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B USINESS conditions in the Third Federal Reserve District during the year 1921 having been fully set forth in the reviews issued monthly by this Bank, only a brief reference to

them is necessary here.

The year began with practically all business, except some retail lines, much depressed. Manufacturers and distributors were carrying large stocks of raw materials and merchandise obtained at high cost, and credit was greatly extended as a result of these conditions. A feeling that intensive liquidation was necessary pervaded the business community, and it seemed for a while as if most business efforts were directed to that end; there was scarcely any planning for future business and few commitments of any kind were made.

Save for a buying movement in the textile, leather and shoe industries beginning late in January and extending through February, there was no relief from the depression until it reached its lowest point in July. For the three or four months following, an increased demand was noted for practically all of the textiles, leather, boots and shoes, and some of the products of iron and steel. This demand, however, was comparatively shortlived, and the last months of the year witnessed a recurrence of the lull. This lull was partly seasonal in its nature. There was every evidence that fundamentally conditions in business were much better at the close of the year than they were at the beginning.

The decrease of loans and imports of gold so strengthened the position of the Reserve banks, that they no longer found it necessary to maintain high discount rates in order to safeguard their reserves, so that on July 21, coincidently with the Federal Reserve Banks of Boston and New York, this Bank lowered its rate on commercial paper from 6 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Further improvement in its position resulted in additional reductions in discount rates in this district on October 5 to 5 per cent and on November 3

to $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Following the reduction of discount rates and the general easing of monetary conditions, the prices of Government bonds and notes advanced rapidly, the demand for Government certificates of indebtedness increased, higher prices for good securities prevailed, and the market rates for commercial paper and bankers' acceptances declined. The improvement in financial conditions was undoubtedly a contributing factor of the first importance in preparing the way for the up-turn in business in August, which continued month by month up to November.

Operations and Services

The operations of the various departments connected with the rediscounting and clearing functions of this Bank declined very materially during 1921, as a direct result of the smaller volume of business operations, and of lessened credit demands. While these services to banks, therefore, were not called upon so heavily as in 1920, others were more fully availed of by the member banks. Among the latter were collections, transfers of funds by leased wire, and the safekeeping of securities. The Bank Examination Department expanded its activities, and the dissemination of accurate information on business conditions through the medium of the monthly report has been of assistance to bankers and business men in this and other districts. The great expansion in the circulation of the business review during 1921, from 3,300 to 9,800, was due almost entirely to requests from the persons who are receiving it.

The table given below summarizes the activities of the principal departments of the Bank:

	1921	1920	1919
Discounts for member banks	\$3,872,367,000	\$5,820,258,000	\$10,736,435,000
Number of banks accommodated.	509	484	494
Bills purchased	\$99,176,000	\$76,380,000	\$14,048,000
Currency:			
Shipments	646,540,000	643,266,000	389,269,000
Receipts	691,239,000	570,093,000	444,475,000
Gold settlement fund operations		200,200,000	
—net gain	11,424,000	18,674,000	*5,734,000
Collection items handled	364,897,000	233,309,000	
United States coupons paid	69,587,000	62,519,000	47,064,000
Transfers of funds by wire	847,697,000	625,339,000	
Bond conversions and exchanges	628,379,000	680,534,000	
War savings securities sold	1,553,000	2,594,000	5,037,000
Transit—checks handled	13,035,022,000	16,327,200,000	13,843,744,000
As of December 31:			
Securities in safekeeping for mem-			
ber banks	\$63,263,000	\$27,743,000	\$20,962,000
State bank and trust company			
members	51	46	38
Examinations by Bank Examina-			
tion Department	57	42	
Circulation of report on business	0.000	9 900	2,000
conditions	9,800	3,300	2,000

^{*}Net loss.

The issue of currency, the redemption of notes unfit for circulation, and shipping charges have been a source of heavy expense to the Bank, but an invaluable service to the member banks and the public. During 1921 the original cost of the Federal Reserve currency of this bank (including shipping charges) was \$320,922.89, and redemption costs were \$113,210.76. To these must be added the taxes paid on Federal Reserve Bank note circulation—\$58,312.82, and the cost of currency and coin shipments to and from banks, amounting to \$107,113.61. In all, these charges totalled \$599,560.08, or almost 22 per cent of the total current expenses of the Bank.

Statement of Condition

The statement of condition of this Bank reveals the nature of the changes wrought by the decline in the use of credit during 1921. Comparing the December 31, 1921, statement with that of the year before, we find that bills discounted decreased \$83,831,000, and total earning assets \$100,018,000. Maturing loans were paid off in this district, not so much by the payment of gold and other cash, which increased \$14,263,000, or by debits to member banks' reserve accounts, which decreased \$6,308,000, as by the return of Federal Reserve notes, of which \$77,597,000 were retired from circulation during the year. The reserve ratio responded to the lessened calls upon the loaning power of this Reserve bank, and the gain in reserves, by increasing from 54.7 to 71.2 per cent.

Statements for the past four years follow:

Statement Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

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

RESOURCES	Dec. 31,1921	Dec. 31,1920	Dec. 31, 1919
Gold and gold certificates	\$1,950	\$6,087	\$1,194
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board	61,776	50,353	31,679
Gold with foreign agencies		264	10,506
Total gold held by bank	\$63,726	\$56,704	\$43,379
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	144,402	138,791	88,948
Gold redemption fund	4,366	8,902	8,448
Total gold reserves	\$212,494	\$204,397	\$140,775
Legal tender notes, silver, etc	7,159	993	589
Total reserves	\$219,653	\$205,390	\$141,364
Secured by U. S. Government obligations.	66,615	115,647	174,450
All other	21,937	56,736	35,405
Bills bought in open market	15,895	12,689	5,177
Total bills on hand	\$104,447	\$185,072	\$215,032
U. S. bonds and notes	2,173	1,434	1,385
U. S. certificates of indebtedness: One year certificates (Pittman Act)	10,000	30,280	30,280
All other	189	181	407
Municipal warrants	140		
Total earning assets	\$116,949	\$216,967	\$247,104
Bank premises	600	500	500
5 per cent redemption fund against Federal Reserve Bank notes	700	1,300	1,475
Uncollected items	46,296	67,749	92,971
All other resources	218	358	692
Total resources	\$384,416	\$492,264	\$484,106
LIABILITIES			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Capital paid in	\$8,736	\$8,485	\$7,884
Surplus	17,945	17,010	8,805
Government	1,786	1,222	5,189
Member bank—reserve account	104,706	111,014	110,541
All other	1,210	1,447	9,358
Total deposits	\$107,702	\$113,683	\$125,088
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation. Federal Reserve Bank notes in circulation—	200,724	278,321	237,051
net liability	5,886	22,601	28,792
Deferred availability items	43,049	51,324	75,633
All other liabilities	374	840	853
Total liabilities	\$384,416	\$492,264	\$484,106
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined	71.2	*54.7	*41.0

^{*}Calculated on basis of net deposits and Federal Reserve notes in circulation.

Earnings and Expenses

Although the rate of earnings on loans and discounts was about the same as in 1920, the smaller amount of earning assets was reflected in a diminution in the earnings of the Bank. In the table below interesting items bearing upon earning power are presented for the past five years:

Year	Average earning assets	Average rate of earnings on bills, etc.	Net earnings available for dividends, etc.	Annual rate of earnings on capital
1921	\$160,991,000	4.94%	\$5,339,000	60%
1920	223,888,000	5.01 "	9,065,000	117 "
1919	218,039,000	3.94"	6,659,000	89 "
1918	101,067,000	4.19 "	3,192,000	46 "
1917	29,737,000	3.32 "	754,000	12 "

The paid-in capital of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank is less than 3 per cent of its total resources, and the average earning assets for the year were more than 18 times this capital, so that a very moderate rate of interest charged for the rediscounting of paper would result in large earnings on the capital. Such earnings when proportioned to the total resources of the Bank would be relatively small.

It should not be forgotten, as has often been said before, that the Federal Reserve banks have been able to greatly increase their loans through the note issuing powers, a privilege conferred upon them by the Federal Government.

The gross earnings for 1921—\$8,008,000—were derived from the following sources: bills discounted, 85.5 per cent; purchased paper, 6.4 per cent; United States securities, 7.5 per cent; and miscellaneous sources, .6 per cent. After the payment of dividends and the addition of \$935,239 to the surplus, the remainder—\$3,886,552, was turned over to the Government in payment of the franchise tax. In 1920, owing to the fact that the surplus of 100 per cent of subscribed capital permitted by law had just been built up, only \$363,662 was paid to the Government as a franchise tax.

