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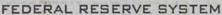
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Office Correspondence

Date July 24, 1941

To The Files

Subject:

From Mr. Coe

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After correspondence with Mrs. Hamlin (see letters of May 25 and June 4, 1941) the items attached hereto and listed below, because of their possible confidential character, were taken from Volume 181 of Mr. Hamlin's scrap book and placed in the Board's files:

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Office Correspondence

FEDERAL RESERVE



Date June 9, 1928,

To Mr. Hamlin

Subject:

From Mr. /Smead

I have your memorandum of June 8, addressed to Mr. Goldenweiser, in which you ask whether in the entire reserve System there have been any losses caused by poor collateral pledged for Federal reserve notes.

As you know, most of the Federal reserve banks pledge all of their eligible paper with the Federal reserve agents as collateral security for Federal reserve notes and substantial amounts of paper from time to time have proved to be uncollectible.

It is the practice of all Federal reserve banks, however, upon failure of a member bank to immediately withdraw from the Federal reserve agent any paper discounted for that bank which has been pledged as collateral for Federal reserve notes and substitute therefor other eligible paper or gold, with the result that collateral pledged with the Federal reserve agents has always been redeemed in full and no losses have been incurred by them.

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EARNINGS AND EXPENSES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

MAY 1928. Total earnings of the Federal reserve banks in May were \$600,000 more than in April as the result of an increase during the month of \$810,000 in earnings from discounted bills and of \$70,000 in earnings from purchased bills, offset in part by a decrease of \$230,000 in earnings from U. S. securities. Miscellaneous earnings after deduction of losses on U. S. securities sold, amounting to \$442,264, show a net debit of \$325,000 for the month as against \$280,000 in April. Earnings from discounted bills during the month of May, \$2,973,000, were larger than in any month since January 1922.

Current expenses (exclusive of cost of Federal reserve currency) aggregated \$2,152,000, as compared with \$2,136,000 in the month preced-

ing and \$2,148,000 in May of last year.

FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1928. During the first five months of the year earnings totaled \$20,052,000 as compared with \$16,925,000 for the corresponding period last year, and \$19,068,000 for the first five months of 1926.

Current expenses (exclusive of cost of Federal reserve currency) amounted to \$10,767,000 during the five-month period, an increase of about \$45,000 over the corresponding period last year.

After providing for all current expenses and dividend requirements, the Federal reserve banks on May 31 had a balance of \$5,365,000 available for depreciation allowances, surplus and franchise taxes as compared with a balance of \$2,234,000 at the end of May 1927.

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(St. 5819)

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD WASHINGTON ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO June 14, 1928 THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD St. 5821 SUBJECT: Operating Efficiency at the Federal Reserve Banks. Dear Sir: Under date of May 19, 1927 the Board forwarded you a statement, St. 5359, bearing on changes in operating efficiency at the head offices of the Federal reserve banks since 1923. The statement covered the twelve expense units for which a measurement of the volume of work performed was available and gave index numbers of the changes in output per employee and output per unit of cost. The Board has brought this statement up to date and is enclosing herewith a copy thereof for your information and for the information of your Board of Directors and the operating officials of the bank. The Board would be glad to have you bring to its attention any comments regarding the statement which you may think desirable. Very truly yours, Walter L. Eddy, Secretary. VOLUME 181 PAGE 33 Enclosure CHAIRMAN OF EACH FEDERAL RESERVE BANK * zed for FRASER

OUTPUT PER EMPLOYEE AND PER UNIT OF COST IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS, ALL FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS (HEAD OFFICES) (Number of items handled in thousands; expense in thousands of dollars) .St. 5359 Total for City checks Govern-City Dis-Country Coupon collections Country Return operations Currency Coin ment Other than Coverncolcolcounts Clearings Other checks items measured checks lections lections Gov!t ment Items handled: 1023 *600 1,333,187 1,716,301 88,419 5,283 28,214 368,001 7,272 2,139 1,644 830 52,233 105/ 906 1,404,698 1,799,538 89,071 15,884 26,440 387,555 8,378 822 2,405 1.763 40,647 1925 955 1,495,285 1,935,098 94,352 17,913 414,493 8,315 735 20,002 2,339 1.434 35,598 1926 1,165 1,506,658 2,173,126 18,659 101,861 20,787 439,507 9,624 2,462 727 1,380 31,370 1927 1,041 1,704,643 2,250,112 107,095 460,524 10,021 726 18,203 21,782 2,504 1,576 29,688 lverage number of employees: 1923 3,826.27 *214.71 781.97 250.36 115.29 97.50 1,605.38 125.66 85.58 91.55 252.65 96.48 109.14 11924 3,681.16 243.04 767.99 237.76 113.55 129.57 78.36 1,519.00 111.80 93.53 30.48 220.33 85.75 1925 3,423.20 188.19 714.46 105.79 225.48 127.45 69.84 1,475.57 105.04 85.65 202.76 60.62 62.35 1926 3,442.02 686.60 183.25 107.12 235.19 133.30 64.29 1,515.27 108.24 199.63 54.91 92.07 57.15 1927 3,391.07 187.46 516.05 109.57 254.88 54.42 127.72 62.39 1,515.93 109.87 95.06 195.32 51.89 Expense: 1923 * 396 465 5,720 1,138 254 409 126 113 2,216 141 392 221 160 161 1924 5,408 1,091 255 397 173 1,942 144 106 211 359 132 133 1925 4,979 376 1,036 240 371 171 95 1,837 202 128 96 321 106 1926 4,945 373 241 1,023 87 178 1,854 138 133 99 307 1927 4,901 373 239 928 707 178 1,886 170 140 301 Output per employee (inlex): 1923 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 111 100 108 105 104 114 104 111 128 99 130 142 99 1925 125 145 123 122 120 133 95 143 98 122 138 163 119 1926 133 170 138 139 133 125 107 127 151 169 90 144 116 1927 11:0 155 153 145 122 136 133 115 157 91 150 163 119 Output per unit of cost (index): 1923 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 1924 113 100 110 101 101 115 102 120 121 100 125 140 94 1925 1926 1927 129 138 124 115 119 133 92 136 133 103 136 158 114 139 163 135 133 104 153 123 133 157 143 08 146 115 149

*1923 figures not comparable with those of subsequent years and accordingly the 1924 figures were used as the base in calculating the indices of output.

OUTPUT PER EMPLOYEE AND PER UNIT OF COST IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BOSTON (HEAD OFFICE)

0	OIFOI FAR B				d in thousan			ousands of	dollars)		.St. 53	59-ъ
	Total for	The second second			City che		Govern-	Country	Return	City	Country	Coupon col	lections
	operations measured	Dis- counts	Currency	Coin	Clearings	Other	ment checks	checks	items	col- lections		Other than Government	Govern- ment
Items handled: 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927		*64 54 93 111 99	206,664 216,741 228,605 237,828 240,778	180,439 182,778 191,128	8,534 9,069 10,053	60 61 101 121 139	1,825 1,838 1,696 1,719 1,881	53,472 57,641 59,580 64,934 68,213	489 551 601 655 718	40 39 49 52 61	225 251 247 239 236	462 241 131 127 118	5,478 4,467 3,906 3,364 3,000
Average number of employees: 1923 1924 1925 1926	417.77 427.74 425.15 443.88 441.18	*15.05 14.79 13.27 15.18 15.83	108.00 109.63 110.32 113.20 97.07	10.19 10.21 11.76	18.89 18.87 17.54	4.89 2.90 3.04 3.04 2.90	3.86 4.04 4.00 4.01 4.00	192.42 210.62 208.77 221.98 235.25	9.05 10.02 11.79 11.61 11.41	6.63 6.85 6.55 6.43 8.31	25.07 24.70 24.40 25.23 26.09	14.43 9.73 9.90 9.90 7.20	10.99 5.38 4.03 4.00 4.50
Expense: 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 Output per employee	595 602 591 614 610	*28 26 23 26 27	136 136 136 140 127	22 22 25	35 33 32	6 4 4 4 4	55666	263 285 277 290 299	16 18 20 20 18	9 10 9 9	41 40 39 40 41	23 15 15 16 12	15 8 6 6
(index): 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927	100 101 108 111 115	100 - 191 198 169	100 103 108 110 130	101 102 93	93 99 118	100 171 269 323 388	100 96 90 91 100	100 98 103 105 104	102 94 104	100 94 123 133 120	100 113 113 105 101	100 77 42 40 51	100 167 195 169 13 ¹ 4
Output per unit of cost (index): 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927	100 102 110 114 118	100 189 200 170	100 105 111 112 125	108 106 99	89 98 114 128	100 154 276 352 404	100 94 79 81 88	100 100 106 110 112	101 97 110 129	100 91 119 124 114	100 113 115 108 104	100 79 41 33 19	100 159 175 151 97

