

STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS.

December 29, 1916.

A summary record of the growth of the Federal reserve system during 1916 is presented in the weekly bank statement of the Federal Reserve Board made public as at close of business on December 29, the last Friday of the present year. The increased strength of the system is indicated chiefly by the gains in cash holdings, investments and deposits.

Aggregate cash reserves of the banks increased during the year by \$112,-763,000, while combined gold reserves increased \$108,750,000. The gold holdings of the Agents increased \$85,073,000, or over 43 per cent, and stand at present at \$282,523,000. Total gold resources of the system increased from \$542,413,000 to \$736,236,000, or over 35 per cent. Larger gold holdings are reported at the close of the present year by every bank and every Agent, except one. New York reports 38.4 per cent of the total gold resources of the system on December 29, compared with 48.9 per cent about a year ago. Chicago holds at present 8.3 per cent of the system's gold, as against 7.5 per cent a year ago; Kansas City holds now 6.4 per cent, as against 3.7 in 1915; Cleveland and Dallas each hold now 5.9 per cent of the total gold as against 5.8 and 4.6 per cent, and Philadelphia 5.8 per cent as against 4.4 per cent a year ago. Other banks holding at present over 5 per cent of the system's gold are Richmond, Boston and San Francisco. All the banks except New York show larger proportionate shares of the total gold holdings than a year ago.

Of the banks' total gold reserve at the close of 1915 about 77.3 per cent was held in the banks' vaults and 22.7 at Washington in the gold redemption and gold settlement funds. Last Friday the proportions were 62 and 38 per cent respectively.

Total earning assets of the banks increased from 83.4 millions to 222.1 millions, or about 166 per cent. The ratio of earning assets to paid-in capital was slightly over 150 per cent at the end of 1915, and is nearly 400 per cent at present. This large gain is due chiefly to the growth of the acceptance business during the year. Both discounts and municipal warrants on hand at the close of the present year - 30.2 and 9.0 millions - are below the corresponding figures of a year ago. The amount of U. S. bonds owned by the banks - 44.2 millions, is nearly three times as large as a year ago. The figure just given is exclusive of 11.2 millions of one-year Treasury notes issued to the banks in exchange for 2% bonds delivered to the Treasury. Of the total earning assets at the close of the present year, 57.4 per cent is represented by acceptances, as against 27.6 per cent at the end of 1915; 24.9 per cent, as against 18.9 per cent, by U. S. securities; 13.6 per cent, as against 38.9 per cent, by discounts; and 4.1 per cent, as against 14.6 per cent, by warrants.

Total paid-in capital of the Federal reserve banks increased from \$54,915,000 to \$55,695,000, largely as the result of accessions to membership of newly organized national banks and existing State institutions, and to a smaller extent to increase in capital and surplus of member banks. New York reports the largest gain in capital, the past year having witnessed the transfer of certain Connecticut banks from the Boston to the New York Federal reserve district, also the accession to membership of the Corn Exchange Bank.

Government deposits, which at the end of 1915 were 15 millions distributed equally among the three southern banks, have increased to 28.8 millions at the end of the present year. The largest amount of Government funds held by the Federal reserve banks during the present year was 114.4 millions on July 7.

Net bank deposits total at present 668.8 millions, or 268.8 millions in excess of corresponding figures on the last Friday in 1915. The smaller relative increase in bank deposits shown for the New York and Chicago banks is, of course, due to the large preponderance in these two districts of the local city banks, which were not required to make additional transfers of reserves during the present year.

Federal reserve notes issued by the agents increased in volume from \$214,125,000 to \$300,511,000. The proportion of notes covered by gold is 94 per cent at present, as against 92 per cent at the close of 1915. Accordingly the banks' aggregate liabilities upon notes issued to them by the agents have changed but little, being \$14,130,000 at present, compared with \$13,486,000 at the close of 1915.

STATEMENT OF COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE TWELVE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS OF THE UNITED STATES AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 29, 1916.