Comparative profit and loss statements follow:1

¹For statement of earnings and expenses by months see appendix, exhibit 2.

*	1921	1920	1919
Earnings	\$8,008,095 2,766,443	\$11,848,551 2,176,274	\$8,609,880 1,775,185
Current net earnings	\$5,241,652	\$9,672,277	\$6,834,695
Additions to current net earnings: Amounts deducted from reserve for depreciation and U. S. Bonds Assessment account expenses Federal Reserve Board preciation and the second preciation of	\$127,192		
Reserve Board previously charged to profit and loss	8,188	\$31,828 104,366	\$3,697
Total additions	\$135,380	\$146,194	\$3,697
Deductions from current net earnings: Depreciation allowances on bank premises Reserve for depreciation on U. S. bonds Assessment account expenses Federal	\$30,000	\$646,620 105,396	\$29,112
Reserve Board	7,578	1,339	41,828 108,283
Total deductions	\$37,578	\$753,355	\$179,223
Net deductions from current earnings	*\$97,802	\$607,161	\$175,526
Net earnings available for dividends, surplus and franchise tax	\$5,339,454	\$9,065,116	\$6,659,169
Dividends paid Transferred to surplus account Franchise tax paid U. S. Government	\$517,663 935,239 3,886,552	\$496,679 8,204,775 363,662	\$462,380 6,196,789

^{*}Net addition.

Changes in Discount Rates

The discount rates of this Bank on all paper, except that secured by United States certificates of indebtedness, were continued unchanged up to July 21, 1921. During that period the rate on paper secured by United States bonds was $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, and on commercial, agricultural and livestock paper, 6 per cent. The rate on paper secured by certificates of indebtedness ruled at the rate borne by the certificates, but with a minimum of 5 per cent up to February 2. On February 3 the minimum was raised to $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, and on June 16 a flat rate of 6 per cent was established.

In July conditions were thought by the Board of Directors to be propitious for the lowering of rates, and they were reduced on July 21 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent for paper of all classes and maturities. This reduction was followed by two others, to 5 per cent on October 5, and again to $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on November 3. The rate in effect at the close of the year was $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

¹Table of discount rate changes in appendix, exhibit 1.

Reserve Position

The decrease during 1921 of approximately 100 millions of dollars in the holdings of bills discounted and other earning assets was accomplished for the most part through the retirement from circulation of almost 78 millions in Federal Reserve notes. of over 6 millions in the reserve deposits of member banks, and an increase of more than 14 millions in reserve cash were the other manifestations of the decline in earning assets. The reserve ratio, therefore, responded to these salutary changes by increasing from 54.7 per cent at the end of 1920 to 71.2 per cent on December 31. 1921.

The first six months of the year were marked by declining gold holdings, but the decreases in liabilities—Federal Reserve note circulation and total deposits—were so large that the unfavorable trend of the reserve cash was more than offset, with the result that the reserve ratio increased from 54.7 to 57.5 per cent within this period. During the last six months, liabilities continued to decline and reserve increased, so that a still larger increase in the reserve ratio, from 57.5 per cent to 71.2 per cent, occurred.

A summary, by quarters, of the reserve ratio and contributing factors, is given below:1

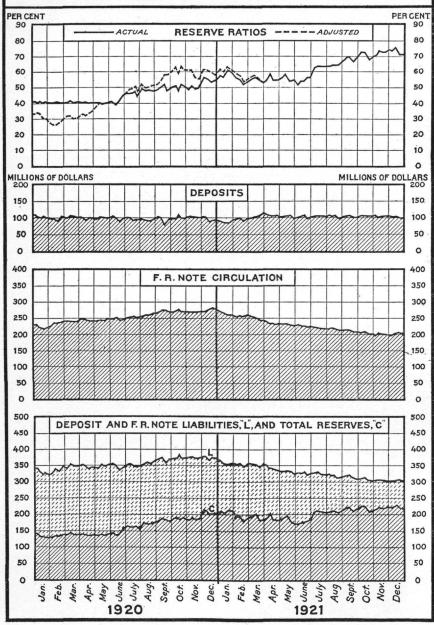
	Dec. 31, 1921	Sept. 30, 1921	June 30, 1921	Mar. 31, 1921	Dec. 31, 1920
Reserve ratio	71.2%	70.2%	57.5%	52.9%	54.7%
Total reserves	\$219,653	\$218,157	\$193,505	\$183,315	\$205,390
Total earning assets	116,949	124,738	174,401	200,916	216,967
Federal Reserve notes in					
circulation	200,724	209,063	226,454	239,749	278,321
Total deposits	107,702	101,582	109,927	106,626	113,683

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

The chart on the next page shows the trend of cash reserves, note circulation, and deposits with greater minuteness over the past two years. In this chart, however, the line for deposits should not be accepted too literally. Up to and including March 11, 1921, this line represents net deposits, and after that time, total deposits. In the summary given above, total deposits are given for December 31, 1920, in order that it may be comparable with the figures for the succeeding quarters.

¹For weekly figures, see appendix, schedule 11.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA DEPOSITS, F. R. NOTE CIRCULATION, CASH RESERVES AND RESERVE RATIOS, 1920-1921



Adjusted percentages are calculated after reducing or increasing reserves held by the amount of accommodation received from or extended to other Federal Reserve banks.

The deposit curve is based on "net deposits" up to March 11, 1921, and on "total deposits" thereafter.

LOAN AND DISCOUNT OPERATIONS

HE total of all discounts and open market purchases by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia during 1921 was \$4,174,403,000, a decrease of 35 per cent from 1920, and of 61 per cent from 1919. A comparative summary is given below:

	1921	1920	1919
Bills discounted	\$3,877,366,959* 99,175,592* 197,720,850 140,000	\$5,964,836,594* 76,380,100* 357,432,400 0	\$10,736,435,270 14,048,447 52,921,500 0
Totals	\$4,174,403,401*	\$6,398,649,094*	\$10,803,405,217

^{*}Bills discounted for, and acceptances bought from, other Federal Reserve banks included.

The average daily earning assets are of greater interest than the figures on operations, as they show the effect of the loan and discount operations upon the investment holdings of the Bank.² In the table which follows, little change is indicated in the holdings of purchased paper, but the holdings of bills discounted decreased about 33 per cent from the 1920 figure. For the first time since early in 1918, municipal warrants appear in this tabulation:

1921	1920	1919
\$124,878,388 9,159,376 26,945,703 7,123	\$190,122,307 9,809,869 33,955,559 0	\$193,194,965 1,581,247 23,262,740 0
\$160,990,590	\$233,887,735	\$218,038,952
	\$124,878,388 9,159,376 26,945,703 7,123	\$124,878,388 9,159,376 26,945,703 7,123 \$190,122,307 9,809,869 33,955,559 0

Rediscounted Paper

Bills to the amount of \$3,872,367,000 were discounted for member banks in 1921, as compared with nearly 6 billions in 1920, and almost 11 billions in 1919. The number of banks which were accommodated in the course of the year was 509 compared to 484 in 1920.

¹Loans and discount operations in appendix, schedule 3.

For holdings at end of each week, see appendix, schedule 11.

In addition to the discounts for member banks \$5,000,000 of bills was discounted for other Federal Reserve banks in January. It was at no time necessary for this Bank to rediscount with any other Reserve bank during the year. This condition furnishes an interesting contrast with 1920, during which year this Bank was rediscounting with other Reserve banks during the first four months of the year, and during the last four months it, in turn, was loaning to others.