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OUNTERSTITION	TPUT PER EM	PLOYEE A	ND PER UNIT	OF COST I	N PRINCIPAL	DEFARTMEN	TS, FEDE	RAL RESERV	VE BANK O	F NEW YOR	RK (HEAD OF	FFICE)	5359c
	Total for		er of items	nanaled 1	n thousands;	expense	Govern-	Country	Return	City	Country	Coupon co	llections
	operations measured	Dis- counts	Currency	Coin	Clearings	Other	ment	checks	items	col- lections	col- lections	Other than	Govern- ment
Items handled					of (at hole	an olio	77 005	2,361	307	787	945	17,267
1923	-	*73	440,197	794,380	26,613	*1,494	12,940	77,085	2,310	256	875	1,150	13,759
1924	-	179	472,643	901,763	23,807	10,437	5,406	86,413	2,329	192	869	820	11,889
1925	-	225	514,642 562,212	1,108,499	33,865	10,619	5,672	92,876	2,554	205	894	819	10,562
1926		290	597,701	1,167,710		10,061	5,507	103,749	2,636	223	989	909	9,741
Average number of		2,0	2211102	-,,,,	5-1551								
employees:												(- (-	117.00
1923	1,265.26	*33.29	279.59	48.08	108.94	*57.03	29.53	427.53	48.13	25.15	105.41	60.65	41.92
1924	1,211.41	59.22	281.13	47.04		93.84	29.38	391.58	37.47	35.43	78.45	48.24	33.57
1925	1,116.36	52.57	253.02	45.38		93.57	27.44	371.56	31.86	30.97	73.43 76.74	31.03 25.88	19.12
1926	1,098.25	52.77	221.37	45.37		98.53	21.12	383.23	32.52	33.72 38.04	75.09	28.78	17.97
1927	1,075.01	52.40	191.95	45.84	91.88	92.24	20.58	385.36	24.91	30.00	19.05	20.10	-1-21
Expense:		hora y	lea le	100	700	*66	70	497	73	32	146	93	65
1923	1,796	*62	414	108		117	39	462	65	45	119	77	
1924	1,795	120	429 394	108	6.6	118	39 34	432		41	105	54	52 34
1925	1,654	118	358	110		124	28	442	58 54	42	103	47	29
1926 1927	1,510	114	330	109		122		1455	55	118	102	51	23
Output per employe		7.7.	250	100	200								
index):										1 =	100	300	100
1923	100		100	100			100	100	100	100	100 149	100	100
1924	113	+ 100	107	116		100	85	115	126	59	159	170	135
• 1925	128	11:2	129	128		109	45	129	149	51 50	156	203	
1926	140	152	161	148 15 ¹		105 107	61	134	160	48	156 175	203	134 132
1927	156	184	197	10-	102	101		- /					
Output per unit of													
cost (index):	100		100	100	100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1923 1924	109	100	104	108		100	85	113	111		137	147	98
1925	125	128	123	116		107		129	125		154	149	132
1926	137	140	147	131		105	61 63	136	147 160	52	161	172	137 132
1927	150	171	170	139	163	100		1 ¹ 17		1000			culating

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OUTPUT PER EMPLOYEE AND PER UNIT OF COST IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA

		(1	Number of	items handl	ed in thousa	nds; exo	ense in th	nousands o	f dollar	s)		St.535	
	Total for				City che		Govern-	Country	Return	City	Country	Coupon co.	llections
The second second	operations	Dis-	Currency	Coin	Clearings	Other	ment	checks	items	col-	(2000)	Other than	
	measured	counts			OTESTINGS	Ouigi	checks	CHOCKS	1001115	lections	lections	Government	ment
Items handled:						2022			San Contract			330	
1923		*62	156,722	194,118	10,415	3,264	1,950	35,698	618	72	254	57 96	0,355
1924	-	54	164,432	216,525	11,235	4,904	1,931	40,832	767	86	276		6,355 4,952 4,292
1925	-	83	174,790	265,610	12,191	5,922	1,798	46,131	838	89 86	278	118 149	7, 292
1926	-	102	188,980	291,012	12,203	-6,207	1,933	48,004	1,021	99	289 284	165	3,709 3,467
1927	-	35	207,701	303,015	11,320	5,219	2,003	50,591	1,121	39	204	100	2,701
Average number of													
employees:	-(0 -0	47- 10	70 71	20 112	a): 01	27 60	6.44	137.79	17 50	8.08	21.61	1.91	12.53
1923	360.30	*15.42	80.71	12.41	24.21 16.58	27.69	3.29	158.85	11.50 9.62	8.09	22.46	1.83	10.00
1924	378.53	21.54	67.13	14.69	15.77	23.21	3.83	163.70	9.16	7.17	22.96	2.25	7.98
1925 1926	372.84 387.25	15.56	94.02	16.85	15.95	23.75	4.70	163.26	11.17	7.09	23.25	4.34	7.98 7.31 4.92
1927	381.72	15.22	90.16	18.66	19.53	25.41	5.41.	155.92	11.58	7.51	23.25	4.34	4.92
Expense:	201.15	2,000	00.10	20.00	+3+32		24 10						
1923	535	*27	125	27	39	43	8	178	18	15	314	3	18
1924	535 542	39	115	34	29	40	56	196	17	15	34 34 33 32 31	3	15 13 11
1925	527	29	118	33	27	39 41	6	197	18	12	33		13
1926	541	30	129	33 35 35	30 35	41	7	191	18	12	32	6	11
1927	522	30	111	35	35	43	8	186	15	13	31	1	8
Output per employe	9												
(index):					12000	434.5				7.00	700	700	300
1923	100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100 176	100
1924	109	100	96	98	158	173	194	99	148	120 140	105	176	98
1925	125	223	103	116	180	217	155	109	170		106		
1926	128	262	104	110	178	208	136 122	113 125	170	138 147	107	115	100 139
1927	134	225	119	104	135	200	155	1-2	200				
Output per unit of					1								
cost (index):	300		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1923 1924	100	100	115	. 89	145	161	154	104	136	118	108	158	
1925	132	210	119	112	172	202	129	117	137	152	114	145	95
1926	138			118	151	200	116	125	171	148	122	117	90 95 90 120
. 1927	138 147	250 211	117	121	151 121	192	100	136	216	155	123	155	

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OUTPUT PER EMPLOYEE AND PER UNIT OF COST IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS, FEDERAL RESURVE BANK OF CLEVELAND (HEAD OFFICE)

