479,200 |
| Totals. | \$113,015,110 | \$130,614,000 | \$123,596,000 |

Pennsylvania

|  | Apportionment | Subscriptions | Allotment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First loan. | \$ 53,339,150 | \$ 63,515,750 | \$ 53,389,750 |
| Second loan. | 108,067.200 | 118,946,900 | 107,200,650 |
| Third loan.. | 101.587,640 | 142,230,650 | 142,230,650 |
| Fictory loan. | $200,406,341$ $145,309,800$ | $1622,47297,400$ | 222,472,650 $158,435,100$ |
| Totals | \$608,710,131 | \$714,263,350 | \$683,728,800 |

Philadelphia

|  | Apportionment | Subscriptions | Allotment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First loan. | \$ 94,964,750 | \$145.172,950 | \$ 96,809,650 |
| Second loan | 139,499,950 | 234,901,000 | 148.327,350 |
| Third loan. | 136,499,950 | 169,350,600 | 169.350.600 |
| Fourth loan. | 259,198,000 | 311,306,250 | 311,306,250 |
| Victory loan | 186,209,450 | 208,482,200 | 174,591,350 |
| Totals | \$816,372,100 | \$1,069,213,000 | \$900,385,200 |

All Loans

|  | Apportionment | Subscriptions | Allotment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Delaware. . <br> New Jersey. <br> Pennsylvania <br> Philadelphia | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 51,012,960 \\ 113,015,110 \\ 608,710,131 \\ 816,372,100 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 82.052,400 \\ 130,614,000 \\ 714,263,350 \\ 1,069,213,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 74,638.950 \\ \mathbf{1 2 3 , 5 9 6 , 0 0 0} \\ 683,728,800 \\ 900,388,200 \end{array}$ |
| Totals | \$1,589,110,301 | \$1,996,142,750 | \$1,782,348,950 |

Number of Subscribers

|  | First loan | Second loan | Third loan | Fourth loan | Victory loan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Delaware. <br> New Jersey.. <br> Pennsylvania <br> Philadelphia. | No record <br> No record <br> No record <br> No record | $\begin{array}{r} 16,570 \\ 52.849 \\ 309,002 \\ 245,126 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 42,940 \\ 153,341 \\ 815,035 \\ 653,182 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 58,560 \\ 206.545 \\ 1,003,181 \\ 502,864 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25,979 \\ 93.096 \\ 512.683 \\ 350,903 \end{array}$ |
| Totals. | 476,000 | 623,547 | 1,664,498 | 1,771,151 | 982,661 |

## Certificates of Indebtedness

Sales of Treasury certificates of indebtedness continued at intervals throughout the year. Every issue was oversubscribed where a quota was assigned. Sales of all issues during the year aggregated \$681,511,500.

The first issue of certificates in anticipation of the Victory loan was dated December 5, 1918, and series of certificates were issued at fortnightly intervals until near the end of the campaign. After the Victory loan, due to the stronger financial position of the Treasury, flotations were made at less frequent intervals. No loan certificates were issued between May 1 and August 1, and no certificates of any kind were issued between September 15 and December 1.

An analysis of the subscriptions to the ten issues of certificates in anticipation of the Victory loan follows:

|  | Number sub. scribing | Percentage of total in district | Amount subscribed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| National banks. . <br> Trust companies. State banks.... | $\begin{gathered} 598 \\ 200 \\ 133 \\ 24 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 92.71 \\ 86.58 \\ 78.70 \\ 100.00 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 272,140,000 \\ 115,377,500 \\ 20,016,000 \\ 12,155,000 \end{array}$ |
| Total banks. Individuals. | $\begin{array}{r} 955 \\ 38 \end{array}$ | 89.34 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 419,688,500 \\ 646,000 \end{array}$ |

Total sales of tax certificates with maturities extending into 1920 were $\$ 133,223,500$. The amount of each maturity sold was as follows : March 15-\$28,414,500; June 15-\$50,222,500; September 15 - $\$ 54,586,500$.