A statement of the holdings of discounted paper more clearly indicates the extent of the assistance rendered to member banks than the data on operations. There is given below a table showing the amount of discounted bills held by this Bank on December 31, 1920, and at the end of each of the succeeding quarterly periods:

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

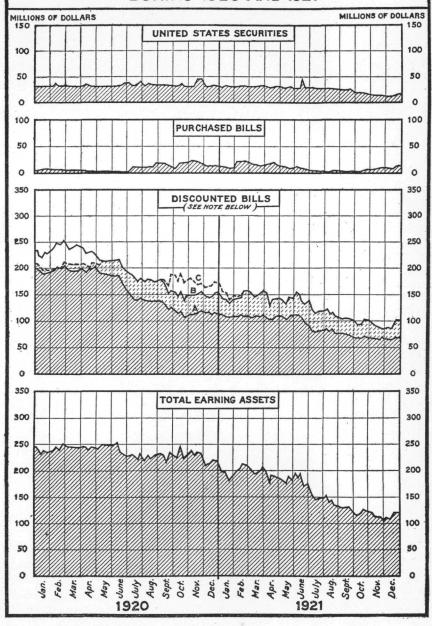
Classes of paper	Dec. 31, 1921	Sept. 30, 1921	June 30, 1921	Mar. 31, 1921	Dec. 30, 1920
Customers' paper secured by Government obligations	\$10,459	\$ 14,993	\$24,933	\$35,660	\$ 39,597
Secured by Government obligations Otherwise secured Commercial paper	$56,155 \\ 0 \\ 21,103$	55,096 0 30,911	69,603 0 45,166	$72,871 \\ 0 \\ 47,208$	76,080 50 57,069
Agricultural paper Live-stock paper	719	372	641	400	388
Trade acceptances Bankers' acceptances	116 0	224	252 0	213	229 150
Totals	\$88,552	\$101,601	\$ 140,595	\$ 156,357	\$173,568

A reduction in the total amount of paper held occurred in each quarter of 1921 but the greatest decrease took place in the third quarter during which period a decline was recorded amounting to 46 per cent of the total decline of \$87,011,000 for the year. Smaller holdings of bills secured by Government obligations account for the major part of the total decrease.

Purchased Paper

With the decline in borrowings by member banks, this Bank has increased its purchases of bankers' acceptances in the open market. Its total purchases of this paper in 1921 were \$99,176,000, of which all but \$6,823,000 was bought from dealers operating in the Third

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA MOVEMENT OF EARNING ASSETS **DURING 1920 AND 1921**



A - Paper secured by U.S. Government obligations discounted for banks in district.

B - Total paper discounted for banks in district. C - Total discounted paper held.

Space between lines B and C represents - where above line B - paper discounted for, and - where below line B - paper rediscounted with, other Federal Reserve Banks.

Federal Reserve District. The latter amount was acquired through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. In 1920 total purchases were \$76,380,000, of which 46 per cent was purchased through the New York Federal Reserve Bank. This larger patronage with dealers in acceptances operating in this district is in line with the policy of the Bank of fostering the development of a local acceptance market.

The bills bought during the past year divide themselves, according to the transactions involved, as follows: Foreign bills, 66.3 per cent; domestic bills, 20.8 per cent; bills creating dollar exchange, 12.9 per cent. An interesting comparison of holdings, average maturities, and rates over the past four years is given in the table below:

75-1-1	Holdings at	Purchases in open market during year			Purchases from other
	end of year	Average maturity	Average Rate	Amount	Federal Re- serve banks
1921 1920	\$15,895,000 12,689,000	44.81 days 59.09 "	5.34% 5.89"	\$92,353,000 41,232,000	\$6,823,000 35,148,000
1920 1919 1918	5,177,000 3,011,000	57.00 "	4.38 " 4.12 "	14,048,000 77,686,000	33,148,000 0 42,322,000

United States Securities

Holdings of United States securities at the end of 1921 show a large decrease in the 2 per cent certificates of indebtedness which are deposited with the Treasurer of the United States to secure the circulation of Federal Reserve Bank notes. Other changes are of minor importance. There follows a tabular presentation of holdings at the end of the past three years:

	1921	1920	1919
United States bonds: 2% Panamas of 1936–38. 3% conversion bonds of 1946–47. 3½% Liberty loan. 4% Liberty loan. 4½% Liberty loan.	\$100 549,200 48,100 0 836,400	\$100 549,200 48,100 0 836,400	\$100 549,200 11,850 797,150 26,600
Total United States bonds	\$1,433,800	\$1,433,800	\$1,384,900
Victory notes	739,000	0	0
serve Bank notes	10,000,000 189,000	30,280,000 181,500	30,280,000 407,000
Total United States securities	\$12,361,800	\$31,895,300	\$32,071,900

CURRENCY

Federal Reserve Notes

With the exception of a few weeks around the holiday period at the end of the year, the circulation of Federal Reserve notes of this Bank decreased throughout the whole of 1921. The amount in circulation on January 1 was \$278,322,000, and on December 31, \$200,724,000. The lowest point was \$197,251,000, reached on December 6, and from that point the circulation increased to \$211,040,000 on December 23, to take care of Christmas trade needs, and this in turn was followed by a decline to the end of the year.

While it is true that notes were issued to the Bank by the Federal Reserve Agent in larger quantities than in 1920, redemptions in 1921 were proportionately so much larger, that the volume of notes outstanding decreased greatly, as the following calculation shows:

	1921	1920
Notes outstanding January 1	\$291,298,605 183,410,000	\$247,895,665 177,420,000
	\$474,708,605	\$425,315,665
Notes returned for redemption and fit notes returned	251,838,490	134,017,060
Notes outstanding December 31	\$222,870,115	\$291,298,605

In connection with the decrease throughout the district in the amount of disbursements for payrolls, etc., it is interesting to note that, in the amount of their issue, notes of the \$10 and \$20 denominations reversed their positions. In 1920, 25 per cent of the notes issued were of the \$10 denomination, and 37.4 per cent were of the \$20 denomination. In 1921, 31.6 per cent were \$10 notes, and 26.8 per cent, \$20 notes.²

The statement of the Federal Reserve Agent's account, with comparisons for the two preceding years, follows:

¹Issues and redemptions by months given in appendix, table 4.

^aComparison of amount of each denomination issued yearly given in appendix, table 5.

Resources	Dec. 31, 1921	Dec. 31, 1920	Dec. 31, 1919
Federal Reserve notes on hand	\$50,400,000	\$25,580,000	\$21,340,000
Federal Reserve notes outstanding Collateral security held:	222,870,115	291,298,605	247,895,665
Gold in gold redemption fund	14,013,355	17,401,845	14,558,905
Gold with Federal Reserve Board	130,389,260	121,389,260	74,389,260
Eligible paper	101,435,017	162,024,571	165,192,017
Total resources	\$519,107,747	\$617,694,281	\$523,375,847
Liabilities			
Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller (gross)	\$881,360,000	\$680,580,000	\$510,780,000
struction	608,089,885	363,701,395	241,544,335
Received from Comptroller (net) Collateral pledged by Bank against outstanding notes:	\$273,270,115	\$316,878,605	\$269,235,665
Gold and gold certificates	144,402,615	138,791,105	88,948,165
Eligible paper	101,435,017	162,024,571	165,192,017
Total liabilities	\$519,107,747	\$617,694,281	\$523,375,847

Federal Reserve Bank Notes

Under the authority of the Pitman Act, the United States Treasury has been buying silver since February to take the place of the silver dollars which were melted down and sold to foreign governments as bullion during the war. Circulating notes known as silver certificates, secured by these silver dollars, were acquired by the Government by purchase from the Federal Reserve banks, payment being made for them in 2 per cent certificates of indebtedness. The Federal Reserve banks were authorized to use such certificates as security for the issue of Federal Reserve bank notes.

Following the purchase of silver by the Treasury, the coinage of silver dollars and the issue of silver certificates has been resumed. The 2 per cent certificates of indebtedness are being paid, and equal amounts of Federal Reserve bank notes retired. Federal Reserve bank notes in circulation decreased from \$22,601,000 to \$5,886,000 during 1921, and holdings of Pitman Act certificates of indebtedness declined from \$30,280,000 to \$10,000,000 in the same period.

Currency Department

The assumption of the functions of the Sub-Treasury in February necessitated the addition of 12 persons to handle coin and 5 to

supplement the existing force of money counters. Figures of currency counted during 1920 and 1921 follow:

	Number of pieces	Amount
1921		\$766,821,557 683,291,320

The increase in the number of pieces handled comes directly as a result of Sub-Treasury activities, as 48,692,292 bills of the \$1 and \$2 denominations were counted in 1921, as compared with 19,394,081 in 1920. These bills were largely United States notes. The average daily number of all pieces handled in 1921 was 380,886, and in 1920, 259,686.

Total shipments of currency were little larger than in 1920, but receipts increased very perceptibly, as the tabulation shows:

	Receipts	Shipments
1921	\$691,239,266	\$646,539,531
1920	570,093,449	643,266,382
1919	444,475,010	389,269,059

The amount of coin received from March 1 to December 31 was \$18,319,000, and the amount paid out, \$18,532,000. In the seven months from June 1 to the end of the year, 103,078,479 pieces of coin, amounting to \$13,106,464 were counted.