	JULFUL LESK 1				in thousands						St.53	59-е
	Total for operations	Dis- counts	Currency	Coin	City ch	Govern- ment checks	Country	Return	City col-	The state of the s	Coupon co Other than Government	Govern-
Items handled: 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927	measured -	*40 49. 59 61 51	51,566 52,616 58,357 62,067 65,763	97,974 96,811 93,958 100,893 89,489	8,356 8,603 8,540 7,616 7,499	1,082 890 888 963 1,136	20,488 20,779 20,958 23,264 25,307	346 516 546 484 192	33 41 43 44 16	130 212 214 203 191	51 118 78 83 89	2,834 2,437 2,314 2,298 2,208
Average number of employees: 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927	190.32 199.93 184.20 181.64 184.64	*8.50 11.15 11.00 11.02 11.00	32.06 35.04 32.11 28.85 28.33	5.89 6.17 5.25 4.42 4.59	26.35 31.74 23.82 22.28 23.02	2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00	73.60 75.65 74.94 78.77 73.89	7.25 6.25 5.33 5.63 5.89	4.21 4.81 5.00 5.00 5.84	19.42 18.01 16.00 15.49 15.95	5.75 5.42 4.79 4.13 5.50	5.29 3.69 3.96 4.05 3.63
Expense: 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927	290 299 275 268 265	*20 25 26 26 27	49 53 46 43 42	12 13 11 9	39 46 38 34 32	2 2 3 3 3 3	91 89 86 89	1 ¹ 4 12 12 11 10	9 11 10 11 12	35 33 29 28 28	10 9 9 8 9	966655
Output per employe (index): 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927	100 109 120 125 126	100 122 125 105	100 93 113 134 144	100 94 108 137 117	100 85 113 108 103	 100 83 82 89 105	100 99 100 106 115	100 173 215 180 175	100 108 109 113 100	100 176 200 196 179	100 246 185 227 183	100 123 109 106 114
Output per unit of cost (index): 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927	100 114 126 132 135	100 116 118 96	100 93 119 136 147	100 88 102 129 119	100 38 107 106 110	 100 79 60 59 70	100 104 109 116 125	100 164 187 169 199	100 107 117 120 111	100 173 198 194 185	100 262 182 204 200	100 126 123 135 132

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OUTPUT PER EMPLOYEE AND FER UNIT OF COST IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF RICHMOND (HEAD OFFICE)

		(Numb	er of items	handled i	n thousands	: expense	in thousa	ands of do	llars)			St. 5	359-f
	Total for				City cl		Govern-	Country	Return	City	Country	Coupon col	
	operations	Dist	Currency	Coin	Clearings	Other	ment	checks	items	col-	col-	Other than	Govern-
	measured	counts			Olean Ings	Other	checks	CHOCKS	1001110	lections	lections	Government	ment
Items handled:							61 -	an and			207	-	olie
1923	-	*79	43,154	23,820	1,435	121	643	28,204	55 ⁴ 656	12	108	8	945
1924	-	86	46,909	23,328	1,559	124	658	27,009	656	21	102	10	73 ⁴ 625
1925	-	.119	47,841	26,287	1,674	107	711	28,066	675	23 15	94	14	553
1926	-	136	53,658	35,027	1,636	109	790 872	29,672	751 750	11	99	15	· 553 535
1927	430	35	54,788	32,252	1,630	111	015	30,302			22	**	323
Average number of													
employees:	221.90	*20.31	27.50	4.49	5.11	.65	3.30	129.74	12.06	2.60	12.54	1.58	2.02
1923	216.16	20.36	27.74	4.44	3.21	.76	3.30	128.17	11.44	2.16	11.50	.98	2.10
1924 1925	173.36	17.56	24.30	4.24	3,50	- 57	2.24	96.46	9.55	1.90	10.22	.72	2.10
1926	150.93	16.98	22.60	3.59	3.27	54	1.99	79.42	8.12	1.75	10.14	.73	1.80
1927	135.57	16.20	19.70	3.57	2.84	• 57 • 54 • 49	1.99	79.42 69.54	7.90	1.34	8.85	1.21	1.79
Expense:													
1923	291	*35	33	6	7	1	4	159 145	20	3	18	2	3
1924	276	35	35	6	5	1	4		20	3	18	1	2
1925	229	31	33 35 32 32 32	6	6	1	3	112	17	2	16	1	2
1926	209	30	32	6	7,	1	3 2	98	14	1	15	1	2
1927	190	29	29	O	4	7	2	00	11	-			
Output per employee		4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
(index):	100	100	108	99	173	38	102	97	125	214	103	178	
1923	103	161	125	117	170	102	163	134	154	263	115	289	75 64
1925	137 169	191	151	184	178	109	204	172	201	184	108	408	66
1926		-							20.7	187	130	329	64
1926 Output per unit of	182	125	177	157	204	122	243	201	207	101	1)0	267	01
cost (index):													
1923	100	1 P 79 P	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1924	106	100	103	91	145	86	111	105	122	201	96	152 245	88
1925	138	159	115	101	139	96	169	141	143	264	105		81
1926	162	188	130 144	149	160	86 104	208	171 194	197 252	218	96	321 344	75 72
1927	170	122		130	190						17.	se of calcul	

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OUTPUT PER EMPLOYEE AND PER UNIT OF COST IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK: OF ATLANTA (HEAD OFFICE)

			(Numb	er of items	s handled i	in thousands	; expense	in thous	ands of do	llars)			St	.5359-g
		otal for perations	Dis-	Currency	Coin	City el	necks	Govern- ment	Country	Return	City	Country col-	Coupon	collections then Govern-
	1	neasured	counts			Clearings	Other	checks	checks	items	lections		Govern	ent ment
Items handle	d:										· ·			
1923	*	-	*82	33,321	12,960	1,494	53	490	5,695	195	18	28	1	817
1924		-	83	35,786	13,708	1,513	15	526	5,856 6,734	190	19	26	2	4118
1925		-	74	37,607	15,953	1,624	18	549	6,734	206	23	20	2	387
1926		- 1	121	39,316	17,511	1,745	54	587	7,650	247	24	19	3	342
1927 Average number	er of	-	107	39,557	16,589	1,886	54	625	5,441	21/1	20	17	9	316
employees:	C1 01													
1923		70.01	*12.56	23.48	.56	8.67	. 23	1.40	75 57	3.42	7 70	70		1.00
1924		76.38	17.22	21.93	1,44	6.23	.69	1.76	15.53 18.95	3.30	1.32	• 79		1.90
1925		71.66	13.13	17.54	2.00	6.51	.10	1.78	22.87	3.70	1.82 .	1.79		1.35
1926		74.95	14.61	17.68	1.00	5.81	.10	1.98	24.81		2.01	2.23		1.00
1927		55.20	14.25	15.55	1.00	4.48	.10	1.74	19.91	3:74	2.02	2.18	.39	.54
Expense:		2000							-3-3-					
1923		103	* 22	23	2	10	#	2	31	7	2	2	-	3
1924		112	27	26	2	7	1	2	32	7	3	3	1 -1	2
1925		92	20	23	3	8	#	2	25	6	- 2	3	-	1
1926 1927		94	22	23 21	2	6 5	#	5 5	27	6	5 5	3	#	1
Annual Control of Cont	mployee	00	22	21	4	2	T	-	24	- 1	2)	π	1
(index):	1101000											414		
1923		100		100	100	100	_	100	100	100	100	100		100
1924		99	100	115	49	141	-	85	84	101	81	100		
1925		110	117	151	41	145	-	88	80	98	92	41 35 24		77 143
1926		125 141	172 155				-	85	84	116	86	24	-	80
1927		141	155	157 179	89 54	274	-	102	115	113	72	55	-	83
Output per ur														
cost (index)):													
1923		100	2	100	100	100	-	100	100	100	100	100	-	100
1924		103	100	116	93	140	-	95	98	102	91	61	-	68
1925 1926		131	119	141	88	137	3 7000	124	147	115	138	50	-	130
. 1927		155	180	146	172	215 271	-	105	153	144	136	43	0.000 m	76
*	1923 fi	gures not	comparal	ole with th	ose of sub	sequent year	rs and a	ccordingly	the 1924	figures	were used	as the b	ase in c	alculating 82
		th	e indice:	s of output				-77		W. Fay				Later and the
#.	Less tha	an \$500.												