RESOURCES .	December 29, 1916	December 22, 1916	September 29, 1916	June 30, 1916	December 30, 1915.
Gold coin and certificates in vault.....	\$281,588,000	269,627,000	260,845,000	262,038,000	266,546,000
Gold settlement fund.....	170,471,000	178,811,000	124,421,000	112,931,000	77,293,000
Gold redemption fund with United States Treasurer.....	1,654,000	1,479,000	1,929,000	1,789,000	1,124,000
Total gold reserve.....	453,713,000	449,917,000	387,195,000	376,758,000	344,963,000
Legal tender notes, silver, etc.....	17,538,000	6,025,000	7,811,000	27,448,000	13,525,000
Total reserve.....	471,251,000	455,942,000	395,006,000	404,206,000	358,488,000
Five per cent redemption fund against F. R. bank notes..	400,000	400,000	500,000	450,000	...
Bills discounted and bought:					
Maturities: Within 10 days.....	30,256,000	24,348,000	21,408,000	11,451,000	6,467,000
From 11 to 30 days.....	41,514,000	47,381,000	23,245,000	16,539,000	14,278,000
" 31 to 60 days.....	47,772,000	49,375,000	36,527,000	28,492,000	16,859,000
" 61 to 90 days.....	37,105,000	34,759,000	23,882,000	30,614,000	13,696,000
Over 90 days.....	1,046,000	1,067,000	1,516,000	5,187,000	4,081,000
Total.....	157,693,000	155,930,000	106,578,000	92,283,000	55,381,000
Investments: United States bonds.....	44,247,000	43,504,000	46,544,000	52,939,000	15,797,000
One-year United States Treasury notes.....	11,167,000	11,167,000	6,927,000	4,190,000	...
Municipal warrants.....	8,975,000	10,557,000	24,028,000	22,671,000	12,220,000
Total earning assets.....	222,082,000	222,158,000	184,077,000	172,083,000	83,398,000
Federal reserve notes - Net.....	21,300,000	19,236,000	14,250,000	23,182,000	21,910,000
Due from Federal reserve banks - Net.....	46,958,000	49,318,000	31,365,000	20,414,000	20,767,000
All other resources.....	6,275,000	3,506,000	7,543,000	4,622,000	6,547,000
TOTAL RESOURCES.....	\$768,226,000	750,560,000	632,741,000	624,957,000	491,110,000
LIABILITIES .					
Capital paid in.....	55,695,000	55,765,000	55,393,000	54,854,000	54,915,000
Government deposits.....	28,837,000	29,472,000	38,985,000	101,152,000	15,101,000
Member bank deposits - Net.....	668,786,000	648,787,000	521,740,000	457,503,000	400,012,000
Federal reserve notes - Net.....	14,130,000	15,754,000	13,216,000	9,440,000	13,486,000
Federal bank notes in circulation.....	...	...	3,033,000	1,721,000	...
All other liabilities.....	778,000	782,000	374,000	287,000	7,596,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$768,226,000	750,560,000	632,741,000	624,957,000	491,110,000
Gold reserve against net deposit and note liabilities (A)	68.2%	69.8%	71.4%	68.8%	84.6%
Cash reserve against net deposit and note liabilities (A)	70.9%	70.7%	72.8%	73.8%	87.9%
Cash reserve against net deposit liabilities after setting aside 40% gold reserve against aggregate net liabilities on Federal reserve notes in circulation (A).....	71.6%	71.3%	73.6%	74.4%	89.6%
(1) Less items in transit between Federal Reserve banks, viz. \$46,958,000		49,318,000	31,365,000	20,414,000	20,767,000

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## READY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE TWELVE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 29, 1916.

(In thousands of dollars)

RESOURCES	Boston	N. Y.	Phila.	Clevel.	Richm.	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minnls.	Kas. Cy.	Dallas	S. Fran.	Total.
Gold coin and certif. in vault	\$11,640	155,028	18,746	15,735	4,859	5,187	27,572	11,022	8,912	6,137	4,976	11,774	281,588
Gold settlement fund	14,737	20,570	8,042	16,953	19,416	7,439	26,183	3,395	7,064	21,236	14,947	10,489	170,471
Gold redemption fund	50	250	100	42	211	299	200	255	30	150	57	10	1,654
Total gold reserve	26,427	175,848	26,888	32,730	24,486	12,925	53,955	14,672	16,006	27,523	19,980	22,273	453,713
Legal tender notes, silver, etc.	635	12,806	461	521	51	197	857	1,381	164	136	253	76	17,538
Total reserve	27,062	188,654	27,349	33,251	24,537	13,122	54,812	16,053	16,170	27,659	20,233	22,349	471,251
5% redempt. fund - F. R. bank notes										300	100		400
Bills discounted - members	3,727	7,068	3,061	1,082	2,879	3,090	4,416	1,311	1,974	516	819	253	30,196
Bills bought in open market	12,725	41,457	13,602	9,871	3,694	4,554	10,212	6,784	6,128	3,890	2,201	12,379	127,497
Total bills on hand	16,452	48,525	16,663	10,953	6,573	7,644	14,628	8,095	8,102	4,406	3,020	12,632	157,693
Investments: U. S. bonds	1,332	1,043	1,651	7,361	2,192	1,710	8,858	2,203	2,442	8,493	4,328	2,634	44,247
One-year U. S. Treasury notes	1,000	1,205	1,174	618	1,070	824	1,517	891	700	963	705	500	11,167
Municipal warrants	890	972	465	2,685	61	402	1,326	576	570	164	127	737	8,975
Total earning assets	19,674	51,745	19,953	21,617	9,896	10,580	26,329	11,765	11,814	14,026	8,180	16,503	222,082
Federal reserve notes - Net	622	13,637		560			2,647		2,188			1,646	21,300
Due from other F. R. banks - Net	11,188	2,592	3,294	5,393			12,686	9,180		1,494		3,378(a)	46,958
All other resources	254	264	639	271	34	1,718	509	765	19	234	1,111	417	6,235
TOTAL RESOURCES	58,800	256,892	51,235	61,092	34,467	25,420	96,983	37,763	30,191	43,713	29,624	44,293	768,226