CLEARINGS AND COLLECTIONS Transit Department Operations

The volume of checks passing through the Transit Department reflects directly the volume of business transactions in this district. It is not surprising, therefore, to note that in 1921 there was a falling off in the dollar amount. There was, however, a marked increase in the number of items making up this total. The average amount of each check handled during 1921 was

¹Monthly shipments and receipts given in appendix, schedule 6.

\$250, and in 1920, \$344. If this decline in the average amount for which each check was drawn had been confined to the past year, it might be assumed that it was entirely a result of smaller average purchases. But it has continued over the past four years for which we have records, and this suggests the conclusion that checks are coming more and more into common usage as a means of payment even in the smallest transactions. Part of the decrease is ascribable to the increasing tendency on the part of member banks of making transfers to other banks by wire instead of transfer drafts, but this tendency by no means accounts for the entire downward trend in the size of the average check.

The average daily number of checks handled during the year was 174,100, as compared with 156,617 in 1920, and the largest number handled in any one day was 253,768 on November 10. The summary below gives the total number and amount of checks handled during the years from 1918 to 1921:

Amount of Checks Handled

	On Philadelphia banks	On banks elsewhere in district	On banks in other Reserve districts	Totals
1921	8,907,672,377	\$2,745,789,135 3,123,073,591 2,129,201,167 1,263,933,879	\$1,805,964,565 2,737,939,769 2,806,870,819 3,373,447,958	\$13,035,021,701 16,327,199,973 13,843,744,363 11,292,410,112

Number of Checks Handled

	On Philadelphia banks	On banks else- where in district	On banks in other Reserve districts	Totals
1921	19,441,824	24,435,943	8,352,255	52,230,022
	16,593,192	21,679,301	9,025,978	47,298,471
1919	12,051,043	15,379,260	7,456,465	34,886,768
1918	4,256,167	8,569,393	4,308,201	17,133,761

Gold Settlement Fund Operations

Total receipts through the gold settlement fund during 1921 were \$6,948,659,183.78, and disbursements, \$6,937,235,623.73, showing

¹Monthly figures on transit operations given in appendix, schedule 7.

a gain of \$11,423,560.07 from this source for the year. In 1920 there was a gain of \$18,674,000 through this fund, and in 1919 a loss of \$5,734,000.

Collection Department

The report of the collection department shows a great expansion in the number and amount of items received for collection, that is, notes and bills payable at a future date. The number of items received expanded from 92,651 in 1920 to 221,238 in 1921, or 139 per cent, and the amount of these items from \$233,309,000 to \$364,897,000, or 56 per cent.² The average amount of each item, however, declined from \$2,519 to \$1,649. The ratio of the number of items returned unpaid to total items received increased from 16.4 per cent in 1920 to 17.7 per cent in 1921.

Coupon Department

A smaller number of United States coupons was paid by the coupon department than in 1920, but their total amount increased 11 per cent. Comparative figures for the past three years follow:

	Number	Amount
1921	8,781,836 9,493,270 8,258,108	\$69,587,294.85 62,519,070.00 47,063,622.79

The division of the 1921 and 1920 totals according to the class of the security from which the coupons were clipped is given herewith:

	Number		Amount	
	1920	1921	1920	1921
Liberty bonds and Victory notes	9,441,536 44,527	8,641,093 117,599 23,144	\$56,462,863 6,011,002	\$59,462,517 9,304,749 820,029

¹Monthly figures given in appendix, schedule 8.

²Monthly figures given in appendix, schedule 9.

Wire Transfer Operations

The transfer of funds over the leased wires of the Federal Reserve System is coming into increasing use by our member banks. In 1921, 13,366 messages transferring \$847,699,000 were sent, whereas in 1920, the number of messages was 9,832, and the total amount involved, \$625,339,000. This increasing appreciation of this serivce is even more manifest in the number of banks availing themselves of it. The largest number of banks making such transfers in any one month of 1920 was 27, as compared with 68 in 1921.

The amounts transferred to each of the other Reserve districts during 1921 were:

Boston. New York. Cleveland. Richmond. Atlanta. Chicago.	383,636,000 61,226,000 49,533,000 24,384,000	St. Louis Minneapolis Kansas City Dallas San Francisco	43,569,000 11,418,000 15,085,000
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FISCAL AGENCY OPERATIONS

As a result of transactions involving the exchange, conversion, and transfer of ownership of Liberty bonds and Victory notes, the Liberty bond department of this Bank handled 3,486,163 pieces to the amount of \$633,523,400 during 1921. In 1920, 3,589,075 pieces amounting to \$680,533,650 were exchanged or converted. The exchange of permanent for temporary bonds formed the bulk of the operations in both years. Details of various operations connected with the fiscal agency function follow:

	Number of pieces handled	Amount	
Liberty bonds and Victory notes: Conversions. Exchanges Transfers of ownership Purchases for United States Treasury Received in payment of inheritance taxes Certificates of indebtedness redeemed.	71,901 3,405,886 8,376 13,415 1,495 71,817	\$11,148,350 617,230,300 5,144,750 28,160,700 1,677,600 193,807,000	

Certificates of Indebtedness

Probably one of the best indications of easier monetary conditions is to be found in the subscriptions to the various issues of United States certificates of indebtedness. In 1920 this district was allotted \$264,323,000 of certificates, and the ratio of subscriptions to allotments was 118 per cent. There were 16 issues in 1921 with a total allotment to the district of \$266,293,500. Subscriptions were 216 per cent of allotments for the first 8 issues, and 682 per cent for the last 8.

The number of subscribing banks, however, declined from 999 in 1920 to 838 in 1921. Comparative data of subscriptions and allotments in 1920 and 1921 follow:

	1921		1920	
	Subscriptions	Allotments	Subscriptions	Allotments
Loan certificates Tax certificates	\$425,522,500 664,323,000	\$113,801,500 152,492,000	\$96,149,000 216,185,000	\$80,722,500 183,600,500
Totals	\$1,089,845,500	\$266,293,500	\$312,334,000	\$264,323,000

In addition to the certificates, two issues of three-year United States Treasury notes were marketed in 1921. Subscriptions in this district were \$240,996,300, and allotments, \$86,106,700.

Government Deposits

Government deposits averaged a little higher than in 1920, and the number of depositories increased from 684 at the end of 1920, to 689 at the end of 1921. At the close of business December 31, 1921, deposits were \$31,490,000, and the amount of collateral pledged was \$55,095,000.

Government Checks

The number of Government checks handled increased from 1,918,816 in 1920 to 2,065,822 in 1921, but the amount involved decreased from \$528,703,755 to \$462,551,120.

¹Statistics of each issue given in appendix, schedule 10.

War Savings Activities

Cash sales of War Savings securities in the Third Federal Reserve District fell off again in 1921, amounting to \$1,552,876, as compared with \$2,593,882 in 1920, \$5,036,774 in 1919, and \$41,662,200 in 1918. The causes operating to produce this decline in sales were the waning of enthusiasm after the war, the low rate of interest on these securities, and the rise in unemployment.

The new peace-time savings plan of the Treasury Department, which became effective December 15, provided for \$1 savings stamps, and savings certificates in denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$1,000, to be sold at flat prices of \$20, \$80 and \$800 respectively. The maximum annual investment permitted to one person in a year was raised from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Apparently this revision of the plan made these securities more acceptable, for sales during the last two weeks of December exceeded those of the same period in 1920 by 66 per cent.

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

Board of Directors

	Class	Name	Residence	Term expires
	Group 1.	Joseph Wayne, Jr., president, Girard National Bank, Phil- adelphia, Pa.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Dec. 31, 1923
Α	Group 2.	Francis Douglas, cashier, First	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	Dec. 31, 1921
	Group 3.	Nat. Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. M.J. Murphy, c/o A.B. Leach & Co., Bankers, New York, N.Y.	Clarks Green, Pa.	Dec. 31, 1922
	Group 1.	Alba B. Johnson, vice-president, Southwark Foundry &	Rosemont, Pa.	Dec. 31, 1922
В	Group 2.	Machine Co., Phila., Pa. Edwin S. Stuart, merchant, Philadelphia, Pa.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Dec. 31, 1923
	Group 3.		Camden, N. J.	Dec. 31, 1921
C		Richard L. Austin Henry B. Thompson, president, U. S. Finishing Co., New	Philadelphia, Pa. Wilmington, Del.	Dec. 31, 1923 Dec. 31, 1922
		York, N. Y. Charles C. Harrison	Philadelphia, Pa.	Dec. 31, 1921

The annual election of directors resulted in the re-election of Mr. Francis Douglas and Mr. Charles K. Haddon to represent

class A, group 2, and class B, group 3, respectively, for terms of three years ending December 31, 1924. Mr. Charles C. Harrison, a class C director, was reappointed by the Federal Reserve Board for the same term, and Mr. Richard L. Austin was reappointed as Federal Reserve Agent and Chairman of the board of directors for a term of one year, and Mr. Henry B. Thompson was reappointed as Deputy Chairman for one year. The board of directors again selected Mr. Levi L. Rue, president of the Philadelphia National Bank, to represent the Third Federal Reserve District on the Federal Advisory Council.