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	15 1 5 6	(Numb	er of items	handled	in thousands City c		Govern-	ands of ac	Jilars)	City	Country	Coupon co	The state of the s
	Total for operations	Dis-	Currency	Coin			ment	Country	Return	col-	col-	Other tha	
	measured	counts	our renes	00111	Clearings	Other	checks	checks	items		lections	Gov't.	ment
Items handled:													o ligh
1923	- 5	*120	224,315	191,685	13,097		4,548	57,979	790	72	230	79	9,484
1924	-	145	228,463	177,573	14,753	-	4,599	62,014	990	69	236	103	7,302
1925	-	137	244,535	195,877	13,887	-	4,133	68,267	1,054	56	239	227 138	6,517 5,920
1926	-	147	262,162	220,582	15,285	-	4,161 4,303	72,885	1,158	55	273 267	177	5,542
1927		115	289,125	229,116	15,199		7,000	10,110	1,120	OI	201	+11	212
Trage number of													
employees:	602.38	*38.25	133.50	15.25	25.50		19.75	293.75	7.75	19.25	25.88	7.75	14.75
1923 1924	545.90	30.83	113.61	14.66	45.58	-	15.63	255.50	7.79	14.48	23.54	10.83	13.25
1925	540.47	23.61	104.85	10.43	41.03	-	15.18	280.14	11.75	13.01	21.26	9.26	9.95
1926		24.99	102.87	9.79	52.84	_	17.09	320.21	13.04	17.38	17.30	7.21	9.56
1927	592.78 320.73	25.18	97.75	8.85	54.08	-	14.87	343.58	13.08	15.37	18.51	10.70	8.75
Expense:								View		77	117	27	20
1923	97.0	*71	209	34	36 64	-	26	452	25 26	33	. 47	17	20 23
1924	844	65	165	33 26	64	-	22	350		27	47	21 15	17
1925	814	50	161	26	51	-	20	375	27 24	23		16	15
1926	845	51 51	167 152	23	57 65 84	_	20	401 454	19	29 25	33	20	15 15
1927	597	21	192	C.L.	0		-/						
Output per employed (index):	.6								3				
1923	100		100	100	100	-	100	. 100	100	100	100	100	100
1924	114	100	120	96	53	_	126	1.23	125	128	117	94	86
1925	123	122	139	149	63 66	-	118	123	39	115	131	241	102
1926	119	124	152 176	179 205	56 49	-	106	115	38	35	179	189	96
1927	1131		175	205	149	-	125	112	gli.	103	159	10)	99
Output per unit of													
cost (index):	Control of the contro				-				200	700	700	100	300
1923	100		100	100	-100	-	100	100	100	100	100	100	100 69
1924	120	100	129	96	64		120	138	122	119 112	123	271	32
1925	134	123	141	137	67		118	142 142	128	88			
1926	135	129	146 175	171	64 53		117	131	159	109	171	188 185	85
1927	23 figures n	ot compa	rable with	those of	subsequent ye	ears and	according	ly the 192	24 figure	es were us	ed as the	base in c	alculating
		the indi	ces of outp	nut.									

OUTFUT PER EMPLOYEE AND FER UNIT OF COST IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ST. LOUIS (HEAD OFFICE)

		(Numbe:	r of items	handled in	thousands;	expense	in thousan	nds of dol	lars)	01. 1001	o (nead O	E E I CE)	
	Total for	Dis-			City c	necks	Govern-			City	Country	Coupor col	lections
	operations	counts	Currency	Coin	Clearings	Other	ment	Country	Return	col-	col-	Other than	Govern-
	measured				102000	Conci	checks	CHECKS	items	lections		Government	ment'
Items handled:											-		
1923	-	*41	60,657	97,737	4,470	564	1,614	19,698	524	24	101	22	2,524
1924	7 7 2 2	30 .	59,261	92,788	5,769	805	1,527	20,837	524 667	27	109	24	2,048
1925 1926	-	33 47	55,630	93,047	4,793	940	1,536	21,970	776	21	74	23	1,826
1927			56,871	91,386	5,052	1,012	1,555	23,294	830	21	101	25	1,646
Forage Number of	-	50	60,495	93,404	5,591	1,051	1,531	24,150	904	20	1.15	25 31	1,530
en loyaas:													
1923	169.02	*5.71	30.15	4.83	10.78	2.86	7 03	70 7).					
1.924	152.41	6.31	25.99	4.75	11.21	3.64	7.81 4.73	78.34	6.97	3.70	9.78	2.76	5.33
1925	133.34	4.93	24.31	4.64	7.88	3.75	3.83	70.72	5.59	2.45	10.50	2.15	4.37
1926	121.20	5.06	23.22	4.88	7.94	3.78	2.36	57.73	4.94	1.77	6.66	2.11	3.49
1927	118.16	4.94	21.02	4.68	8.30	3.73	2.43	57.04	5.06	1.27	5.51 5.58	1.48	3.03
Elikulas:						2.12		21.01	7.00	7.01	3.30	1.40	2.71
1923	252	*10	45	10	13	3	9	117	11	7	13	5	8
1924	202	11	38	10	12	5	96	82	9	6	12	4	6
1925 1985	177	9	37	10	9	5	5	72	Q	4	-8	4	5
1927	161	10	37 34	10	99	55	5 31	72 61 55	8	3	8	33	5 5 14
Output per employe	6 1)1	9	2+	9	9	5	14	55	8	3	8	3	14
(uniox):													
923	100		100	100	100	100	100	700		200			
1924	118	100	113	96	124	112	100 156	100	100	100	100	100	100
1925	133	142	114	99	147	127	194	117	159	173	100	142	99
1926	158	198	122	93		136	310	134 160	223	186	108	136	111
1927	170	216	1113	99	154 162	143	319 305	168	238	254 246	178	217	115
Output per unit of							, , ,	200	2,70		EU-F	403	119
cost (index):													
1923 1924	100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1925	132	100	116	91	140	99	131	151	155	135	114	133	98
1926	149	133	112	96	147	111	158	182	190	163	114	140	115
1926 1927	199	176 194	116 133	103	160	120	258	226	219	212	169	216	108
	ares not com		and the same of th		182	120	237	260	251	212	192	280	106

*1923 figures not comparable with those of subsequent years and accordingly the 1924 figures were used as the base in calculating the indices of output.

OUTPUT PER EMPLOYLE AND PER UNIT OF COST IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS (HEAD OFFICE)

		(Numb	er of item	s handled	in thousands	; expense	in thousa	ands of do	llars)				
	Total for operations measured	Dis- counts	Currency	Coin	Clearings	hecks Other	Govern- ment checks	Country	Return	City -col- lections	1-	Oction col Other than Government	Govern- ment
Items handled: 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 Average number of		*37 41 24 26 23	29,885 29,305 32,045 35,271 38,572	8,623 8,139 8,925 11,014 10,954	3,375 3,700 3,803 3,717 3,785		661 819 789 763 718	21,293 19,694 19,845 18,559 17,346	464 562 494 437 395	197 207 187 172 126	117 134 135 129 37	- 32	1,624 1,134 1,007 932 923
emoloyees: 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927	146.86 128.94 113.53 106.26 95.17	* 10.62 10.57 5.99 4.51 4.27	16.08 16.16 15.74 15.66 12.64	1.03 1.15 1.46 1.16 1.16	5.40 5.91 5.13 5.25 5.09		2.03 2.90 1.77 1.71 1.72	83.60 63.46 58.75 54.52 49.04	4.44 5.83 4.05 3.35 3.40	9.19 8.75 8.93 9.90 7.12	10.64 11.23 9.43 8.26 6.64	- - - 3.34	3.33 2.98 2.26 1.64 1.75
1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 Output per employed	236 189 163 158 145	*18 19 10 9	25 26 25 27 20	3 3 4 4 4	7 3 7 7	-	34333	143 90 78 76 58	7 9 7 7 6	11 11 11 12 9	15 16 14 12 11	_ h	54 3 2 3
(index): 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 Output per unit of cost (index):	100 111 122 126 129	100 104 149 138	100 93 110 121 164	100 84 72 114 113	100 100 119 113 119		100 87 137 138 128	100 122 133 134 139	100 92 117 115 111	100 110 97 81 83	100 108 130 142 119		100 90 105 134 125
1923 1924 1925	100 121 137 136 133 gures not co	100 105 131 105 mparable dices of	100 93 106 109 156 with those output.	100 *83 66 89 81 s of subse	100 100 117 112 115 equent years	and accord	100 99 112 125 117 dingly the	100 146 170 165 171 1924 fig	100 94 94 88 ures were	100 106 100 82 79 a used as	100 105 123 137 102 the base	- - - in calculat	100 84 96 121 104