Treasury Certificates Issued During 1919
Tax Certificates Issued

|  | Date of Issue | Maturity | Rate | Subscription |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| T-2 | Jan. 16, 1919 | June 17. 1919 | 41/2\% | \$19,744,000 |
| T-3 | Mar. 15, 1919 | June 16. 1919 | $41 / 2$ | 18,874.000 |
| T-4 | June ${ }^{\text {3, }}$, 1919 June 3 | Sept. 15, 1919 | $41 / 2$ | 18.686,500 |
| T-5 | June 3, 1919 | Dec. 15, 1919 | $41 / 2$ | 8.031 .000 |
| T-7 | July 1, 1919 | Sept. 15, 1919 | $41 / 2$ | 14,730,000 |
| T-8 | July, 15, 1919 | Sept. Mar. 15, 1920 | 41/2 | 21,129.000 12.369500 |
| T-9 | Sept. 15, 1919 | Mar. 15, 1920 | 41/2 | $12,369,500$ $5,563,000$ |
| T-10. | Sept. 15, 1919 | Sept. 15, 1920 | $41 / 2$ | 54,588,509 |
| TM- | Dec. 1, 1919 | Mar. 15, 1920 | 41/4 | 10,482,000 |
| TJ. | Dec. 15, 1919 | June 15, 1920 | $41 / 2$ | 50,222,500 |

Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness Issued in 1919 in anticipation of Victory Liberty Loan

|  | Date of Issue | Maturity | Rate | Quota | Subscription |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5-C. | Jan. 2, 1919 | June 3, 1919 | 41/2\% | \$53,000,000 | \$53,300,000 |
| 5-D. | Jan. 16, 1919 | June 17, 1919 |  | 42,400,000 | 43,533,500 |
| 5-E. | Jan. 30, 1919 | July 1, 1919 | $41 / 2$ | $42,400,000$ | 46,173,000 |
| $5-\mathrm{F}$ | Feb. 13, 1919 | July 15, 1919 | $41 / 2$ | 42,400,000 | 43,323,500 |
| 5-G | Feb. 27, 1919 | July 29, 1919 | $41 / 2$ | 35,300,000 | 38,247,000 |
| 5-H. | Mar. 13, 1919 | Aug. 12, 1919 | $41 / 2$ | 35,300,000 | 36,758,000 |
| 5-J | Apr. 10, 1919 | Sept. 9, 1919 | $41 / 2$ | 35,300,000 | 39,160,500 |
| 5-K | May 1. 1919 | Oct. 7, 1919 | $41 / 2$ | 35,300,000 | 35,301,500 |

Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness Issued in 1919 Subsequent to Victory Liberty Loan

|  | Date of Issue | Maturity | Rate | Quota | Subscription |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A-1920. | Aug. 1, 1919 | Jan. 2, 1920 | 41/2\% | \$35,300,000 | \$36,264,500 |
| B-1920. | Aug. 15, 1919 | Jan. 15, 1920 |  | 35,300,000 | 36,276,000 |
| C-1920. | Sept. 2, 1919 | Feb. 2, 1920 | $41 / 2$ |  | 27,155,000 |
| D-1920. | Dec. 1, 1919 | Feb. 16, 1920 | 41/4 |  | 11,601,000 |

## Government Deposits

At the close of 1919 the total number of banks designated as United States depositaries was 666, as compared to 647 at the end of 1918. Of the $\$ 1,080,000,000$ in securities handled during the year in connection with the securing of Government deposits, municipal bonds formed 10 per cent of the total; foreign government bonds, 10 per cent; railroad and utility bonds, 20 per cent; commercial paper, 30 per cent; and war-time obligations of the United States, 30 per cent.

The Government deposits averaged about $\$ 66,000,000$ during the year, with an average amount of collateral held to secure the same of $\$ 118,000,000$. Custodians of collateral numbered 115 at the end of the year.

## War Savings Division

Sales of stamps and Treasury savings certificates fell off markedly after the armistice was signed and the stimulus of war was removed. There was a smaller percentage of redemption, however. In 1918, a
year of intensified selling, the sum of $\$ 73,000,000$ worth of stamps was sold in this district and approximately 10 per cent of this total was redeemed at post offices during the year. In 1919, when sales were only $\$ 8,000,000$, it is estimated that less than 2 per cent of the total sales were redeemed.

Stamps have been sold to $1,000,000$ persons, and it is estimated that there are now $2,000,000$ stamp-owners in this district. The average cost during 1919 was approximately 1.5 cents per dollar raised.

Following the Victory loan and the dissolution of the War Loan Organization the direction of the savings movement was taken over by the Federal Reserve Bank and the work is now conducted as a departmental operation of the Bank.

Sales of war savings and thrift stamps by this Bank during 1919 totaled $\$ 988,561$, and of Treasury savings certificates $\$ 438,100$.


[^0]:    *Small amount of municipal warrants included

[^1]:    * Includes all United States securities held