Mr. R. D. Stockton, on May 1, announced his resignation as the Comptroller of this Bank, to take effect June 1. His resignation was accepted by the board of directors with expressions of regret, and at a later meeting Mr. William G. McCreedy, formerly assistant auditor, was appointed to serve as Acting Comptroller.

Mr. Walter T. Grosscup, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, was appointed as Assistant Federal Reserve Agent on

July 13.

The assumption of the functions of the Sub-Treasury of the United States on February 4 (in accordance with the Act of Congress of May 29, 1920) has thus far not added greatly to the work of the Bank. A small increase in the force of the currency department to handle coin and count a larger amount of currency was necessary, but little additional work has fallen thus far upon the Government coupon or Liberty loan departments.

The new vault of the Bank was completed in the middle of the year. It adds greatly to safety and convenience in handling the large amounts of money and securities in the possession of the Bank. A valuable service is being performed for the member banks in receiving their securities for safekeeping. At the end of the year the amount of securities so deposited by member banks was \$63,-

263,000, as compared with \$27,743,000 at the end of 1920.

Total expenditures up to December 31, 1921, on the building, the vaults, and for other expenses in connection with them, were \$2,422,677. This may be divided as follows: Original cost of building, \$600,000; remodeling and improvements, \$412,032; furniture and equipment, \$413,239; old vault, \$107,930; new vault, \$748,982; repairs and alterations (not permanent), \$140,494. The sum of \$748,982 charged to the new vault does not include the cost of remodeling the building, etc., these expenses being included under another heading.

A total of 897 officers and clerks were in the employ of the Bank on December 31, 1921, as compared with 842 at the end of 1920.

BANKS OF THE DISTRICT

In the following tabulation the 1,189 banking institutions in the Third Federal Reserve District on December 31, 1921, are classified according to location, membership in the Federal Reserve System, and membership in the par collection system:

	Banks on par list				Non-	
	Na- tional banks	State bank mem- bers	Non- member state banks	Totals	check state banks	Grand totals
Pennsylvania	556 79 18	39 8 4	395 45 33	990 132 55	7 3 2	997 135 57
Totals	653	51	473	1,177	12	1,189

At the end of 1920 there were 1,149 banking institutions in the district, while at the beginning of the year there were only 1,105.

The more important items taken from the statements of the banks as of June 30, 1921, are given in a table below. It will be observed that the member banks of the Federal Reserve System had 63 per cent of the total resources of all banks in the district. If we consider only the eligible banks, we would find that the member banks composed 69 per cent of the total number of all eligible institutions, 69 per cent of their combined capital and surplus, and 72 per cent of their total resources.

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

	National banks	Member state banks	Non- member state banks	Totals	Ratio member banks to all banks
Number	651 \$88,639	48 \$25,821	469 \$76,226	1,168 \$190,686	60%
Surplus Undivided profits.	$125,162 \\ 43,207$	48,738 11,887	86,019 29,489	259,919 84,583	67 " 65 "
Total deposits Total resources	1,282,803 $1,704,925$	290,403 390,902	978,850 1,228,149	2,552,056 3,323,976	62 " 63 "

Changes in the condition of the member banks are best reflected in the reports which 58 of these banks rendered during 1921. For purposes of comparison their combined reports as of January 7 and December 28 are given below:

	January 7	December 28
Loans and discounts:		
Secured by United States securities*		\$51,519,000
Secured by other stocks and bonds	198,983,000 406,702,000	199,543,000 326,617,000
All other	400,702,000	320,017,000
Total loans and discounts*	\$682,070,000	\$577,679,000
United States securities owned	\$69,072,000	\$75,626,000
Other securities owned	154,363,000	162,447,000
Total investments	\$223,435,000	\$238,073,000
Total loans, discounts and investments*	\$905,505,000	\$815,752,000
Total deposits	\$719,036,000	\$684,735,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve bank	110,036,000	50,024,000

^{*}Includes rediscounts with the Federal Reserve Bank.

In the investment items an increase of more than 14 millions of dollars is to be noted, which offsets in part the decrease of 104 millions in loans and discounts, including rediscounts with the Federal Reserve Bank. From the figures it appears that 60 millions of the total reductions in the loans and discounts of these member banks were used to reduce their borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank.

The downward trend of loans and discounts and of borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank, with minor fluctuations, was continuous throughout the year.

State Member Banking Institutions

At the end of 1920, 46 State banks and trust companies, in this district, were members of the Federal Reserve System, and, during 1921, 6 other banks in Pennsylvania were added to the list. One of the member banks in Scranton, however, was consolidated with a national bank in February, with the result that the number of member state banking institutions on December 31, 1921, were 51. Of this number 39 were located in Pennsylvania, 8 in New Jersey and 4 in Delaware.

Fiduciary Powers for National Banks

Sixteen applications for fiduciary powers for national banks were acted upon and granted during the year. Six of these were requests for additional powers by banks which had previously been granted only partial powers, so that the net increase for 1921 is only 10 in the number of banks possessing these privileges. A table follows showing the banks in each state possessing either full or partial powers on December 31, 1921:

	Full powers	Partial powers	Totals
Pennsylvania New Jersey Delaware	68 18 2	36 5 2	104 23 4
Totals	88	43	131

Department of Bank Examination

Among the duties of the Department of Bank Examination are the examination of the banking and trust departments of state member banks, the investigation of applications for fiduciary powers, new national bank charters, and applications under the Clayton Act in connection with interlocking directorates. It also has maintained a separate record of applications and transactions affecting the capital stock of this Bank.

During 1921, 57 examinations of banking institutions were made in all, of which 46 were in co-operation with the State Banking departments. The remaining 11 were independent examinations, all but one resulting from applications for membership in the System. The total banking resources of all the banks examined was \$261,387,000; 37 individual trust departments with total assets of \$527,420,000, and 25 corporate trust departments covering a total of \$1,098,316,000 were also examined.

The number of transactions handled and applications investigated were: fiduciary powers, 16; national bank charters, 8; Clayton Act applications, 32; capital stock transactions, 179. The Department has been frequently called upon by State banking institutions in this city and elsewhere in the district in connection with bank mergers and other matters and has been particularly helpful in assisting banks in the installation of trust departments.

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Exhibit 1
Changes in Discount Rates

		Rates	for all ma	turities in	effect	
	Jan. 1	Feb. 3	June 16	July 21	Oct. 5	Nov. 3
					h	
Member banks' collateral notes:		-				
Secured by bonds or notes of the U.S	51/2%	51/2%	5½%	5½%	5%	4½%
Secured by U. S. certificates of indebtedness	*	**	6%	51/2%	5%	41/2%
Secured by U. S. three- year notes.			6%	5½%	5%	4½%
Secured by commercial paper	6%	6%	6%	51/2%	5%	41/2%
Rediscounts:						
Secured by bonds or notes of the U.S	51/2%	51/2%	51/2%	5½%	5%	41/2%
Secured by U. S. certificates of indebtedness	*	**	6%	5½%	5%	41/2%
Secured by U. S. three- year notes	6%	6%	6% 6%	5½% 5½%	5% 5%	4½% 4½%
Agricultural or live-stock paper	6%	6%	6%	51/2%	5%	41/2%
Endorsed bankers' accept- ances	6% 6%	6%	6% 6%	5½% 5½%	5% 5%	4½% 4½%

^{*}At rate borne by certificate, but not less than 5%.

^{**}At rate borne by certificate, but not less than $5\frac{1}{2}\%$.

