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CONDITION OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

Aggregate reductions of about 124 millions in the holdings of discounted and purchased paper and of 21.6 millions in Federal Reserve note circulation are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on November 19, 1920.

Government operations during the week included the payment on November 15 of the semi-annual interest on the Second Liberty Loan bonds, the redemption of the outstanding balance of the principal and interest coupons of 93.5 millions of loan certificates issued six months previous and the issuance as of the same date of 232 millions of six-month loan certificates. Pending collection of funds from depository institutions, seven Reserve Banks advanced to the Government a total of 64 millions, against which they hold special Treasury certificates. Net deposits show a decline of about 42 millions, while the Banks' cash reserves show a nominal gain of 0.2 million. As a consequence of the above changes the reserve ratio increased from 43.6 to 44.1 per cent, the largest percentage since July 30 of the present year.

Continued liquidation is shown for all classes of paper held by the Banks, paper secured by Government war obligations, including Treasury certificates, showing a reduction of 22.1 millions, all other discounted bills - a reduction of 89.3 millions, and acceptances purchased in open market - a reduction of 12.6 millions. On the other hand, Treasury certificate holdings, because of the large amount of special certificates taken from the Government, show an increase of 61.8 millions. Total earning assets were 3,306.7 millions, or 62.2 millions less than on the previous Friday.

Of the total of about 1,158.9 millions of bills secured by Government war obligations, 597.4 millions, or 51.5 per cent, were secured by Liberty bonds, 320.6 millions, or 27.7 per cent, by Victory notes, and 240.9 millions, or 20.8 per cent, by Treasury certificates, as against 51.7, 28.2 and 20.1 per cent of a corresponding total of about 1,181 millions reported the week before. Discounted paper held by the Boston, Philadelphia and Cleveland Reserve Banks is inclusive of 163.9 millions of paper discounted for the New York Bank and six other Reserve Banks in the South and Middle West, compared with 200.2 millions reported at the close of the previous week. Acceptance holdings of the Boston and Philadelphia Banks are shown inclusive of 17.3 millions of bank acceptances purchased from the New York Bank, compared with 19.7 millions, shown the week before.

Government deposits were 5.6 millions less and members' reserve deposits - about 20 millions less than on the previous Friday, other deposits, including largely foreign Government credits and non-members' clearing accounts, are shown about 0.5 million larger, while the "float" carried by the Reserve Banks and treated as a deduction from immediately available deposits shows an increase of 16.9 millions. The combined result of these changes in the deposit "block" is seen in a reduction of calculated net deposits by about 42 millions.

Federal Reserve note circulation shows a total decline of 21.6 millions, all the Reserve Banks, except those of Kansas City and San Francisco, reporting smaller circulation figures than the week before. There is also shown a reduction of 1.2 millions in the circulation of Federal Reserve Bank notes.

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RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE TWELVE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS COMBINED.