OUTPUT PER EMPLOYEE AND PER UNIT OF COST IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS, FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS OF KANSAS CITY (HEAD OFFICE)

		(Numb	er of items	handled :	in thousands	: expans	e in thouse	TAL RESERV	E BANKS	OF KANSAS	CITY (HEA	D OFFIC	E)
	Total for	Dis-	1		City cl	hecks	Govern-		lars)	1 011	1-		
	operations	counts	Currency	Coin			ment	Country	Return	City	Country	Couro	n collections
	measured				Clearings	Other	checks	checks	items	col-	001-	Other	than Govern-
Items handled:										Tections	lections	Govern	ment ment
1923	-	*55	33,323	51,016	5,368		7 750	20 05)					
1924	-	*55 65	32,991	47,963	4,266	_	1,152 1,156	20,054	379 467	22	88	200	1,776
1925	* *	38	34,743	48,289	4,313	-	1,199	21,813		21	119	-	1,278
1926	-	55	35,828	48,706	4,572		1,212	25,119	532	21	112	-	1,169
1927	-	111	37,646	45,645	5,078		1,262	25,792 24,211	597 573	22	124	-	1,068
Average number of					2,-,-		1,202	27,211	212	25	125	1000	1,038
employees:	2 44 45		2 12										
1923 1924	123.32	*12.75	16.56	2.25	7.50	_	2.84	62.61	4.51	7 50	7 07		
	106.78	12.31	15.86	2.63	7.92	_	3.00	48.60	4.17	3.58	7.03	-	3.69
1925 1926	92.64	8.81	14.00	2.48	7.09	-	2.49	42.37	4.00		7.00	-	3.29
	89.27	3.62	14.87	2.58	5.94	-	2.00	40.22	4.63	2.00	6.77		2.63
N927 Expanse:	85.54	6.54	13.71	2.00	6.00	-	2.00	37.66	4.64	2.00	5-96 5-99	7	2.45
1923	07.0	4.01								2.00	2.22		2.00
1924	210	*24	25	5 4	10	-	4	107	g	6	16		
1925		23	. 24		11	-	4		8	3	16		6
1926	151 147	16	21	54	11	-	4	75 64	8	3	16		5 4
1927	141	16 16	23 21	4	10	-	33		8	3	14	-	4
Output per employe	e	10	ET.	5	10		3	61 57	6	3	15 14 14	-	4 3
(imaex):													
1923	100		100	100	The state of the s								
1924	121	100	103	100	100	-	100	100	100	100	100		100
1925	146	82	123	86	75	-	95	140	134	172	136		81
1926	160	121	120		85	-	119	185	159	170	133	-	92
1927	161	92	136	83 72	108	-	150	200	154 147	178	167	-	01
Output per unit of			-50	12	110	-	156	201	147	504	171	-	914
cost (index):													THE PERSON NAMED IN
1923	100		100	100	100		300						
1924	128	100	105	109	72	-	100	100	100	100	100	-	100
1925	153	81	126	107	74	-	90	155	131	166	136	-	81
1926	167	121	120	112		-	106	208	142	171	134	-	97
, 1927	167	90	134	99	90 96	-	134 130	223 226	154	173	157 166	1 = 1	97 96 97
man some and the	1923 figure	s not con	marable wit	h those o	f subsequent	Veare o	and accounts	~~~ 4h - '	162	196	166	=	97

the indices of output.

OUTPUT PER EMPLOYEE AND FER UNIT OF COST IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS (HEAD OFFICE)

			(Numb	er of item	s handled	in thousands	: expense	in thous	ande of d	VE BANK O	E DALLAS	HEAD OFF	ICE)	
	1	otal for	Dis-			City c	hecks	Govern-			City	Country	Coupon col	lections
	1	perations measured	counts	Currency	Coin	Clearings	Other	ment	Country	Return items	col-	col-	Other than	
Items handled	:										1200110115	rections	Government	ment
1923		-	*115	25,993	24,256	2,493	402	418	19,288	462	15	().		
1924		-	78	28,101	19,052	1,754		435	21,680		19	64 66	2 2 3	719 545
1925		-	5 ¹ 4 65	28,947	20,159	1,577	54 16	437	22,357	597 644	15	48	2	245
1925		-	65	28,898 27,674	17,947	1,786	4	472			13		2	463
1927		-	50	27,674	17,679	1,876	4	503	23,225 22,513	760 737	13 13	55 51	3	421 386
Terage numbe	r of									17.		7-		200
employees:														
1923		145.16	*29.18	14.84	2.25	3.68	1.07	1.79	74.59	5.48	3.48	5.90		7 00
1924		124.63	22.96	15.09	1.49	4.42	. 58	2.00	62.70	6.00	3.00	5.00	-	1.90
1925		109.24	12.76	14.53	1.44	4.55	.51	1.16	60.09	5.90	2.50	4.41		1.39
1926		104.03	10.17	13.55	1.98	4.55 3.83	.85	.92	59.01	6.04	2.03	4.05	-	1.29
1927		95.90	11.60	11.50	2.00	3.83	.05	1.10	54.92	5.30	2.05	4.05		.50
Expense:		-1-1					50							•)0
1923		247	*56 42	20	5 4	6	1	3	121	14	5	12		7
1924		185		20		6	1	3	81	14	Ĭ.	10		3
1925		158	5,1	19	4	6	1	2	76	13	3	g		2
1926 1927		149	19	19	4	6	#	2		12	3	8		2
Output per em	ocuo lo	1,5	22	19	7	5	#	2	碧	9	3	7		1
(index):	Tolase													
1923		100		7.00	7.00									
1924		120	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100
1925		131	125	106 114	119	59	5/1	93 161	134	140	144	122		104
1926		146	193	122	130	55 58 72	8		144	153	131	101	-	95
1927		143	127	137	84 82	58	1 2	220 195	152 159	175	149 144	125	-	95 126
Output per uni	t of	1,0	7-1	1/1	02	12	2	195	159	195	144	115	-	204
cost (index):														
1923		100	141	.100	100	100	100	100	7.00	7.00				
1924		135	100	109	122	71	25	100	100	100	1.00	100		100
1925		152	124	113	128	67	10	173	183	136	169	123		123
1926		172	187	118					194	149	163	108	-	115
1927	Variation	169	125	128	97	72	3	204 164	707	195 250	167 148	136 130	-	151 234
	*1923 :	figures no	t compara	able with t	hose of	subsequent yea	ars and a	ccordingly	the 1000	fimmon	140	150	SOIL TO COME	234

*1923 figures not comparable with those of subsequent years and accordingly the 1924 figures were used as the base in calculating #Less than \$500.

