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## STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS

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CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE MARKET

March 19, 1925 to April 15, 1925.

During the first week of the period from March 19 to April 15 relatively quiet conditions prevailed in the acceptance market with the supply of bills somewhat in excess of the demand. Later both the supply and demand for bills slackened in New York although Boston reported an increasing demand from out of town banks. On April 1 some New York dealers reduced their rates on 30 and 60-day bills and on April 2 on 90 day bills by  $1/8$  per cent. Their portfolios increased to the highest point for the year on April 8, however, and similar increases were reported from Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago in spite of a seasonal falling off in the volume of new bills in the market. This reduction in the supply of bills with some uncertainty as to rates made a very quiet market in the latter part of the period. Over the whole reporting period New York dealers' purchases and sales were smaller than for any similar period since September. Their portfolios on April 15 were 70 per cent larger than a month previous. Boston dealers, on the other hand, reported only slightly smaller purchases than during the four weeks ending March 18 and larger sales, with portfolios somewhat smaller than on that date. In both cities dealers' sales to Federal reserve banks were only half as large as during the preceding period. Rates in the New York market on April 15 were  $3\ 1/8$  per cent bid and 3 per cent offered on 30 day bills,  $3\ 1/8$ -- $3\ 1/4$  per cent bid and  $3$ -- $3\ 1/8$  per cent offered on 60 and 90 day bills, and  $3\ 1/2$ -- $3\ 5/8$  per cent bid and  $3\ 3/8$ -- $3\ 1/2$  per cent offered on the longest maturities.