Exhibit 2
Earnings and Expenses 1921

		EA	RNINGS		Total	Current	Annual rate of
	From investments	Deficient reserve penalties	Sundry earnings	Total earnings	current expenses	net earnings	net earnings
January	\$847,827.92	\$3,220.24	\$552.19	\$851,600.35	\$153,012.44	\$698,587.91	96.7%
February	803,647.17	5,506.58	271.27	809,435.00	150,920.39	658,514.61	100.5
March	871,143.37	1,766.74	742.52	873,652.63	178,526.08	695,126.55	95.1
April	779,364.27	3,250.38	487.28	783,101.93	157,293.60	625,808.33	88.5
May	805,782.79	2,670.03	420.95	808,873.77	160,159.02	648,714.75	88.8
June	755,698.71	4,014.72	3,119.97	762,833.40	592,825.52	170,007.88	24.0
July	645,787.51	3,265.65	492.98	649,546.14	199,967.93	449,578.21	61.4
August	591,879.41	2,217.07	356.81	594,453.29	192,941.45	401,511.84	54.7
September	524,021.57	2,254.57	430.92	526,707.06	188,608.11	338,098.95	47.4
October	498,989.64	2,767.04	336.76	502,093.44	191,174.22	310,919.22	42.2
November	416,515.28	1,902.55	375.14	418,792.97	174,714.52	244,078.45	34.1 '
December	420,923.34	1,607.29	4,474.24	427,004.87	426,299.39	705.48	.9'
Totals, 1921	\$7,961,580.98	\$34,442.84	\$12,071.03	\$8,008,094.85	\$2,766,442.67	\$5,241,652.18	60.09
Totals, 1920	\$11,736,470.00	\$69,150.00	\$42,931.00	\$11,848,551.00	\$2,176,274.00	\$9,672,277.00	116.8%
Totals, 1919	\$8,550,650.00	\$25,673.00	\$33,555.00	\$8,609,879.00	\$1,775,184.00	\$6,834,695.00	89.09
Totals, 1918	\$4,230,955.00	\$29,784.00	\$97,000.00	\$4,357,740.00	\$1,086,916.00	\$3,270,824.00	46.09

Exhibit 3 Loan and Discount Operations

	Bills discounted for member banks	Discounted paper ac- quired from other Federal Reserve banks	Bills bought in open market	Open market paper ac- quired from other Federal Reserve banks
January	\$349,825,864.28	\$5,000,000	\$6,671,629.41	
February	309,687,078.02	ψ5,000,000	11,001,773.89	\$6,822,517.35
March			9,022,991.43	ψο,ο22,ο11.00
April			9,859,527.67	
May	357,917,059.63		11,037,621.55	
June	372,532,913.95		3,399,958.78	
July			1,402,926.52	
August	309,970,455.61		4,302,508.68	
September	272,172,581.15		2,000,775.11	
October	281,555,106.36		8,777,865.43	
November	275,544,613.03		11,052,658.03	
December	301,568,092.08		13,822,838.77	
Totals, 1921	\$3,872,366,958.66	\$5,000,000	\$92,353,075.27	\$6,822,517.35
Totals, 1920	5,820,257,742.17	144,578,852	41,232,255.15	35,147,844.94
Totals, 1919	10,736,435,270.00		14,048,447.00	

	United States	Total discount and open market purchases Municipal				
	securities	Wumcipai	1921	1920	Member banks accommodated	
January		5	\$388,218,493.69	\$656,620,270.22	324	
February	7,544,000.00		335,055,369.26	571,916,990.34	318	
March	26,939,000.00		435,205,401.62	544,618,765.49	330	
April	10,160,000.00		379,880,040.86	596,705,178.67	369	
May	31,319,000.00		400,273,681.18	461,996,683.82	384	
June			431,834,972.73	525,832,296.73	399	
July	325,100.00		284,217,207.69	561,643,726.62	393	
August			316,030,964.29	568,684,403.01	382	
September.			280,490,156.26	477,114,821.26	381	
October	4,157,500.00		294,490,471.79	447,374,996.26	388	
November.	2,340,000.00	\$45,000.00	288,992,271.06	526,776,425.53	403	
December.	24,228,350.00	95,000.00	339,714,280.85	459,364,535.31	417	
Totals:						
	\$197,726,850.00	\$140,000.00	\$4,174,403,401.28		509	
	357,432,400.00	0		\$6,398,649,094.26	484	
1919		0		10,803,405,217.00	494	

Exhibit 4
Federal Reserve Notes Issued and in Actual Circulation

1921	Outstanding at beginning	Issued during	Fit	Redeemed	Outstanding at end of	Held by bank at end of	In actual circulation at end of the month		
	of month	month	received		month	month	1921	1920	
January	\$291,298,605	\$7,990,000	\$7,450,000	\$20,259,100	\$271,579,505	\$25,040,000	\$259,053,585	\$223,585,215	
February	271,579,505	19,700,000		19,519,150	271,760,355	23,340,000	259,162,480	242,238,875	
March	271,760,355	12,800,000		19,732,850	264,827,505	28,540,000	239,749,520	247,631,135	
April	264,827,505	13,120,000		25,044,060	252,903,445	21,420,000	235,555,585	245,442,935	
May	252,903,445	16,200,000		24,435,300	244,568,145	21,420,000	230,644,670	249,835,795	
June	244,668,145	20,000,000		23,025,635	241,642,510	21,420,000	226,453,965	249,135,625	
July	241,642,510	20,000,000		18,788,695	242,853,815	21,420,000	221,080,590	251,795,885	
August	242,853,815	20,800,000		21,220,150	242,433,665	20,620,000	213,764,635	268,543,798	
September	242,433,665	8,400,000		19,889,500	230,944,165	20,220,000	209,062,515	270,823,520	
October	230,944,165	7,400,000		17,631,350	220,712,815	35,220,000	201,612,125	271,743,935	
November	220,712,815	14,000,000		17,240,000	217,472,815	27,220,000	197,873,035	270,553,290	
December	217,472,815	23,000,000		17,602,700	222,870,115	22,146,205	200,723,910	278,321,675	

Exhibit 5
Denominations of Federal Reserve Notes Issued to Bank During 1921

D	1921		1920		1919		
Denominations	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	
\$5	\$45,550,000	24.8	\$42,780,000	24.1	\$37,010.000	19.0	
\$10	57,940,000	31.6	44,380,000	25.0	58,880,000	30.1	
\$20	49,120,000	26.8	66,460,000	37.4	75,970,000	38.8	
\$50	23,000,000	12.5	17,200,000	9.7	9,600,000	4.9	
\$100	5,600,000	3.1	4,800,000	2.8	11,600,000	5.9	
\$500	600,000	.3	200,000	.1	600,000	.:	
\$1000	1,600,000	.9	1,600,000	.9	2,000,000	1.0	
Totals	\$183,410,000	100.0	\$177,420,000	100.0	\$195,660,000	100.0	

Exhibit 6
Currency Receipts and Shipments

**	Receipts		Shipm	nents	Total r	receipts	Total s	shipments
1921	From member banks	From non-member banks	To member banks	To non-member banks	1921	1920	1921	1920
January	\$51,595,145	\$2,680,995	\$38,223,737		\$54,276,140	\$47,238,481	\$38,223,737	\$33,689,992
February	44,465,986	981,592	51,453,041		45,447,578	29,132,634	51,453,041	60,276,829
March	62,341,633	1,228,087	56,372,687		63,569,720	39,996,106	56,372,687	48,045,055
April	53,258,070	1,833,625	53,098,348		55,091,695	46,697,711	53,096,348	46,795,965
May		1,793,825	52,627,402		55,374,794	39,590,446	52,627,402	48,879,250
June	57,984,393	1,949,081	59,145,596		59,933,474	48,536,095	59,145,596	47,084,490
July	53,491,855	3,870,021	54,492,399		57,361,876	51,623,976	54,492,399	53,279,310
August	58,522,114	4,298,529	55,517,449		62,820,643	48,800,799	55,517,449	60,711,62
September	57,194,486	3,585,365	57,675,875		60,779,851	51,909,656	57,675,875	57,511,399
October	53,721,975	3,315,290	44,141,834		59,037,265	53,257,562	44,141,834	64,210,360
November	51,228,665	3,958,055	56,682,165	\$486,120	55,186,720	53,669,878	57,168,285	55,338,58
December	59,801,585	4,557,925	66,066,915	557,963	64,359,510	59,640,105	66,624,878	67,443,523
Totals, 1921	\$657,186,876	\$34,052,390	\$646,495,448	\$1,044,083	\$691,239,266		\$646,539,531	
Totals, 1920	\$ 548,123,372	\$21,970,077	\$643,266,382			\$570,093,449		\$643,266,38

Exhibit 7
Transit Department Operations
Total number and amount of checks handled monthly

