Postal Savings Deposits Show Drastic Slump

Omaha Among Many Cities Where Big Withdrawals Were Made During Strike Period.

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Washington, Oct. 27.—Startling figures obtained today show that postal savings deposits of the postoffice department are falling off at a surprising rate.

These deposits, generally described as the barometer of employment, just as postal earnings are regarded as the measure of business prosperity indicate by their decline that employment is subject to reservations. The postal earnings, on the contrary, show an upward trend.

The figures obtained today show that since 1919 total deposits have fallen off $41,203,000. The high figure was in March of 1919 when they were $176,828,524. On September 30, last, they were $135,625,000.

Assistant Postmaster General Glover, who has charge of this division, admits the postoffice has a "sick child on its hands which even the medical skill of Dr. Work, postmaster general, is unable to revive."

Traced to Strike.

Recent strikes are believed to have been one of the causes for the falling off of deposits during the past year. This is made evident by the fact that they show marked decreases in the industrial centers where effects of the coal and rail strikes were most directly felt.

However, other causes lie in the low rate of interest paid on these deposits, and upon the superior attractiveness of treasury certificates, which draw 4 1-2 per cent paid by the Postal Savings division.

Postoffice officials admit that the low rate of interest is discouraging and that they will support an effort to be made in Congress to raise the interest rate. Representative Steenerson of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on postoffices, already has a bill in committee authorizing this increase.

Foreigners Best Patrons.

Heretofore, the best patrons of the postal savings banks have been the foreign laborer, accustomed to depositing his earnings with the government. The recent strike caused many of this class to draw on their savings, contributing to the falling off in the total.

Omaha is a typical city where the postal savings have been decreasing during the strike period. In June of this year the Omaha deposits were $320,505. In September they were $293,763. Detroit, Mich., probably less affected by the strike, had a total of $2,195,465 in June and $2,182,668 in September.

Postoffice officials acknowledge it is difficult to see how the 2 per cent interest paid on postal savings attracts investors when they can get at least 3 in almost any savings bank and can purchase treasury certificates or Liberty bonds for 4 per cent. However, some of the postal depositors know so little about interest that they are surprised when, upon withdrawing their savings, they are given the accrued interest return.

Certificates Eagerly Sought.

Some conception of the manner in which small savings are finding their way into treasury certificates may be gathered from the treasury's report on cash offerings of $511,385,000 subscribed for the department's recent issue of 4 1-4 certificates. A total of $327,554,600 was subscribed in lots of $10,000 and under. A large part of this sum was subscribed in very small totals.

The principle which has governed the establishment of the postal savings division of the postoffice has been not to compete with banking institutions. It has been the theory that much of the money deposited in postal savings banks is money that otherwise would have been deposited in stockings or other places of safety decided upon by persons suspicious of banks through lack of general information. The present showing indicates that the small investor is becoming "wise" and will demand something more for his money than the government's 2 per cent.

Record for Inter-Coastal Canal Traffic Is Made

Washington, Oct. 27.—A new record for intercoastal traffic through the Panama canal was made in September, according to an official report received here today, which showed that during the month 63 vessels passed through the canal between the Atlantic and Pacific ports. Thirty-four vessels were westbound, while 29 were enroute from the Pacific to the Atlantic. The ships carrying 255,253 tons of cargo paid tolls amounting to $301,585 compared with tolls of $219,252 paid by 40 intercoast al ships which carried 177,262 tons of cargo in September, 1921.

In net tonnage, tolls and tons of cargo, the United States coast-wise traffic during September was approximately 30 per cent of the total traffic passing through the canal.

Metropolitan Opera Star Dies Following Operation

New York, Oct. 27.—Mme. Nita Fiorita, former metropolitan opera singer whose last role was that of Suzuki in "Madame Butterfly," died in Paris today following an operation, said a cablegram received at the office of the opera company. She was a native of California, and adopted the last six letters of the name of that state for professional purposes. Her real name was Rita Newman. Her husband, James Mabbie of this city, survives.

Filipino Deadlock Broken.

Manila, Oct. 27.—(By A. P.)—The deadlock which has existed in the house of representatives for more than a week over the choice of a speaker was broken last night when the first ballot taken at the adjourned session resulted in the election of Manuel Roxas, collectivista member, and followe of Manuel Quezaon, to the post. The election was made possible by a combination of collectivists and nacionalistas votes cassast the democratic party.

Market, Financial and Industrial News of the Day

Omaha Grain

Omaha, Oct. 27, 1922.

