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## CONDITION OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

During the week ended December 21 member bank reserve balances decreased \$562,000,000. Reductions in member bank reserves arose from increases of \$612,000,000 in Treasury deposits with Federal Reserve banks, \$85,000,000 in money in circulation and \$26,000,000 in Treasury cash, offset in part by increases of \$56,000,000 in Reserve bank credit, \$74,000,000 in gold stock and \$4,000,000 in Treasury currency, and a decrease of \$28,000,000 in nonmember deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts. Excess reserves of member banks on December 21 were estimated to be approximately \$2,980,000,000, a decrease of \$500,000,000 for the week.

The principal changes in holdings of bills and securities were an increase of \$54,000,000 in United States Treasury bonds and decreases of \$41,000,000 in United States Treasury notes and \$13,000,000 in United States Treasury bills.

Changes in member bank reserve balances and related items during the week and the year ended December 21, 1938, were as follows:

	Dec. 21, 1938	Dec. 14, 1938	Dec. 22, 1937
		Increase or decrease since	
Bills discounted	8	+ 1	- 8
Bills bought	1	—	- 2
U. S. Government securities	2,564	—	—
Industrial advances (not including 15 million commitments - December 21)	16	—	- 2
Other Reserve bank credit	68	+ 55	+ 11
 Total Reserve bank credit	 2,656	 + 56	 - 2
Gold stock	14,454	+ 74	+1,689
Treasury currency	2,788	+ 4	+ 158
 Member bank reserve balances	 8,472	 -562	 +1,617
Money in circulation	6,943	+ 85	+ 262
Treasury cash	2,677	+ 26	- 948
Treasury deposits with F. R. banks	1,025	+612	+ 872
Nonmember deposits and other F.R. accounts	781	- 28	+ 42

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
OF THE TWELVE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS COMBINED

(In thousands of dollars)

	Increase or decrease since		
	Dec. 21, <u>1938</u>	Dec. 14, <u>1938</u>	Dec. 22, <u>1937</u>
<u>A S S E T S</u>			
Gold certificates on hand and due from U. S. Treasury	11,762,720	+49,002	+2,642,330
Redemption fund - F. R. notes	9,873	+ 281	- 39
Other cash	<u>305,963</u>	<u>-33,766</u>	<u>+22,597</u>
<u>Total reserves</u>	12,078,556	+15,517	+2,664,888
Bills discounted:			
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations, direct or fully guaranteed	5,968	+ 1,506	- 5,731
Other bills discounted	<u>2,325</u>	<u>- 210</u>	<u>- 2,097</u>
<u>Total bills discounted</u>	8,293	+ 1,296	- 7,828
Bills bought in open market	549	-	- 2,276
Industrial advances	15,533	- 40	- 2,847
U. S. Government securities:			
Bonds	840,893	+53,566	+89,354
Treasury notes	1,126,903	-40,662	-28,094
Treasury bills	<u>596,219</u>	<u>-12,904</u>	<u>-61,260</u>
<u>Total U.S. Government securities</u>	2,564,015	-	-
<u>Total bills and securities</u>	2,588,390	+1,256	-12,951
Due from foreign banks	172	-	- 9
F. R. notes of other banks	26,085	+1,047	+ 4,456
Uncollected items	789,042	-1,025	+107,544
Bank premises	44,096	- 10	- 1,155
All other assets	<u>42,956</u>	<u>-13,227</u>	<u>+ 6,000</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	15,569,297	+ 3,558	+2,768,773
<u>L I A B I L I T I E S</u>			
F. R. notes in actual circulation	4,483,202	+50,235	+136,819
Deposits:			
Member bank - reserve account	8,471,979	-561,533	+1,617,075
U. S. Treasurer - General account	1,024,793	+612,003	+ 872,200
Foreign bank	195,280	+ 9,575	+ 6,443
Other deposits	<u>318,617</u>	<u>- 46,545</u>	<u>+ 37,749</u>
<u>Total deposits</u>	10,010,669	+ 13,500	+2,533,467
Deferred availability items	721,418	- 56,078	+ 96,272
Capital paid in	134,440	+ 283	+ 1,821
Surplus (Section 7)	147,739	-	+ 1,885
Surplus (Section 13 b)	27,683	-	+ 68
Reserve for contingencies	32,637	- 35	- 3,036
All other liabilities	<u>11,509</u>	<u>-4,347</u>	<u>+ 1,477</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	15,569,297	+3,558	+2,768,773
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F.R. note liabilities combined	83.3%	- .3%	+3.7%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	76	-	- 1,604
Commitments to make industrial advances	14,848	-101	+ 2,007