	Philad	elphia banks	Distric	t no. 3 banks	Other R	eserve districts		Total
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
January	1,532,048	\$763,752,067	1,920,154	\$229,096,300	767,327	\$178,436,983	4,219,529	\$1,171,285,350
February	1,366,611	631,846,062	1,740,122	188,250,851	659,700	156,176,482	3,766,433	976,273,395
March	1,730,797	765,566,073	2,103,519	238,589,370	755,009	188,586,871	4,589,325	1,192,742,314
April	1,656,888	725,395,039	2,075,994	229,593,189	739,158	171,289,882	4,472,040	1,126,278,110
May		669,269,248	2,008,479	212,513,318	643,596	143,074,354	4,248,236	1,024,856,920
June	1,751,023	733,844,057	2,207,131	238,140,347	688,878	145,295,082	4,647,032	1,177,279,486
July	1,551,810	686,234,031	2,096,797	220,961,209	698,106	139,561,762	4,346,713	1,046,757,002
August	1,622,596	656,528,382	2,058,650	220,089,914	670,545	134,888,196	4,351,791	1,011,506,492
September	1,596,828	690,155,021	1,989,154	234,906,528	639,720	129,019,429	4,225,702	1,054,080,978
${\rm October}\ldots.$	1,607,224	695,205,485	2,016,014	223,615,704	667,003	153,651,603	4,290,241	1,072,472,792
November	1,614,274	685,224,901	1,962,588	223,689,804	657,187	136,686,167	4,234,049	1,045,600,872
December	1,815,564	780,247,635	2,257,341	286,342,601	766,026	129,297,754	4,838,931	1,195,887,990
Total	19,441,824	\$8,483,268,001	24,435,943	\$2,745,789,135	8,352,255	\$1,805,964,565	52,230,022	\$13,035,021,701

Exhibit 7—Continued

Average daily number and amount of checks handled

	Philadelphia banks		District no. 3 banks		Other Res	erve districts	Total		
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
January	61,282	\$30,550,083	76,806	\$9,163,852	30,693	\$7,137,479	168,781	\$46,851,414	
February	62,119	28,720,276	79,096	8,556,858	29,986	7,098,929	171,201	44,376,063	
March	66,569	29,444,848	80,904	9,176,514	29,039	7,253,342	176,512	45,874,704	
April	63,726	27,899,809	79,846	8,830,507	28,429	6,588,072	172,001	43,318,388	
May	63,846	26,770,770	80,340	8,500,532	25,743	5,722,974	169,929	40,994,276	
June	67,348	28,224,771	84,889	9,159,259	26,495	5,588,273	178,732	42,972,303	
July	62,073	27,449,360	83,871	8,838,449	27,924	5,582,471	173,868	41,870,280	
August	60,096	24,315,866	76,246	8,151,478	24,838	4,995,859	161,177	37,463,203	
September	63,873	27,606,200	79,566	9,396,262	25,589	5,140,777	169,028	42,143,239	
October	64,288	27,808,219	80,640	8,944,628	26,681	6,146,064	171,609	42,898,911	
November	70,185	29,792,387	85,330	9,725,643	28,574	5,942,877	184,089	45,460,907	
December	69,829	30,009,524	86,821	11,013,176	29,462	4,972,991	186,112	45,995,691	
Average	64,806	\$28,277,560	81,453	\$9,152,630	27,841	\$6,019,882	174,100	\$43,450,072	

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Exhibit 8
Gold Settlement Fund Operations

	1921	Total receipts	Total disbursements	Net gain for month	Net loss for month	Balance at close	
-						\$50,352,274.55	
J	anuary	\$620,186,948.53	\$625,709,472.10		\$5,522,523.57	44,829,750.98	
F	ebruary	532,428,799.05	513,829,541.68	\$18,599,257.37		63,429,008.35	
I	March	605,169,944.92	620,556,750.80		15,386,805.88	48,042,202.47	
A	April	634,334,475.79	631,698,092.80	2,636,382.99		50,678,585.46	
N	May	548,320,993.45	550,062,748.71		1,741,755.26	48,936,830.20	
J	une	598,843,168.58	595,544,878.23	3,298,290.35		52,235,120.55	
J	uly	545,265,462.21	546,603,791.95		1,338,329.74	50,896,790.81	
	August	552,755,742.12	556,741,487.10		3,985,744.98	46,911,045.83	
2	September	560,062,233.13	554,039,719.06	6,022,514.07		52,933,559.90	
(October	587,924,248.23	570,468,504.48	17,445,743.75		70,389,303.65	
ľ	November	549,030,165.84	555,175,154.25		6,144,988.41	64,244,315.24	
Ι	December	614,337,001.93	616,805,482.57		2,468,480.64	61,775,834.60	
	Totals, 1921	\$6,948,659,183.78	\$6,937,235,623.73	\$48,012,188.53	\$36,588,628.48		
	Totals, 1920	\$8,949,690,155.95	\$8,931,016,633.33	\$53,832,460.15	\$35,158,937.53		

Exhibit 9
Collection Department Operations

	Nu	mber of iten received	ns		mber of iten urned—unpa		Amount of items received for collection				
1921	City	Country	Total	City	Country	Total	City	Country	Total		
January	3,372	9,105	12,477	307	2,115	2,422	\$6,671,557	\$17,204,235	\$23,875,792		
February	2,626	8,608	11,234	266	1,941	2,207	6,100,592	17,195,665	23,296,257		
March	2,948	11,635	14,583	307 ·	2,220	2,527	6,090,648	20,521,354	26,612,002		
% April	3,304	12,172	15,476	380	2,807	3,187	6,209,097	7,876,993	14,086,090		
May	3,055	14,205	17,260	330	3,559	3,889	5,482,308	25,850,233	31,332,541		
June	3,548	16,210	19,758	336	3,411	3,747	5,982,214	27,360,942	33,343,156		
July	3,958	16,873	20,831	444	2,731	3,175	6,967,219	23,803,947	30,771,166		
August	3,464	17,011	20,475	386	2,969	3,355	6,778,332	23,884,217	30,662,549		
September	3,318	16,418	19,736	395	3,138	3,533	8,834,749	24,771,407	33,606,156		
October	4,326	18,244	22,570	463	3,145	3,608	10,390,318	28,754,555	39,144,873		
November	3,989	18,101	22,090	424	3,068	3,492	10,213,907	27,258,153	37,472,060		
December	4,697	20,051	24,748	451	3,484	3,935	11,800,985	28,892,932	40,693,917		
Totals	42,605	178,633	221,238	4,489	34,588	39,077	\$91,521,926	\$273,374,633	\$364,896,559		

Exhibit 10

Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness Issued During 1921 Loan Certificates of Indebtedness Issued

	Dat	e of		Total sub-	\$5,160,500 18,903,000 10,945,000 19,047,000 25,757,500 30,336,500 3,652,000	
Symbol series	Issue	Maturity	Rate	scriptions		
E-1921 F-1921 G-1921 H-1921 A-1922 B-1922 C-1922	Jan. 15, 1921 Jan. 15, 1921 Feb. 15, 1921 April 15, 1921 May 16, 1921 Aug. 1, 1921 Nov. 1, 1921	April 15, 1921 Oct. 15, 1921 July 15, 1921 Oct. 15, 1921 Feb. 16, 1922 Aug. 1, 1922 April 1, 1922	5½% 5¾4" 5½" 5½" 5½" 4¼"	\$15,032,000 63,527,000 22,291,000 52,535,000 91,076,000 156,827,500 24,234,000		

Tax Certificates of Indebtedness Issued

Symbol	Dat	e of	Rate	Total sub-	Subscription allotted	
series	Issue	Maturity		scriptions		
TS2-1921 TM-1922 TJ-1922 TM2-1922 TM3-1922 TS-1922 TS2-1922 TJ2-1922 TD-1922	Aug. 1, 1921 Sept. 15, 1921	Sept. 15, 1921 Mar. 15, 1922 June 15, 1922 Mar. 15, 1922 Mar. 15, 1922 Sept. 15, 1922 Sept. 15, 1922 June 15, 1922 Dec. 15, 1922	5½% 5¾" 5½" 5¼" 5¼" 4½" 4½" 4½"	\$10,434,000 45,981,000 45,628,000 44,488,000 53,246,500 81,467,500 128,814,500 18,360,500 235,903,000	\$10,434,000 40,346,000 25,333,500 9,033,500 8,191,500 12,081,500 17,476,500 3,707,000 25,888,500	