Strong cables and reports of a much better export trade had a bullish effect on our grain market today. Dry weather and reports of the fall wheat not germinating in the southwest was another factor in raising prices. Seaboard houses and shorts were the best buyers.

Receipts of wheat at Omaha were 98 cars, against 15 cars last year; corn, 64 cars, against 11 cars last year; oats, 17 cars, against 7 cars last year; rye and barley, 10 cars, against 1 car last year. Total shipments were 134 cars, as compared with 121 cars a year ago.

A good demand was apparent in cash wheat and the Omaha floor and offerings changed hands at 2c to 4c higher prices. Corn was strong, ¼c to 1c higher, the market being generall ½c up. Oats sold readily at unchanged to ¼c higher. Rye was quoted 2c up and barley 1c higher.

WHEAT.
No. 2 hard: 2 cars, $1.20.
No. 2 dark hard: 1 car, $1.22.
No. 3 dark hard: 2 cars, $1.21; 2 cars, $1.20 (smutty); 1 car, $1.19 (smutty).
No. 4 dark hard: 1 car, $1.20.
No. 1 hard inter: 1 car, $1.15.
No. 2 hard winter: 1 car, $1.18; 1 car, $1.17; 3 cars, $1.16; 4 cars, $1.15; 1 car, $1.14; 1 car, $1.12 (no bills); 1 car, $1.17 (smutty); 1 car, $1.15 (smutty).
No. 3 hard winter: 2 cars, $1.16; 1 car, $1.16 (47 per cent dark); 1 car, $1.12 (96 per cent H. D.); 1 car, $1.09 (.05 per cent D.); 1 car, $1.13 (smutty); 1 car, $1.15.
No. 4 hard winter: 1 car, $1.09 (1 per cent H. D.); 1 car, $1.05; 1 car, $1.11 (smutty, .07 per cent H. D.).
No. 1 hard winter: 1 car, $1.12 (6.7 per cent H. D.); 1 car, $1.11 (1 per cent H. D.); 1 car, $1.08 (7 per cent rye, .02 per cent H. D.).
Sample hard winter: 1 car, $1.12 (five weevil); 1 car, $1.10 (.05 per cent H. D.).
No. 1 spring: 1 car, $1.21 (dark); 1 car, $1.20.
No. 2 spring: 1 car, $1.18; 1 car, $1.12.
No. 1 mixed: 1 car, $1.17; 1 car, 96c (durum); 1 car, $1.25 (special billing).
No. 2 mixed: 1 car, $1.20; 1 car, $1.15; 1 car, $1.18; 1 car, $1.18; 1 car, $1.15 (35 per cent spring); 1 car, $1.15 (65 per cent winter); 1 car, 97c (durum, special billing).
No. 3 mixed: 1 car, 95c (durum); 1 car, 94c (durum).
No. 4 mixed: 1 car, 93c (durum, shipper's billing); 1 car, 94c.
No. 4 durum: 1 car, 94c.
Sample durum: 1 car, 94c.

CORN.
No. 1 white: 1 car, 68c (shipper's weights).
No. 2 white: 3 cars, 68c; 1 car, 67¾c.
No. 3 white: 1 car, 67¼c.
No. 1 yellow: 1 car, 69c; 1 car, 68¾c (shipper's weights); 2 cars, 68¼c.
No. 2 yellow: 1 car, 68¼c (shipper's weights); 6 cars, 67½c.
Sample yellow: 1 car, 68c (foreign material).
No. 1 mixed: 1 car, 67¼c (shipper's weights); 1 car, 67¼c; 1 car, 67¼c.
No. 2 mixed: 3 cars, 67½c; 3 cars, 67¼c (shipper's weights); 1 car, 67¼c.

OATS.
No. 2 white: 2 cars, 42¼c.
No. 3 white: 2 cars, 42¼c (shipper's weights); 11 cars, 42¼c.
No. 4 white: 2 cars, 42c.

RYE.
No. 2: 1 car, 77c; 1 car, 76¼c.
No. 3: 1 car, 76c; 1 car, not wheat, 11 per cent rye, $1.08.

BARLEY.
No. 3: 1 car, 62c.
No. 4: 3 cars, 62c.

OMAHA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Receipts—	Today. (Carlots)	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Wheat	98	64	15
Corn	64	69	11
Oats	17	17	7
Rye	7	7	0
Barley	3	2	1
Shipments—			
Wheat	63	56	50
Corn	34	49	32
Oats	36	16	4
Rye	2	6	0
Barley	0	1	5

PRIMARY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.
(Bushels)

Wheat	1,474,000	1,464,000	1,286,000
Corn	1,014,000	1,065,000	670,000
Oats	794,000	729,000	449,000
Shipments—			
Wheat	732,000	1,070,000	1,457,000
Corn	863,000	883,000	681,000
Oats	774,000	716,000	711,000

EXPORT CLEARANCES.
Bushels—

Wheat, Flour	774,000	.....	1,228,000
Corn	393,000	.....	159,000
Oats	111,000	.....	.....