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS ON DECEMBER 21, 1938  
(In thousands of dollars)

<u>ASSETS</u>	Total	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleve.	Rich.	Atlanta	Chicago	St.Louis	Minn.	Kans.Cy.	Dallas	San Fran.
Gold certificates on hand and due from U. S. Treasury	11,762,720	669,443	5,048,107	536,821	765,288	360,715	269,225	2,250,482	322,006	249,780	315,112	203,713	772,028
Redemption fund - F.R. notes	9,873	328	1,226	1,236	810	1,222	583	629	843	606	509	191	1,690
Other cash	305,963	33,024	90,608	22,818	14,846	17,663	11,407	43,263	16,283	6,083	13,349	11,488	25,131
<u>Total reserves</u>	12,078,556	702,795	5,139,941	560,875	780,944	379,600	281,215	2,294,374	339,132	256,469	328,970	215,392	798,849
Bills discounted:													
Secured by U.S.Gov't obligations, direct or fully guaranteed	5,968	1,517	2,043	821	446	434	75	80	241	128	89	14	80
Other bills discounted	2,325	--	419	583	101	152	178	90	89	109	558	43	3
<u>Total bills discounted</u>	8,293	1,517	2,462	1,404	547	586	253	170	330	237	647	57	83
Bills bought in open market	549	41	216	56	50	24	119	68	2	2	16	16	39
Industrial advances	15,533	2,100	3,591	3,128	619	1,482	825	415	44	976	268	737	1,348
U. S. Government securities:													
Bonds	840,893	63,287	267,426	73,057	84,554	39,461	34,279	90,644	35,023	18,633	37,140	30,913	66,476
Treasury notes	1,126,903	84,812	358,383	97,905	113,314	52,881	45,938	121,476	46,935	24,970	49,774	41,427	89,088
Treasury bills	596,219	44,872	189,613	51,799	59,952	27,979	24,305	64,269	24,833	13,212	26,334	21,918	47,133
<u>Total U.S.Gov't securities</u>	2,564,015	192,971	815,422	222,761	257,820	120,321	104,522	276,389	106,791	56,815	113,248	94,258	202,697
<u>Total bills and securities</u>	2,588,390	196,629	821,691	227,349	259,036	122,413	105,619	277,042	107,167	58,030	114,179	95,068	204,167
Due from foreign banks	172	13	64	17	16	8	6	21	3	2	5	5	12
F.R. notes of other banks	26,085	697	4,903	1,094	1,362	1,865	2,448	4,029	2,244	1,552	1,601	666	3,624
Uncollected items	789,042	73,812	216,820	62,707	85,527	59,371	27,883	101,903	34,585	18,358	36,069	26,617	45,390
Bank premises	44,096	2,950	9,791	4,699	6,031	2,627	2,076	4,490	2,297	1,536	3,091	1,265	3,243
All other assets	42,956	2,725	13,221	4,045	4,868	2,503	2,033	4,124	1,605	1,072	1,698	1,535	3,527
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	15,569,297	979,621	6,206,431	860,786	1,137,784	568,387	421,280	2,685,983	487,033	337,019	485,613	340,548	1,058,812

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS ON DECEMBER 21, 1938  
(In thousands of dollars)