OUTPUT PER EMPLOYEE AND PER UNIT OF COST IN PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS, FEDERAL RESURVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO (HEAD OFFICE)

10		(Namb	er of items	handled i	in thousands	expense	in though	nada of a	VE BANK U	F SAN FRA	NCISCO (H	MAD OFFICE)	
^	Total for	Dis-			City cl	necks	Govern-		The same of	City	Country	Coupon col	loations
Q	operations	counts	Currency	Coin	Clearings	Other	ment	Country	Return	col-	col-	Other than Government	Govern-
Items handled:	1 (4)							-	1	1200020110	Tecolons	Gevernment	ment
1923	- 4	*31	27,390	23,231	3,443	316	891	9,047	- 91	18	56	10	2,409
1924	-	42	37,449	21,449	3,571	312	931	8,355	103	13	58	19 20	
1925	-	46	38,543	21,116	3,621	378	861	9,053	112	18	51	23	1,543
1926	-	55	43,577 44,843	39,421 62,657	4,330	552			120		41	21	1,203
Average number of	-	44	44,843	62,657	4,888	594	955	9,352	133	19	35	23	1,053
employees:		13/1-	1										2,002
1923	777 07	# 7 7 A 7	70 00	(-1									
1924	113.97	*13.07	19.50	6.94	8.05	3.03	4.83	35.88	4.10	4.35	7.58	1.65	4.99
1925	112.35	15.78	17.64	5.53	10.51	3.12	5.63	34.20	4.32	3.79	6.15	1.30	4.38
1926	90.41	9.57	16.61	3.55	7.14	2.70	4.12	30.59	3.31	3.93	5.64	.56	2.69
1527	91.58	8.78	18.71	3.74	5.94 8.62	2.71	4.41	32.11	3.17	3.49		1.24	2.31
Expense:	03.33	8.05	10.08	4. 79	8.52	2.81	4.71	28.84	2.98	4.12	4.97	1.38	2.31
1923	190	*25	20	76		10							
1924	187	32	5,4	16	12	4	8	59 55 43	. 8	8 .	13	3	7
1925	147	20	24	12	15	5	9	55	8	7	12	2	.7
1925	143	18	26	3	11	4	7	43	6	7	11	1	4
1527	139	17	23	9	13	4	7	42	6	6	10	2	3
Output per employe	e	+1	->	11	15	4		39	5	7	8	3	3
(undow):	THE REAL PROPERTY.										TOO STATE OF		
1923	100		100	100	100	700	700	100					
1924	107	100	151	116		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1925	137	178	165	118	79 119	96 134	90	97	107	114	127	135	73
1926	153		166				113	117	152	109	123	370	93 94 92
1927	153	233 205	191	315 391	170 133	199	117 131	116 130	170 201	133 130	110	147	94
Output per unit of				20-	-00	LUL	1)1	130	201	150	110	150	92
ccst (index):													
1923	100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	700	300	100	
1924	108	100		120	79	92	92		112	100	100	.100	100
1925	142	172	159 165	173	110	130	108	99 136	145	107	118	128	71
1926	167	235	173	297	160	27.7	771	1)17	170	114	108	357	95
1927 *19	1.51	199	203	297	subsequent y	213	114	159	230	133	92	123 125 base in cal	101
1	c) rigures i	the dompa	raole with	those of	subsequent y	ears and	according	ly the 19	24 figure	s were us	ed as the	base in cal	culating
		one ind	ices of out	put.									

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EARNINGS AND EXPENSES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

JUNE 1928. Total carnings of Federal Reserve banks in June were \$508,000 more than in May, though carnings were accrued one day less in June. Earnings from purchased bills declined \$334,000 and from U. S. securities \$70,000, but these decreases were more than offset by increases of \$755,000 in earnings from discounted bills and of \$157,000 in miscellaneous earnings. The increase in miscellaneous earnings was due to the semi-annual distribution of commissions, amounting to \$170,000, on bills and securities purchased for foreign correspondents.

Current expenses (exclusive of cost of Federal reserve currency) aggregated \$2,185,000 as compared with \$2,152,000 in the month preceding and \$2,154,000 in June of last year.

FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1928. During the first half of the year earnings totaled \$26,430,000, or \$6,018,000 above the total for the first half of last year. Earnings from discounted bills increased \$4,574,000, from purchased bills \$1,015,000, and from U. S. securities \$496,000, while earnings from miscellaneous sources declined \$67,000.

Current expenses (exclusive of cost of Federal reserve currency) amounted to \$12,952,000, an increase of \$78,000 over the corresponding period of last year.

After providing for all current expense and dividend requirements, the Federal reserve banks on June 30 had a balance of \$8,785,000 available for depreciation allowances, surplus and franchise tax, as compared with a balance of \$2,773,000 at the end of June 1927.

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EARNINGS AND EXPENSES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS, MAY 1928.

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Federal	50%	-Month •	35000	of		May		1928		Jan.		7000
Reserve	Earnings from -				Current ex		Current net		Current	- May	Balance for reserves,	
Bank	Dis- counted bills	Pur- chased bills	U. S. securi-ties	Other	Total	Exclusive of cost of F.R.currency	Total	Amount	Ratio to paid-in capital	net earnings	accrued	surplus, franchise tax, etc.
Boston	\$221,806	130,366	\$28,879	*\$30,313	\$350,738	\$146,122	\$149,936	\$200,802	Per cent 23.9	\$858,519	\$239,823	\$618 ,6 96
New York	1,036,585	27. 345	130,388	*101,873	1,310,945	512,202	526,410	784,535	21.3	2,561,103	1,056,112	1,504,991
Fhiladelphia	216,757	115,503	69,066	*26,080	375,246	153,408	163,988	211,258	17.7	895,483	340,400	555,083
Cleveland	237,746	104,501	107,010	*24,133	425,124	206,220	218,954	206,170	17.0	958,396	355,132	603,264
Richmond	159,026	51,574	11,500	*8,544	213,556	115,673	120,939	92,617	17.4	337,437	156,223	181,214
Atlanta	175,234	69,057	17,599	*2,773	259,117	104,242	105,297	153,820	34.7	372,526	129,538	242,988
Chicago	411,123	145,627	127,064	*24,108	659,706	299,468	313,261	346,445	22.5	1,291,479	459,010	832,469
St. Louis	145,910	5,614	66,684	*52,577	165,631	105,669	106,439	59,192	13.1	364,726	133,320	231,406
Minneapolis	39,782	62,844	38,761	945	142,332	78,214	78,955	63,377	24.6	168,538	75,621	92,917
Kansas City	77,795	46,451	62,638	*7,334	179,550	136,658	137,159	42,391	11.8	203,950	106,050	97,900
Dallas	32,565	50,287	54,069	*19,204	117,717	99,880	100,172	17,545	4.8	127,835	107,442	20,393
San Francisco TOTAL	219,103	80,743	58,189	*31,690	326,345	194,338	197,566	128,779	14.1	630,132	246,713	383,419
May 1928 Apr.1928	2,973,432 2,165,240 1,615,262	1,108,412 1,036,489 723,187	771,847 1,003,127 865,055	*279,943	4,526,007 3,924,913 3,281,558	2,135,874	2,219,076 2,219,697 2,304,690	2,306,931 1,705,216 976,868	19.6 15.1 8.9	8,770,124 5,414,247		5,364,740 2,233,575

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FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

DIVISION OF BANK OPERATIONS JULY 14, 1928

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FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD WASHINGTON OFFICE OF VICE GOVERNOR July 2, 1928. Dear Mr. Hamlin: I enclose copy of a letter that I wrote Dr. Miller on Saturday. As the letter says, I tried to get Dr. Miller at the Reserve Bank but, having lost track of the difference in time, called too late. On Saturday Miller, from somewhere outside of Boston, tried to get the Board through the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and did actually have Mr. Eddy for a minute or two. The connection was bad, however, and before Eddy could get me they had lost it and I told Eddy to tell the Boston Bank not to try to put the connection through but to give me Mr. Miller's address and I would write to him so that he would get a letter Monday. I intended to write you at the same time but interruptions of one kind or another put it out of my mind and I knew you intended to stay throughout the week anyway so I could write you later. There isn't much to add to the letter to Miller, excepting that McDougal called me on the telephone this morning and stated that he had received a letter from Young, the substance of which he read to me over the telephone. So far as I can make out, Young did not clearly express approval or disapproval of the rate increase as a local matter effecting the Chicago district, but did think that no general rate increases were called for at this time. He mentioned something about a general conference of Federal Reserve Governors to come later. Whether that referred to the proposed Open Market Committee meeting, about which I received a letter from Mr. Case on Saturday with a tentative date fixed for the 18th, or to something else, I did not clearly make out but will know, of course, when I get Young's letter. If there is good local reason for an increase of rates to 5 per cent in the Chicago district, I don't see why any conference should be called upon to pass on that matter. McDougal says that customers' rates have been 5 and 5-1/2 per cent in Chicago for nearly two weeks, which would justify a 5 per cent Federal reserve rate. The only question in my mind is whether even these rates won't let up a little when the half yearly settlements are fully out of the way and the great mass of dividends and interest payment flow back into investments or into the banks as deposits. Presumably the stiffening of the Stock Market on Friday and Saturday in spite of high call rates, was due in some measure to anticipation of usual reinvestment of dividends, etc. This morning's report from New York which has just come in, says that call money renewed at 7-1/2 per cent, with \$2,000,000 wanted. The market opened dull and steady, with the price of 7 industrials off about a point. Wheat opened about 1-3/8 up, and cotton which is very high at about 22-1/2, opened off somewhat, due apparently to the better weather. It certainly can't be said that high interest rates are having any visible effect on farm prices, so far. I received a letter from Curtiss Saturday, stating that the doctor thought Governor Harding ought to be in the hospital about ten days but should not return to business before the first of September. He also said that the doctor VOLUME 181 PAGE 109 zed for FRASER

