

STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS.

January 9, 1917.

The Federal Reserve Board has determined, in the exercise of the discretion vested in it under the provisions of Section 18 of the Federal Reserve Act, that it will not require Federal reserve banks to purchase during the year 1917 more than \$15,000,000. of United States bonds offered for sale by member banks through the Treasurer of the United States. It will require Federal reserve banks to purchase on April 1, 1917, the full amount of this \$15,000,000. or so much thereof as may be offered for sale on or before March 21st, the last day on which applications will be received by the Treasurer for the sale of bonds on April 1st.

Under the provisions of Section 18 Federal reserve banks are not permitted to purchase from member banks through the Treasurer more than twenty-five million dollars of bonds in any one year, less the amount of bonds bearing the circulation privilege acquired in the open market during that year. There is no limit imposed by law on the amount of bonds which may be purchased in the open market by Federal reserve banks.