	November 19, 1920	November 12, 1920	Nov. 21, 1919
R E S O U R C E S			
Gold and gold certificates	\$170,266,000	\$169,814,000	\$248,012,000
Gold settlement fund - F.R.Board	400,678,000	409,075,000	444,547,000
Gold with foreign agencies	74,303,000	77,244,000	142,195,000
Total gold held by banks	645,247,000	656,133,000	834,754,000
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents	1,205,746,000	1,177,689,000	1,166,086,000
Gold redemption fund	157,117,000	174,856,000	118,475,000
Total gold reserves	\$2,008,110,000	\$2,008,678,000	2,119,315,000
Legal tender notes, silver, etc.	172,118,000	171,333,000	67,657,000
Total reserves	2,180,228,000	2,180,011,000	2,186,972,000
Bills discounted (Secured by Government war obligations)	1,158,907,000	1,180,977,000	1,673,890,000
(All other)	1,514,467,000	1,603,773,000	450,747,000
Bills bought in open market	275,227,000	287,854,000	480,043,000
Total bills on hand	2,948,601,000	3,072,604,000	2,604,680,000
U. S. Government bonds	26,871,000	26,863,000	26,847,000
U. S. Victory notes	69,000	69,000	57,000
U. S. Certificates of indebtedness	331,154,000	269,310,000	285,341,000
Total earning assets	3,306,695,000	3,368,846,000	2,916,925,000
Bank premises	17,047,000	16,577,000	12,278,000
Uncollected items and other deductions from gross deposits	804,424,000	772,277,000	1,000,288,000
5% Redemption fund against F. R. Bank notes	12,376,000	12,090,000	13,038,000
All other resources	6,030,000	6,790,000	8,040,000
TOTAL RESOURCES	6,326,800,000	6,356,591,000	6,137,541,000
L I A B I L I T I E S			
Capital paid-in	98,929,000	98,847,000	86,885,000
Surplus	164,745,000	164,745,000	81,087,000
Government deposits	12,259,000	17,845,000	102,805,000
Due to members - reserve account	1,781,806,000	1,801,864,000	1,837,540,000
Deferred availability items	616,871,000	601,624,000	811,204,000
Other deposits, including foreign government credits	26,228,000	25,708,000	95,539,000
Total gross deposits	2,437,164,000	2,447,041,000	2,847,088,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	3,307,435,000	3,328,985,000	2,817,173,000
F. R. Bank notes in circulation - net liability	213,881,000	215,080,000	257,680,000
All other liabilities	104,646,000	101,893,000	47,628,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,326,800,000	6,356,591,000	6,137,541,000
Ratio of total reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	44.1%	43.6%	46.9%
Ratio of gold reserves to F.R. notes in circulation after setting aside 35% against net deposit liabilities	48.6%	47.9%	54.7%

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 19, 1920.

R E S O U R C E S

(In thousands of dollars)

	Boston	New York	Phila.	Clevel.	Richm.	Atlanta	Chicago	St.Louis	Minn.	Kans.Cy.	Dallas	San Fran.	Total
Federal Reserve Bank of													
Gold and gold certificates	7,825	87,038	1,330	10,348	2,485	6,735	21,912	3,625	7,246	749	6,153	14,820	170,266
Gold settlement fund - F.R.Board	37,192	75,969	42,704	71,412	18,846	4,575	53,891	12,585	10,130	24,610	4,417	44,347	400,678
Gold with foreign agencies	5,424	27,268	5,944	6,093	3,641	2,675	8,842	3,493	2,006	3,567	1,932	3,418	74,303
Total gold held by banks	50,441	190,275	49,978	87,853	24,972	13,985	84,645	19,703	19,382	28,926	12,502	62,585	645,247
Gold with F. R. Agents	124,961	250,002	119,666	163,459	48,999	63,426	184,022	48,920	26,035	41,104	24,189	110,963	1,205,746
Gold redemption fund	18,718	38,000	14,930	12,294	7,261	6,989	25,144	5,711	3,719	3,882	9,646	10,823	157,117
Total gold reserves	194,120	478,277	184,574	263,606	81,232	84,400	293,811	74,334	49,136	73,912	46,337	184,371	2,008,110
Legal tender notes, silver, etc.	9,993	132,580	501	1,981	474	1,791	11,594	6,933	184	1,977	3,616	494	172,118
Total reserves	204,113	610,857	185,075	265,587	81,706	86,191	305,405	81,267	49,320	75,889	49,953	184,865	2,180,228
Bills discounted: (a)													
Secured by Govt.war obligations	78,219	469,383	118,967	66,575	47,378	68,665	147,533	50,462	12,350	31,879	21,836	45,660	1,158,907
All other	89,712	426,546	49,071	123,089	64,781	69,838	308,121	69,849	72,792	83,439	51,880	105,349	1,514,467
Bills bought in open market (b)	29,869	95,322	21,043	34,055	5,466	2,150	30,417	1,489	1,290	2,334	315	51,477	275,227
Total bills on hand	197,800	991,251	189,081	223,719	117,625	140,653	486,071	121,800	86,432	117,652	74,031	202,486	2,948,601
U. S. Government bonds	552	1,467	1,434	834	1,233	114	4,490	1,153	116	8,867	3,979	2,632	26,871
U. S. Victory notes	5	50	-	10	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	69
U. S. Certificates of indebtedness	33,057	76,129	44,550	34,299	14,262	15,665	48,895	17,286	8,486	12,826	8,300	17,399	331,154
Total earning assets	231,414	1,068,897	235,065	258,862	133,120	156,435	539,456	140,239	95,034	139,346	86,310	222,517	3,306,695
Bank premises	2,362	4,116	683	1,565	1,334	623	2,342	891	631	915	1,354	231	17,047
Uncollected items and other de-													
ductions from gross deposits	57,635	155,641	65,058	83,976	67,758	30,829	102,482	45,197	26,034	68,905	52,796	48,113	804,424
5% Redemption fund against F.R.													
Bank notes	1,072	2,609	1,300	1,139	451	491	2,059	623	465	916	586	665	12,376
All other resources	558	859	793	282	291	198	718	436	210	315	889	481	6,030
TOTAL RESOURCES	497,154	1,842,979	487,974	611,411	284,660	274,767	952,462	268,653	171,694	286,286	191,888	456,872	6,326,800
(a) Includes bills rediscounted for													
other F. R. Banks, viz:	35,604	-	16,352	111,984	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	163,940
(b) Includes bankers' acceptances													
bought from other F.R.Banks:													
Without their endorsement	7,017	-	10,282	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,299