CHICAGO RECEIPTS.

Carlots—	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Wheat	54	61	36
Corn	220	163	154
Oats	81	49	58

KANSAS CITY RECEIPTS.

Carlots—	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Wheat	212	154	185
Corn	27	4	6
Oats	11	15	5

ST. LOUIS RECEIPTS.

Carlots—	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Wheat	87	116	103
Corn	46	65	46
Oats	56	55	33

NORTHWESTERN WHEAT RECEIPTS.

Carlots—	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Minneapolis	334	333	347
Duluth	187	166	228
Winnipeg	1,735	1,528	1,436

CHICAGO CLOSING PRICES.

By Updike Grain Co., DO. 2627. Oct. 27.

Art.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes
Wht.					
Dec.	1.12⅝	1.15⅛	1.12⅝	1.14⅝	1.11⅝
	1.13	.....	.....	1.14⅝	1.11⅝
May	1.12⅝	1.13⅝	1.12⅝	1.13⅝	1.11⅛
	1.12⅝	.....	.....	1.13⅝	1.11⅛
July	1.05⅝	1.06⅛	1.05⅛	1.06	1.04⅝
	1.05⅝	.....	.....	.....	1.04⅝
Rye					
Dec.	.79⅝	.80⅝	.79⅝	.80⅝	.79⅛
	.79⅝	.....	.....	.....	.....
May	.80	.81	.80	.80⅝	.79⅝
Corn					
Dec.	.66⅝	.68	.66⅝	.67⅝	.66⅝
	.66⅝	.....	.....	.....	.....
May	.67⅛	.68⅛	.67⅛	.68	.66⅝
	.67⅛	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	.67	.67⅛	.66⅝	.67⅛	.66⅝
Oats					
Dec.	.41⅝	.42	.41⅝	.41⅝	.41⅝
	.41⅝	.....	.....	.....	.....
May	.41	.42⅝	.41⅝	.42⅝	.41⅝
	.41⅝	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lard					
July	.39⅝	.40⅝	.39⅝	.39⅝	.39⅝
Oct.	10.47	10.47	10.35	10.35	10.50
Jan.	9.35	9.35	9.32	9.32	9.40
Ribs					
Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.50
Jan.	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.37

Kansas City Grain.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 27.—Wheat—No. 2 hard, $1.14@1.21; No. 3 red, $1.18@1.19. Corn—No. 2 white, 72½c; No. 2 yellow, 73½c.
Hay—Market unchanged.
Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 27.—Close: Wheat—December, $1.07⅝ asked; May, $1.06⅝ asked; July, 1.03⅝@ split asked.
Corn—December, 64½c split asked; May, 63¼@ asked; July, 63½c asked.

Minneapolis Grain.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 27.—Wheat—Cash No. 2 northern, $1.13⅝@1.20⅝; December, $1.10⅜; May, $1.17⅜.
Corn—No. 3 yellow, 67½@69½c.
Oats—No. 3 white, 35⅝@38⅝c.
Barley—46@66c.
Rye—No. 2, 74⅝@75⅝c.
Flax—No. 1, $2.37⅝@2.40⅝c.

St. Louis Grain.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 27.—Wheat—December, $1.14⅜; May, $1.13⅝.
Corn—December, 67⅜; May, 67⅝.
Oats—December, 41c; May, 41⅝c.

Minneapolis Flour.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 27.—Flour—Unchanged.
Bran—$15.50@24.50.

New York Sugar.

New York, Oct. 27.—The local market for raw sugar was steady and unchanged at 3¾c for Cuban cost and freight, equal to 4.12c for centrifugal. There were 41,000 bags of Cuba for immediate and early September shipment.
The raw sugar futures market was quiet and prices were higher early with active positions showing advances of 1 to 2 points on scattered buying to commission houses, but eased off under liquidation and were finally 1 point higher to 2 net lower. December, 3.24c; March, 3.34c; May, 3.42c; July, 3.49c.
The refined sugar market was unchanged at 4.90@5.10c for fine granulated, with only a moderate inquiry reported.
Refined futures were firmer with sales of four lots of November at 4.70c, 3 of January at 4.80c and 1 of March at 4.90c.