LIABILITIES

	Total	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleve.	Rich.	Atlanta	Chicago	St.Louis	Minn.	Kans.Cy.	Dallas	San Fran.
F.R.notes in actual circulation	4,483,202	389,697	1,031,017	324,606	434,545	210,273	153,958	1,000,115	184,452	138,524	172,294	82,792	360,929
Deposits:													
Member bank - reserve account	8,471,979	397,752	4,306,773	353,018	467,586	225,371	165,712	1,280,664	207,106	116,503	225,366	170,467	555,661
U.S.Treasurer - General account	1,024,793	84,236	267,172	62,724	99,177	56,672	51,761	184,838	39,258	47,779	37,045	37,851	56,280
Foreign bank	195,280	14,066	70,049	19,146	17,974	8,401	6,838	23,249	5,861	4,493	5,666	5,666	13,871
Other deposits	318,617	4,001	206,891	7,053	7,528	1,531	4,773	59,096	5,090	3,679	1,072	4,199	13,704
<u>Total deposits</u>	<u>10,010,669</u>	<u>500,055</u>	<u>4,850,885</u>	<u>441,941</u>	<u>592,265</u>	<u>291,975</u>	<u>229,084</u>	<u>1,547,847</u>	<u>257,315</u>	<u>172,454</u>	<u>269,149</u>	<u>218,183</u>	<u>639,516</u>
Deferred availability items	721,418	65,412	201,684	61,164	77,946	50,983	25,130	92,263	34,544	16,700	33,902	28,414	33,276
Capital paid in	134,440	9,411	51,040	12,213	13,477	5,001	4,484	13,442	3,946	2,903	4,217	3,955	10,351
Surplus (Section 7)	147,739	9,900	51,943	13,466	14,323	4,964	5,626	22,387	4,667	3,153	3,613	3,892	9,805
Surplus (Section 13 b)	27,683	2,874	7,744	4,411	1,007	3,409	730	1,429	545	1,001	1,142	1,270	2,121
Reserve for contingencies	32,637	1,448	8,210	2,000	3,176	1,401	1,603	7,007	1,215	1,866	935	1,776	2,000
All other liabilities	11,509	824	3,908	985	1,045	381	665	1,493	349	418	361	266	814
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>15,569,297</u>	<u>979,621</u>	<u>6,206,431</u>	<u>860,786</u>	<u>1,137,784</u>	<u>568,387</u>	<u>421,280</u>	<u>2,685,983</u>	<u>487,033</u>	<u>337,019</u>	<u>485,613</u>	<u>340,548</u>	<u>1,058,812</u>
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	76	6	27	7	7	3	3	9	2	2	2	2	6
Commitments to make industrial advances	14,848	1,297	3,365	1,517	2,245	1,297	159	58	524	213	544	50	3,579

MATURITY DISTRIBUTION OF BILLS AND SECURITIES

	Total	Within 15 days	16 to 30 days	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	91 days to 6 months	6 months to 1 Year	1 Year to 2 Years	2 Years to 5 Years	Over 5 Years
Bills discounted	8,293	7,128	315	270	134	427	19	—	—	—
Bills bought	549	264	25	260	—	—	—	—	—	—
Industrial advances	15,533	1,923	566	280	436	1,275	3,876	4,567	2,610	—
U. S. Government securities	2,564,015	103,054	107,684	186,238	171,733	112,707	173,142	390,654	558,655	760,148

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT ON DECEMBER 21, 1938  
(In thousands of dollars)

	Total	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleve.	Rich.	Atlanta	Chicago	St.Louis	Minn.	Kans.Cy.	Dallas	San Fran.
Federal Reserve notes:													
Issued to F.R. bank by F.R. agent	4,798,827	412,224	1,140,514	338,399	453,777	222,278	165,723	1,025,653	201,657	142,856	181,333	89,797	424,616
Held by Federal Reserve bank	315,625	22,527	109,497	13,793	19,232	12,005	11,765	25,538	17,205	4,332	9,039	7,005	63,687
<u>In actual circulation</u>	4,483,202	389,697	1,031,017	324,606	434,545	210,273	153,958	1,000,115	184,452	138,524	172,294	82,792	360,929
Collateral held by agent as se- curity for notes issued to bank:													
Gold certificates on hand and due from U. S. Treasury	4,880,000	420,000	1,155,000	345,000	455,000	225,000	169,000	1,050,000	207,000	143,500	185,000	91,500	434,000
Eligible paper	7,554	1,517	2,384	944	515	587	232	170	271	171	625	55	83
<u>Total collateral</u>	4,887,554	421,517	1,157,384	345,944	455,515	225,587	169,232	1,050,170	207,271	143,671	185,625	91,555	434,083