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 19, 1920.

(In thousands of dollars)

L I A B I L I T I E S

Federal Reserve Bank	Boston	New York	Phila.	Clevel.	Richm.	Atlanta	Chicago	St.Louis	Minn.	Kans.Cy.	Dallas	San Fran	Total
Capital paid-in	7,669	26,247	8,469	10,352	5,272	4,009	13,784	4,332	3,394	4,447	4,085	6,869	98,929
Surplus	12,351	51,308	13,069	13,712	8,067	7,050	23,917	5,884	5,178	8,395	4,152	11,662	164,745
Government deposits	768	255	947	254	1,062	1,181	456	1,559	1,503	2,493	1,614	167	12,259
Due to members - reserve account	115,443	688,639	113,466	150,378	58,475	45,136	247,727	63,589	44,884	81,965	49,579	122,525	1,781,806
Deferred availability items	47,105	108,592	53,036	64,239	52,082	25,206	69,234	41,927	23,171	60,090	35,574	36,615	616,871
Other deposits including foreign government credits	832	16,352	885	586	248	216	1,792	566	343	479	322	3,607	26,228
Total gross deposits	164,148	813,838	168,334	215,457	111,867	71,739	319,209	107,641	69,901	145,027	87,089	162,914	2,437,164
F. R. notes in actual circulation	288,696	869,621	271,054	342,885	144,816	174,078	542,200	136,804	82,609	109,329	86,584	258,759	3,307,435
F. R. Bank notes in circulation - net liability	18,434	36,897	21,673	22,276	11,630	14,267	37,339	10,512	7,798	14,925	7,525	10,605	213,881
All other liabilities	5,856	45,068	5,375	6,729	3,008	3,624	16,013	3,480	2,814	4,163	2,453	6,063	104,646
TOTAL LIABILITIES	497,154	1,842,979	487,974	611,411	284,660	274,767	952,462	268,653	171,694	286,286	191,888	456,872	6,326,800

Ratio of total reserves to net deposit and F.R.

note liabilities combined, per cent 51.6 40.0 49.4 56.0 43.2 40.1 40.2 40.8 39.0 40.9 41.3 49.5 44.1