LIABILITIES	Boston	N. Y.	Phila.	Clevel.	Richm.	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minnls.	Kas. Cy.	Dallas	S. Fran.	Total.
Capital paid in	4,990	11,866	5,228	6,022	3,346	2,450	6,685	2,799	2,610	3,074	2,696	3,929	55,695
Government deposits	2,165	4,111	3,184	990	3,062	3,850	2,256	2,979	871	261	1,491	3,617	28,837
Member bank deposits - Net	51,378	240,734	41,453	54,080	25,267	15,874	88,042	28,069	26,169	38,338	22,659	36,683	668,786
Federal reserve notes - Net			1,136		2,692	3,220		3,916		2,040	1,126		14,130
F. R. bank notes in circulation													
Due to other F. R. banks - Net					62	26			507		1,652		
All other liabilities	267	181	194		38				34			64	778
TOTAL LIABILITIES	58,800	256,892	51,235	61,092	34,467	25,420	96,983	37,763	30,191	43,713	29,624	44,293	768,226

MEMORANDUM	Boston	N. Y.	Phila.	Clevel.	Richm.	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minnls.	Kas. Cy.	Dallas	S. Fran.	Total.
F. R. notes issued to the banks	13,518	107,004	17,070	10,832	20,431	25,920	7,183	16,890	20,484	22,235	24,163	14,781	300,511
E. R. notes in hands of banks	622	13,637	164	560	1,138	1,051	2,647	431	2,188	500	574	1,646	25,158
F. R. notes in circulation	12,896	93,367	16,906	10,272	19,293	24,869	4,536	16,459	18,296	21,735	23,589	13,135	275,353
Gold and lawful money with Agent	13,518	107,004	15,770	10,832	16,601	21,649	7,183	12,543	20,484	19,695	22,463	14,781	282,523
Carried to net assets	622	13,637		560			2,647		2,188			1,646	21,300
Carried to net liabilities			1,136		2,692	3,220		3,916		2,040	1,126		14,130

(a) Items in transit i. e., amounts due from less total amounts due to other Federal reserve banks.

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 29, 1916.  
(In thousands of dollars)

	Boston	N. Y.	Phila.	Clevel.	Richm.	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minnls.	Kas.Cy.	Dallas	S.Fran.	Total
Federal Reserve Notes:													
Received from the Comptroller	\$28,880	180,400	30,480	17,660	29,500	35,380	11,880	22,540	24,500	28,120	35,320	17,720	462,380
Returned to the Comptroller	7,402	53,476	6,150	3,728	6,569	3,835	1,697	2,610	896	2,132	4,501	1,939	94,935
Chargeable to F. R. Agent	21,478	126,924	24,330	13,932	22,931	31,545	10,183	19,930	23,604	25,988	30,819	15,781	367,445
In hands of F. R. Agent	7,960	19,920	7,260	3,100	2,500	5,625	3,000	3,040	3,120	3,753	6,656	1,000	66,934
Issued to F. R. banks less amount returned to F. R. Agent for redemption	13,518	107,004	17,070	10,832	20,431	25,920	7,183	16,890	20,484	22,235	24,163	14,781	300,511
Amount held by F. R. Agent in reduction of liability on outstanding notes:													
On hand:													
Gold coin and certificates	12,600	101,452	3,730	10,220	- -	3,460	- -	5,165	13,230	4,370	10,340	- -	164,567
Credit balances:													
In gold redemption fund	918	5,552	860	612	601	1,969	173	868	1,004	1,065	1,293	461	15,376
With Federal Reserve Board	- -	- -	11,180	- -	16,000	16,220	7,010	6,510	6,250	14,260	10,830	14,320	102,580
As security for outstanding notes:													
Commercial paper	- -	- -	1,300	- -	3,830	4,271	- -	4,347	- -	2,540	1,700	- -	17,988
<b>Total</b>	13,518	107,004	17,070	10,832	20,431	25,920	7,183	16,890	20,484	22,235	24,163	14,781	300,511
Amount of commercial paper delivered to Federal Reserve Agent	- -	- -	1,300	- -	4,077	4,285	- -	4,351	- -	2,545	1,844	- -	18,402