- 2 thought it would be a good thing for Governor Harding to be kept informed of what was going on at the band and that there was no reason why he could not answer correspondence if he wanted to. Just now Mr. Eddy has come in to say that Dr. Miller had called this morning, stated that he had received my letter and entirely approved what I had done in the matter of holding action over until next week, that he would be in the Boston Bank on Thursday, would go to New York on Friday and perhaps return here or perhaps spend the week-end on Long Island. I assume that you do not intend to attempt to return until Monday night, arriving here on Tuesday, the 10th. Yours very truly, Edward Plats Hon. Charles S. Hamlin, Mattapoisett, Mass. P. S. - Since dictating the above, copy of Governor Young's letter to Mr. McDougal has come in and he takes the position with some qualifications, stating that he has been somewhat out of touch with the situation for two weeks, that he was opposed to "an increase in the rates," and also opposed to taking any action at this time "to ease the situation" such as a reversal of the Open Market policy. In another part of the letter he says that the reason given for desiring an increase in Chicago may be entirely justifiable and that ordinarily he would be inclined to approve it, but "the Board is confronted with an umusual problem at the moment. Word has reached me indirectly that request will probably be made to the Federal Reserve Board to purchase Government securities in an effort to ease the present situation. This program I am also opposed to." That refers evidently to the proposed Open Market Committee meeting and to some views expressed by Mr. Goldenweiser who appears to think that if it can be done without starting speculation on the upward trend again, it may be well to buy a few Government securities and ease the situation somewhat - unless we are prepared to let matters work themselves out in the natural way, letting the high rates attract gold, etc. Mr. James and I lead a rueling this revoruing just to hur in the record the fact theat a rate increase had been received from telinage and that action would be postfroned until the next meeting of the Board, from ably to be held on the 10th. ed for FRASER

June 30, 1928.

Dear Dr. Miller:

About one o'clock yesterday (Friday) Mr. Heath called me on long distance telephone from Chicago and stated that the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, with the approval of the majority of the board of directors, had established a rate of discount of 5 per cent. I told him that I saw no possibility of getting any action on the matter for several days and in all probability could not be acted on until after the Fourth of July on account of absence of several members of the Board. I suggested that possibly he might be able to get in touch with Governor Young at Marquette. A little later I talked with Mr. James who declared that he was opposed to the increase. That of itself would prevent any immediate action by the Executive Committee. Then I talked with Secretary Mellon who was at first rather inclined to want to approve it at conce, though he said it came at a very inopportune time, just before the half yearly settlements, etc. An hour or two later Secretary Mellon called me to his office again for consultation with himself and Ogden Mills and told me that the Freasury had an important piece of financing to amnounace about the 6th, and that if the Chicago rate was to be put into effect it either ought to be put in effect at once or go over about a week. He was himself, however, disinclined to allow the Treasury operation to interfere and seemed to be rather in favor of immediate action. Mr. Mills said that he had talked with Mr. Case who had empressed great surprise and thought that Chicago should not have acted without some previous consultation. I asked him what the effect of a rate increase in Chicago would have on the Treasury announcement and he said it might make a difference of an eighth in their offer. Secretary Mellon did not appear to consider that of much importance, but expressed the opinion that if the whole thing could go over for a week it would be better. I told him that I did not believe we could get a quorum of the Board before Monday or Tuesday. July 9th or 10th, that you and Mr. Hamlin were both away for the week and that Governor Young was away - that our by-laws provided for the approval of a 5 percent rate by the Executive Committee only by unanimous consent. It did not seem to me that it would do to put through a rate increase, over which there was so much possible disagreement, without hearing from Governor Young and from you and Mr. Hamlin anyway, and I finally agreed to hold the thing over until Tuesday, the 10th, when I stated there would probably be a quorum of the Board present. McDougal called me up after this and stated that he had not been able to get in touch with Governor Young and would let me know if he heard anything from him later. I told McDougal at that time that it would not do to approve a rate increase anyway bust before the end of the fiscal year and the half yearly settlements and that we ought to wait and see what the effects of the settlements were after the beginning of next week and better still after the Fourth of July and the return flow of holiday currency. McDougal declared that they had given some consideration to the possible easing of money following July 1st, but the local situation was such that they thought a rate increase justified there anyway

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as it had already been discounted by an increase of counter rates to customers. Both he and Heath were originally anxious to get action as quickly as possible but acquiesced when I told them that no action could be taken anyway. Iddid not tell him about the Treasury financing, though Mr. Mills had said that he could see no harm in giving him that information if I wanted to. Wellowing the telephone conversations, a telegram from Heath stating the reasons for the desired increase came in and later a telegram stating that McDougal had talked with Governor Young who said that he wanted to think the matter over. Meanwhile I had put in a call for you at the Boston bank but having lost track of the difference in time, I got the bank after you had gone. This morning a telegram came in from Governor Young stating that he was writing me. Meanwhile, yesterday, I wrote him a full account of the conversations, etc. I haven't yet tried to get Mr. Hamilin but shall write him.

I sac no reason why sither you or Mr. Hamlin should return to Washington before Monday night or Tuesday, the 10th, as McDougal fully understands that no action can be teles until after the 4th anyway and I shall write him and tell him that that means in all probability

Tuesday, the 10th.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) EDMUND PLATT.

Hon. Adolph C. Miller, c/o Federal Roserve Bank, Boston, Mass.

2,143 Sush Hon. Roy A. Young, Governor of Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C. Sir: The Federal Advisory Council at its meeting held on May 18, 1928 in Washington, D. C. discussed the following topic presented by the Federal Reserve Board: "The desirability of requiring member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch bank cities and in other cities designated by the Federal Reserve Board from time to time to calculate and adjust their lawful reserves daily instead of on an average semi-weekly basis as at present." The Council adopted the following recommendation: "The Federal Advisory Council is emphatically opposed to any further shortening of the period for calculating and adjusting reserves because of the unnecessary disturbance to current business caused thereby. The Council regards the suggestion to require a daily adjustment of reserves as being aimed at a relatively few offending banks. It is the view of the Council that the purpose desired could be attained if regulations were adopted penalizing those banks abusing the present average system. The Council begs to inform the Federal Reserve Board that it will file a memorandum reciting in detail the difficulties and disturbances which would be caused by the suggested change in the calculation and adjustment of reserves." In accordance with the above recommendation, the Council presents this memorandum. The memorandum has been compiled from the answers received by the members of the Council from banks located in their respective districts. The members of the Council have been struck by the fact that in the answers received to their inquiries there has been no dissent as to the undesirability of the change proposed by the Federal Reserve Board. The general feeling is well summed up by one writer: "Finally, we can see no basic reason for such a radical change at the present time. The condition of the country is good; the reserves for the past seven years have averaged almost twice the required legal amount; the banking structure of VOLUME 181 PAGE 143 zed for FRASER