M E M O R A N D A

Contingent liability as endorser on discounted paper rediscounted with other Federal Reserve Banks	-	14,750	-	-	10,000	38,845	-	16,739	25,830	29,969	27,807	-	163,940
Bankers' acceptances sold to other F. R. Banks without endorsement	-	17,299	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,299
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	1,168	6,072	1,280	1,312	784	576	1,904	752	432	768	416	736	16,200

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES OUTSTANDING AND IN ACTUAL CIRCULATION

F. R. notes outstanding	302,548	991,577	287,073	369,866	151,414	179,461	637,057	156,155	84,601	114,661	90,469	292,606	3,657,488
F. R. notes held by banks	13,852	121,956	16,019	26,981	6,598	5,383	94,857	19,351	1,992	5,332	3,885	33,847	350,053
F. R. notes in actual circulation	288,696	869,621	271,054	342,885	144,816	174,078	542,200	136,804	82,609	109,329	86,584	258,759	3,307,435

DISTRIBUTION OF BILLS AND U. S. CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS BY MATURITIES

	Within 15 days	16 to 30 days	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	Over 90 days	Total
Bills discounted	1,567,959	306,981	515,532	234,289	48,613	2,673,374
Bills bought in open market	97,488	62,281	96,948	18,510	-	275,227
U. S. Certificates of indebtedness	80,051	12,922	12,411	4,921	220,849	331,154

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FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 19, 1920.
(In thousands of dollars)

Federal Reserve Agent at R E S O U R C E S	Boston	New York	Phila.	Clevel.	Richm.	Atlanta	Chicago	St.Louis	Minn.	Kans.Cy.	Dallas	San Fran.	Total
Federal Reserve notes on hand	116,500	143,000	33,680	32,200	27,019	60,565	126,200	16,220	11,605	7,640	14,320	4,380	593,329
Federal Reserve notes outstanding	302,548	991,577	287,073	369,866	151,414	179,461	637,057	156,155	84,601	114,661	90,469	292,606	3,657,488
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding;													
Gold and gold certificates	5,900	209,608	-	32,005	-	3,500	-	6,860	13,052	-	5,871	-	276,756
Gold redemption fund	19,061	15,394	18,277	21,454	3,499	2,926	7,877	4,129	1,783	2,744	6,624	15,856	119,624
Gold settlement fund-F.R.Board	100,000	25,000	101,389	110,000	45,500	57,000	176,145	37,931	11,200	38,360	11,734	95,107	809,366
Eligible paper-													
Amount required	177,587	741,575	167,407	206,407	102,415	116,035	453,035	107,235	58,566	73,557	66,280	181,643	2,451,742
Excess amount held	20,213	212,335	9,191	11,755	14,610	24,601	32,925	14,438	6,591	44,095	7,751	9,654	408,159
TOTAL	741,809	2,338,489	617,017	783,687	344,457	444,088	1,433,239	342,968	187,398	281,057	203,009	599,246	8,316,464
L I A B I L I T I E S													
Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller - gross	726,400	2,330,200	668,580	699,920	389,700	408,380	1,243,460	385,820	187,720	262,520	196,160	534,320	8,033,180
Less amounts returned for destruction	307,352	1,195,623	347,827	297,854	211,267	168,354	480,203	213,445	91,514	140,219	91,371	237,334	3,782,363
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comp- troller of the Currency	419,048	1,134,577	320,753	402,066	178,433	240,026	763,257	172,375	96,206	122,301	104,789	296,986	4,250,817
Collateral received from Federal Reserve Bank:													
Gold	124,961	250,002	119,666	163,459	48,999	63,426	184,022	48,920	26,035	41,104	24,189	110,963	1,205,746
Eligible paper	197,800	953,910	176,598	218,162	117,025	140,636	485,960	121,673	65,157	117,652	74,031	191,297	2,859,901
TOTAL	741,809	2,338,489	617,017	783,687	344,457	444,088	1,433,239	342,968	187,398	281,057	203,009	599,246	8,316,464