Later in the day the price of Cuba was advanced 1-16c to the basis of 3¾c, cost and freight, equal to 4.19c for centrifugal. The volume of raw sugar for Cuba from there to a total reflned.

Chicago Grain

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Chicago, Oct. 27.—Development of a good export business in hard winter wheat via the gulf, with the removal of hedges against the sales, resulted in a strong and advancing wheat market.

At the outside, December showed 3 3-8 c over the close of the previous day, with general covering by shorts on the way up. Closing trades were a fraction under the top, with net gains of 1 3-8@2c. Coarse grains were stronger in sympathy with wheat, corn closing 3-4@1 1-2c, and oats 3-8@3-4c higher, while rye was up 3-4@1 1-4c. At no time were wheat prices as low as the finish of the previous day.

There was free early buying by houses with seaboard connections. That caught local element either short or with no wheat. Prices advanced swiftly. There were numerous small reactions, due to profit-taking. Offerings, however, were not heavy at any time. Persistent commission house buying was in evidence.

Cash Demand Brisk.

Demand for cash wheat was brisk. Premiums were firmer in all markets. A round lot of No. 2 hard winter, in transit to the seaboard, sold to exporters at equal to 1½c over December f. o. b. here or 5c over the May delivery market.

There has been a much larger export business of late than generally believed. Liverpool closed ¾ to 1¼d higher and Winnipeg 1¼ to 1½c higher.

Local longs were inclined to be a little bearish on corn, but with December acting tight and no pressure except from the pit element, prices advanced slowly with the best figures made about the close.

The December delivery went to the May and closed there with some buying of December and selling of May by elevator interests. Demand for cash corn was good and premiums on spot firm while reports from the interior showed little change in the car situation. Receipts 206 cars.

Bulk of the trade in oats was of local character with the action of other grains the dominating influence. Receipts, 194 cars.

Reports of a big export business in rye with free buying by houses with seaboard connections put the December to even with the May. Sales of 400,000 bushels to exporters in all positions in the west were confirmed by local handlers, part of the grain being at other points. The two northwestern inspections had 78 cars.

Pit Notes.

One factor that stood out in the wheat trade was the decline of hard winter wheat at the gulf from a premium to a discount under Manitobas. It was the first time in more than a month. The prices sent out at the last were 1.20 2-4 to 1.21 2-4c for hard winters at the gulf, $1.26 5-8 for No. 2 Manitoba f. o. b. Montreal. England bought hard winters today.

Should Liverpool cables come higher Saturday, traders look for a further bulge in wheat, possibly followed by weakened profit taking.

With premiums on cash wheat stronger in all markets and selling pressure limited, there really was no opposition to the bulge of 3 1-4c in December wheat, 1 5-8c in corn, 7-8c in oats and 1 1-4c on rye, with the close around the best of the day and the reverse of Thursday.

Corn traders are becoming more bullish as prices strengthen. A large local operator who sold Thursday was both a large buyer and seller today.

Foreigners and the seaboard are after your corn here and in the northwest with 600,000 bushels sold for export. Hedges on this rye was taken off here. At the same time northwestern houses were the best sellers of the rye, bought by seaboard houses.

Western railroads are moving empty grain cars to the west by train-loads. The B. & O. started a train of 95 empty cars from Baltimore to Chicago on Thursday and is to start more at once.

Creditors of W. A. Frazer & Co. received their final dividend today. It was 3 per cent. The firm failed about 20 years ago.

New York Cotton.

New York, Oct. 27.—The cotton market showed ability to stand up before the increased pressure from profit taking this morning and rallied to about on a level with Friday night's close in the second hour, after it had sold off some 20 to 32 points in the first hour. Trade interests, Liverpool and spot houses bought.

Realizing sales were being readily absorbed and the market's underlying power was good.

The market was less active in the late trading. At one time it advanced about 15 points above Friday's close, but then settled for a slight net loss. During most o fthe last hour price changes were unsettled. Closing prices were 10 to 15 points net lower.

Spot quiet, 23.90c, 10 points decline for middling upland.

Southern markets: Galveston 23.50c, 10 points decline; New Orleans 23.50c, 12 points decline; Savannah 23.50c, 10 points decline; Augusta 23.50c, 13 points decline; Memphis 23.50c, unchanged; Houston 23.35c, 15 points decline; Little Rock 23.35c, unchanged.

Bradstreets Trade Review.

