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November 13 to December 10, 1924.

The offerings of new bills, drawn chiefly against grain and cotton, during the four weeks' period ending December 10 were comparatively heavy. Purchases by dealers accordingly increased and exceeded those of the previous period, although they were smaller than during the large agricultural export movements of September and October. The investment demand was insufficient to move these bills at prevailing rates and dealers' rates were raised generally, twice in November and again in December. The purchases of banks both in the financial centers and in the interior declined as compared with the month before. During the period the Federal reserve banks made large purchases of bills from dealers and raised their actual purchase rates. As a result chiefly of these reserve bank purchases, dealers portfolios were considerably reduced, although they showed a moderate increase again toward the end of the period.

Rates in the New York market ranged from $2 \frac{3}{8}$ per cent bid and $2 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent offered for prime 90-day bills in the first half of November to 3 per cent bid and $2 \frac{7}{8}$ per cent offered on and after December 6. Thirty-day maturities were quoted at $2 \frac{7}{8}$ per cent bid and $2 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent offered on the latter date and 120-day bills at $3 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent bid and 3 per cent offered.