Treasury Notes Issued

Symbol	Dat	e of		Total sub-	Subscription allotted \$45,509,500 40,597,200	
series	Issue	Maturity	Rate	scriptions		
A-1924 B-1924	June 15, 1921 Sept. 15, 1921	June 15, 1924 Sept. 15, 1924	5¾% 5½"	\$60,086,600 180,909,700		

Movement of Principal Asset and Liability Items During 1921

(Amounts in thousands of dollars, i. e., 000's omitted)

		Discounted bills						Purchased bills						Reserve	
Date	Total earning assets (2+7 +10)	Total held (3+4)	Discounted for other Federal Reserve		Secured by U.S. Gov't.		Total held (8+9)	Bought from other Federal Reserve	Pur- chased in open market	United States securi- ties	Total cash reserves	Total deposits	Federal Reserve notes in circu- lation	Ac- tual	Ad- juste
			banks		obliga- tions	(5÷4)		banks	(7—8)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Jan. 7	199,420 199,307	155,623 153,379	12,100 10.236	143,523 143,143	111,684 109,233	77.8 76.3	11,997 11,155		11,997 11,155	31,800 34,773	212,208 203,196	115,100 106,117	273,005 266,856	58.2 57.2	61.5
21	182,895	141,894	5,991	135,903	108,233	79.7	8,689		8,689	32,312	215,248	108,373	263,141	61.3	63.
28	191,142	149,340	4,946	144,394	109,674	76.0	9,883		9,883	31,919	212,816	111,478	262,522	59.5	60.
eb. 4	199,618	146,019	2,182	143,837	108,042	75.1	21,650	6,823	14,827	31,949	198,539	109,680	254,979	56.4	58.
11	203,695	148,407	2,148	146,259	110,857	75.8	22,627	6,823	15,804	32,661	196,282	110,378	256,313	55.3	57.
18	213,437	156,911		156,911	109,390	69.7	23,810	6,733	17,077	32,716	179,246	107,694	254,110	51.5	53.
25	210,221	156,969		156,969	110,120	70.2	20,918	4,038	16,880	32,334	192,185	109,586	260,274	53.6	54.
Mar. 4	200,911 194,988	152,262 146,909		152,262 146,909	107,205 110,213	70.4 75.0	16,485 16,181	3,213 2,796	13,272 13,385	32,164 31,898	197,733	112,167 111,647	255,895 251,623	55.7 57.0	56. 57.
11 18	197,967	150,843		150,843	109,403	72.5	13,482	1,547	11,935	33,642	200,958 188,523	104,286	241,622	54.5	54.
25	206,414	158,762		158,762	111,967	70.5	14,077	1,206	12,871	33,575	188,132	114,671	242,344	52.7	53.
April 1	197,845	152,633		152,633	106,646	69.9	14,572		14,572	30,640	194,210	112,887	239,274	55.1	
8	178,162	132,033		132,033	102,335	77.5	15,680		15,680	30,449	201,865	107,286	236,446	58.7	1
15	191,940	144,496		144,496	104,274	72.2	16,856		16,856	30,588	188,152	107,478	235,815	54.8	
22	190,591	144,233		144,233	108,198	75.0	14,018		14,018	32,340	186,962	107,695	233,467	54.8	
27	189,229	145,026		145,026	110,140	75.9	12,387		12,387	31,816	186,199	103,329	234,527	55.1	
May 4	183,412	141,604		141,604	107,329	75.8	11,443		11,443	30,365	190,811	103,209	233,280	56.7	
11	175,905	136,381		136,381	102,154	74.9	9,411		9,411	30,113	198,426	103,879	234,291	58.7	
18	191,364	146,965 144,976		146,965	109,324	74.4	8,336		8,336	36,063	180,864	106,849	229,259	53.8	
25 Tune 1	183,249 196,225	155,691		144,976 155,691	110,731 114,117	76.4 73.3	8,908 11,182		8,908 11,182	29,365 29,352	177,395 173,264	97,092 100,341	228,229 230,413	54.5 52.4	
8	188,240	149,569		149,569	111,280	74.4	9,656		9,656	29,352	175,204	100,541	228,216	53.9	1 :::
15	195,718	139,080		139,080	104,111	74.9	8,149		8,149	48,489	181,254	108,663	226,633	54.1	1
22	170,298	134,351		134,351	96,691	72.0	6,089		6,089	29,858	185,049	98,420	224,125	57.4	
29	174,648	140,684		140,684	94,815	67.4	4,689		4,689	29,275	186,944	101,098	226,352	57.1	
uly 6	155,769	123,360		123,360	84,043	68.1	3,390		3,390	29,019	206,367	103,218	224,513	63.0	
13	147,438	116,443		116,443	83,388	71.6	2,538		2,538	28,457	209,584	104,230	223,653	63.9	
20	148,706	118,835		118,835	85,638	72.1	1,492		1,492	28,379	208,168	104,270	219,130	64.4	
27	148,534	119,098		119,098	85,709	72.0	1,105		1,105	28,331	206,217	102,691	219,341	64.0	1
lug. 3	151,299	122,120		122,120	87,503	71.7	681		681	28,498	207,384	108,632	217,307	63.6	
10	141,658 144,584	112,132 115,320		112,132 $115,320$	82,031 85,949	73.2 74.5	1,081 1,887		$1,081 \\ 1,887$	28,445 27,377	209,429	101,243 105,504	219,778 216,543	$65.2 \\ 64.5$	
17 24	137,705	107,581		107,581	78,073	72.6	3,245		3,245	26,879	207,839 203,874	98,025	214,334	65.3	1:::
31	134,525	106,529		106,529	78,150	73.4	3,127		3,127	24,869	210,290	100,668	213,765	66.9	1 :::
ept. 7	130,317	103,183		103,183	76,937	74.6	2,288		2,288	24,846	220,180	103,810	213,818	69.3	1 :::
14	130,030	103,746		103,746	74,745	72.0	1,440		1,440	24.844	222,209	105,836	213,815	69.5	1
21	132,421	103,124		103,124	74,318	72.1	2,372		2,372	26,925	208,748	100,632	210,130	67.2	
28	123,493	100,476		100,476	69,840	69.5	1,972		1,972	21,045	217,396	100,161	208,698	70.4	
ct. 5	115,470	94,155		94,155	67,600	71.8	1,353		1,353	19,962	227,737	106,272	205,264	73.1	
11	117,697	95,420		95,420	68,264	71.5	2,391		2,391	19,886	227,571	106,114	207,445	72.6	1
19	126,659	101,657		101,657	71,654	70.5	6,255		6,255	18,747	208,799	104,042	201,154	68.4	
26	124,521	100,885		100,885	68,767	68.2	5,889		5,889	17,747	212,429	103,879	200,853	69.7	
Nov. 2 9	119,783 114,801	96,084 91,667		96,084 91,667	67,356 66,008	$70.1 \\ 72.0$	6,484		6,484 6,744	17,215 16,390	216,364 224,833	106,501 101,280	198,986 204,422	$70.8 \\ 73.5$	
16	113,586	90,109		90,109	63,932	70.9	7,846		7,846	15,631	220,480	103,109	200,725	72.6	
23	113,559	88,406		88,406	70,007	79.2	9,809		9,809	15,344	221,414	103,109	200,324	73.0	1
30	³110,439	86,217		86,217	66,126	76.7	10,156		10,156	14,021	225,155	103,783	197,873	74.6	
Dec. 7	³111,681	88,645		88,645	67,160	75.8	8,970		8,970	14,021	221,705	102,899	198,014	73.7	
14	³108,631	85,630		85,630	66,405	77.5	8,665		8,665	14,291	230,840	101,928	203,767	75.5	
21	4121,364	91,953		91,953	70,401	76.6	13,859		13,859	15,457	219,297	100,286	207,593	71.2	
28	4121,676	90,316		90,316	70,213	77.7	15,277		15,277	15,988	216,638	98,997	205,198	71.2	

¹ Prior to March 18, net deposits, as given below,		
Jan. 7\$91,593,000	Feb. 4\$97,292,000	Mar. 4\$98,843,000
14 88,478,000	11 98,568,000	11100,964,000
21 88,182,000	18 93,978,000	
28 95,128,000	25 97,994,000	

²Adjusted percentages are calculated after increasing or reducing reserves held by the amount of accommodation extended to or received from other Federal Reserve Banks. A blank (..) in this column indicates that no accommodation was extended to or received from other Federal Reserve Banks.

³Includes \$45,000 of municipal warrants.

⁴Includes \$95,000 of municipal warrants.