New York, Oct. 27.—Bradstreet's Saturday will say:
"Weather irregularities, (it is too warm in some sections for fall trade) are responsible for what lack of uniformity is visible in the general trade and industrial survey. In wholesale and jobbing trade and industry the trend is still in the direction of progress, despite the fact, being the best since the late spring of 1920 and collections are the best since a year ago. Bradstreet's weekly food index has again advanced and in commodities as a whole, advances still outnumber declines. Mail order trade comparisons are improving.
"While reports as to jobbing trade are the best for at least two years and the general outlook is still quite uniformly favorable there are enough contraste in volume and scope of buying to deserve notice, this in the wide scope of buying, and strength of prices, the textiles—cotton, wool and silk and their finished products, easily led. Prices asked are regarded as testimony to the low level of stocks in final distributor's hands and stimulating effects of recent tariff legislation."
Weekly bank clearances $7,692,911,000.

St. Louis Livestock.

East St. Louis, Oct. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; not enough native beef steers here to make a market; other classes barely steady to shade lower with bologna bulls down 15 to 25c and light calves $1.00 lower; bulls follow: Western steers, $6.10@6.45; light yearlings, $5.00@7.50; cows, $3.75@5.25; canners, 2.40@2.60; bulls, $2.75@4.25; light calves, $9.25@9.50; stocker steers, $4.00@6.25.
Hogs—Receipts, 13,000; slow weak to 10c lower on hogs; pigs and light lights, active and strong; spots, 10c higher on 120 to 140-pound averages; top, $8.25 paid for pigs and light lights; $8.15 paid for 150 to 200-pound averages, mostly 10c to 20c lower; bulk 150 to 200-pound averages, $8.00@8.10; pigs and light lights, $8.00@8.25; packer sows, about steady; bulk, $7.10@7.45; few higher.
Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 100; mostly 25c lower on lambs; light fat ewes, $1 to 50c lower; feeding steady; top lambs, $14.60; bulk, $13.50@14.00; culls, $11.50@ 12.00; fat light ewes, $6.00; heavies, $4.50 @4.50.

St. Joseph Livestock.

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,400 head; market very little said; looks steady; part loads strong weight yearlings, $11.60; a few short fed and warmed up native steers and yearlings, $9.25 down; choice cows, $5.00@5.65; veal calf top, $10.00.
Hogs—Receipts, 5,600 head; shippers having a few good butchers, steady to 10c lower; bulk desirable kinds, $7.40@ 7.45; one load, $7.50; packers going slow, bidding lower; packing sows, early mostly 10c to 15c lower; bulk, $6.40@6.65.
Sheep—Receipts, 4,000 head; all classes generally steady; three decks, $13, Kansas fed lambs, $14.60; sorted, five decks, $14.75; mixed lots of natives and Nebraska fat lambs, $13.75 to packers; feeding lambs, $13.50 to shippers; few decks feeding ewes, $5.00.

New York Cereal.

New York, Oct. 27.—Prices: Rice, spring grounds, 10.00@12.00; southern straight, 9.50@10.00; hard winter straights, $7.15@7.40.
Cornmeals—Firm; fine white and yellow, $3.40@3.50; kiln dried, $3.60@3.70.
Wheat—Spot, firm; No. 1 northern spring, $1.41½; No. 2 red winter and No. 2 hard winter, $1.18½; No. 1 Manitoba, $1.31½ and No. 2 hard winter, $1.18 c. i. f. New York all rail.
Corn—Spot, firm; No. 2 yellow and No. 3 white kiln and No. 3 mixed, 80c c. i. f. New York all rail.
Oats—Firm; No. 1 white, 47½c; No. 2 white, 47c; No. 3 white, 46½c.
Other Articles—Unchanged.

New York Dried Fruits.

New York, Oct. 27.—Prunes and Apricots—Firm, unchanged.
Peaches—Firm, unchanged.
Raisins—Quiet, unchanged.

Kansas City Produce.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 27.—Eggs—Unchanged.
Butter—Unchanged.
Poultry—Hens, 20c; broilers, 24c; fowls, 20c; turkeys, 30c; ducks, 20c; geese, 15c.
Potatoes—Arrivals, 19 cars; Colorados, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Minnesotas, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Wisconsins, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Idahos, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Missouris, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Kansas, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Nebraskas, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Michigans, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Ohios, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Virginias, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Pennsylvanias, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; New Yorks, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Jerseys, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Marylands, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Delawares, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Virginias, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Carolinas, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Georgias, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Floridas, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Alabamas, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Mississippis, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Louisianas, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Texas, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Arizonas, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; New Mexicos, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Coloradas, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Utahs, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Nevadas, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Californias, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Oregons, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Washingtons, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Idahos, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Montanas, $1.50@1.75 per cwt.; Wyomings