-2the nation was never in such an impregnable position and we can see no justification for the Federal Reserve Board at this time running the risk of arousing considerable resentment on the part of member banks and also adding to their already burdensome overhead, which must, of course, in the long run be passed on to the American public." While quite naturally many of the writers point out that the change proposed will mean an additional unnecessary expense to many of the banks, nevertheless there is no indication that this is a primary consideration in the minds of any of those objecting to the suggested plan. The fundamental reasons for opposing the proposal made are that it is unnecessary, vexatious, and difficult of execution. It is pointed out that the change from a weekly to a semi-weekly basis has made the smooth conduct of the business of the banks more difficult and that to shorten the period for calculating reserves still further would really impose a serious hardship upon some of the banks out of all proportion to any gain which supposedly may result from requiring a daily adjustment of reserves. Those who have had the most intimate, practical contact with the problems involved are those who object most. There is a feeling expressed in some quarters that, if those who so readily suggest changes really had practical knowledge of the full implication of some of the changes proposed, they would be more hesitant in offering suggestions and still more reluctant to translate such suggestions into action. It may be pertinent in discussing reserves to consider their purpose and the reason for their establishment. Reserves are not to be regarded in any sense as constituting a guarantee fund. If that is what they are thought to be they are absolutely insufficient and the fact is ed for FRASER

- 4 salutory their use might be would seem to us contrary to the very purpose for which reserves are established. Such a prohibition may very well be compared with a regulation which would deny to an automobile owner the right to use his reserve tank of gasoline when his main tank was exhausted and require him to pay the cost of towage to a service station for a replenishment of his supply. One writer has stated that there seems to be "an endeavor to police a situation which should and can only be handled by sound banking principles." If there is to be any "policing", it should be done by having vigilant and alert bank examiners and not by, what seems to us, a misuse of the power to regulate reserves. If the Federal Reserve Board thinks thirteen per cent too low a reserve requirement, its proper course of action would be to recommend to the Congress an increase to fifteen or some other arbitrary per cent. It should not, however, bring about such results by indirection. Under the law an excess of reserve is not required but would become a practical necessity in consequence of the proposed regulation. Probably the new arrangement would result in heavier and more constant borrowings at the Federal Reserve banks than have ever been contemplated. Is this to be regarded as a desirability? Reserves cannot be considered apart from liquidity for in considering the safety of an institution the two cannot be dissociated. The lowering of the former may occur without adversely affecting the latter, and this in fact occurs in the weekly swings where the percentage of liquidity becomes greater than the loss in the percentage of reserves. Most banks located in the two central reserve cities or in the larger reserve cities usually find that checks on them are accumulated by the Federal ed for FRASER

-5-Reserve bank of their district from all over the United States and are presented for clearing early on Monday. This results almost invariably in a heavy debit against such banks in the Monday clearings with a consequent lowering of the Federal Reserve position. At the same time the city customers are receiving checks drawn on banks located all over the country. These checks are deposited sometime on Monday, are turned over by the bank to the Federal Reserve bank of the district for collection which, however, gives credit only after a lapse of some days. The result is that although the Federal Reserve position of a large bank located in one of the central reserve or reserve cities is almost invariably low on Monday, the total cash means are fully normal, if not above normal, on that day and the shortage in the Federal Reserve position is generally automatically corrected when the checks deposited with the Federal Reserve bank on Monday become available for credit there. Thus to require a daily settlement on Monday, in view of this situation, would merely mean that the bank would regularly have to borrow every Monday, paying off the loan later in the week, or else permanently maintain a reserve position somewhat higher than thirteen per cent. It would not in any way, shape, or manner increase the actual liquidity of the bank and it would be totally foreign to the purpose of the thirteen per cent reserve requirement. It must be borne in mind that in the ordinary course of business the week runs to all intents and purposes a regularly chartered course with Monday as the peak of demand. From this low point of the week there is a gradual reinstatement of the reserve position until the full reestablishment of it occurs and usually at a figure that gives a full average of the required percentage. It is, therefore, evident that the full week is the ideal period for the averaging of reserves because ed for FRASFR

-7are in transit must be accompanied by sharp expansions and contractions. These will be unnecessarily disturbing to business in general and especially to that delicate balance upon which depend the money markets of the nation. It is evident that the Federal Reserve Board itself has not deemed the semi-weekly period for adjusting reserves a success. If it did, it would not be considering a change after such a very short trial. But a change to a daily figuring of reserves would merely aggravate the objectionable features which are so apparent in the present method. It would make it obligatory for member banks in cities where Federal Reserve banks or their branches are located to borrow on all shortages and lose the benefit of all overages, notwithstanding that, as has been pointed out, the latter situation is largely a result of the former. As also previously indicated there will be an unnecessary employment of the funds of the Federal Reserve banks to an extent that especially in time of stress will have an unhealthy influence. Banks rather than suffer penalties for shortages in reserves which they will not be able to discover in time to correct, will submit to the injustice of being required to borrow to an extent that will insure to them a freedom from penalties. It may be safely asserted that the aggregate of such borrowings will be far from inconsequential. It may be contended that the Federal Reserve Board is not permitted by the National Bank Act to make any concessions relative to the daily and even hourly condition of reserves. The fact is apparently overlooked that it is exactly this which the Federal Reserve Board has done from the time of its establishment until now, and that it intends to continue this practice in respect to all banks other than those located in cities where there are Federal Reserve banks or branches of Federal Reserve banks. zed for FRASER

-9sum up some of the difficulties: (1) It is the custom of most of the Federal Reserve banks to credit members with transfers made through a Federal Reserve bank up to 2:30 P.M. In the case of the larger banks such transfers run anywhere from \$500,000 to a million dollars and more daily. During the period of Daylight Saving such late credits are increased both in number and amount. (2) Such credits will be further increased both in number and amount by the dumping of outside banks at the end of their day of such surplus funds as they may have and on which they will want interest over night. (3) Further complication will result by the Federal Reserve bank credits made the next day but applicable to the previous day's reserve figures being delayed through some error or inadvertence of the Federal Reserve bank itself. (4) Member banks are often required to make late transfers of funds for their customers. Such transfers are made either directly and consist of reserve funds, or, if the transfer is made through a correspondent bank, reserve funds will be required to build up depleted balances. Often there are also late demands from banks located in branch cities where arbitrary hours exist in respect to the latest time at which borrowing transactions can be effected. (5) There are items in the cash list deposited in the Federal Reserve bank which may be charged back at any time during the day. Large items of this character have a very marked influence on reserves. It has already been noted that member banks will be compelled to borrow on all "shorts" and will receive no benefits from "overs." It has also been pointed out above that it is believed that under the proposed plan of adjusting the reserves daily pronounced expansions and contractions of loans and reserve funds will occur. Even under the semi-weekly plan larger daily excess reserves have been necessary than under the previous weekly system and there has been considerable interference with the flow of purchasable Federal Reserve funds. This last fact is not cited as being pertinent to the argument but as a further indication of what has been happening since the weekly system of averaging reserves has been abandoned. All of these problems will be aggravated if the period for adjusting zed for FRASER

-10reserves is still further shortened. Experience proves that already telegraphic transfer transactions have very appreciably multiplied and on settling days there is a very definite atmosphere of a scramble in order to get under the wire at the last minute. There have been some suggestions made that the figures of the morning following the day upon which the reserve is to be calculated might be used as the norm and adjustments in reserves up to a certain time that day might be allowed. Such a plan would lead to a confusion that would make it inoperable. Correspondents would still endeavor to adjust their position at the last moment and experience warrants the statement that the banks would have so many of these delayed demands that they would be left in as indeterminable a position as before. If we had not had a long extended period of operating the Federal Reserve System under a plan of averaging reserves weekly or if experience had proved that such procedure was dangerous, changes though purely experimental would be welcomed by all prudent and conscientious bankers. But the fact is that from January 10, 1917 to January 4, 1928 reserves were adjusted on a weekly basis and the judgment of all those most closely associated with this important feature of bank management is that the weekly averaging of reserves seemed to be most natural and workable, corresponding most closely to the usual trend of business operations. It may be well to recall the fact that this system of averaging reserves was operable during the period of the war and the period of deflation following the war when gigantic demands were made upon the financial and credit structure of this country. It functioned thoroughly well during the period of business depression and during the period of expanding commerce and industry. It worked satisfactorily when we had high money markets and when we had low ed for FRASER

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