

BANK RESOURCES OF UNITED STATES

Middle Atlantic Section Takes Lead, with \$450.19 Per Capita of Population.

WESTERN STATES ARE FIFTH

Per Capita Resources of Banks of Nebraska is \$214.92.

DEPOSITS FOURTEEN BILLIONS

Resources of Banks and Trust Companies Twenty-One Billions.

COMMISSION COMPILES DATA

For First Time in History of Country Statistics of National, State and Private Banks Are Available for Same Date.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—With total resources of \$450.19 per capita population, the banking institutions of the eastern or middle Atlantic states lead the country. The New England states come next with \$435.60 per capita; the Pacific state are third with \$37.78; the middle western fourth with \$19.64; the far western fifth with \$16.15; the southern sixth with \$7.15; and the island possessions fall off with \$5.22 per capita. The United States as a whole shows banking resources per capita of \$27.34; with the island possessions included the rate is lowered to \$13.37.

These comparisons form a feature of a remarkable report issued today by the National Monetary commission, giving the results of an inquiry which not only covers substantially every incorporated bank of any character in the United States, but for the first time in the history of American banking, presents a tabulation of statements showing the condition of all classes of banks—national, state and savings and loan and trust companies—throughout the country at a given hour; namely, the close of business on April 26, 1909. The comptroller of the currency gets such reports periodically from the national banks, the various state bank commissioners and superintendents get them from the state banks—never before have the facts been taken simultaneously from all the banks of the country.

Statistics by States.

Massachusetts leads the New England states with total banking resources per capita of \$27.12; in order following come Rhode Island, \$267.12; Connecticut, \$209.45; New Hampshire, \$238.30; Vermont, \$233.14; Maine, \$268.60.

New York, with \$768.07, leads the so-called eastern states, followed in order by Pennsylvania, with \$203.56; District of Columbia, with \$206.96; Maryland, \$24.36; New Jersey, \$232.9; Delaware, \$204.40.

West Virginia heads the southern list, with per capita of \$12.66; Louisiana follows, with \$9.65; then in order come Texas, \$6.67; Virginia, \$6.61; Kentucky, \$6.56; Florida, \$6.41; Tennessee, \$7.16; Georgia, \$6.39; South Carolina, \$6.24; North Carolina, and Alabama, each \$6.41; Mississippi, \$6.25; Arkansas, \$4.14.

The middle western group ranks thus: Illinois, \$26.65; Missouri, \$21.55; Iowa, \$21.78; Ohio, \$20.65; Minnesota, \$10.55; Michigan, \$15.25; Wisconsin, \$12.55; Indiana, \$26.95.

Colorado, with \$26.65, leads the western states list; Nebraska has \$21.49; Montana, \$20.71; Wyoming, \$20.35; South Dakota, \$13.75; North Dakota, \$15.32; Kansas, \$17.50; New Mexico, \$10.65; Oklahoma, \$4.26.

The Pacific group is led by Nevada, with a per capita of \$12.75; then follow California, with \$86.79; Washington, \$29.23; Oregon, \$25.52; Utah, \$19.75; Idaho, \$17.82; Arizona, \$16.59; Alaska, \$10.07.

Hawaii shows a per capita of \$7.29; Porto Rico, \$1.14; the Philippines, \$2.70.

Twenty-one Billions Resources.

The institutions reporting to the commission include 6,582 national, 11,319 state, 1,705 mutual and stock savings, and 1,675 private banks and \$175,000 loan and trust companies. The total resources of all of these establishments reach the stupendous total of \$21,100,000,000. A cursory analysis of the resources and liabilities show loans of \$13,726,000,000; investments in bonds, etc., \$6,614,000,000; due from banks, \$2,562,000,000; cash on hand (including \$600,000,000 in gold coin and certificates), \$1,421,000,000; other resources, \$1,094,000,000; capital, \$1,800,000,000; surplus and profits, \$1,355,000,000; due to banks, \$2,44,000,000; deposits including demand deposits, \$14,106,000,000; other liabilities, \$830,000,000. Of the deposits \$2,356,000,000 are subject to check; \$4,025,000,000 are savings deposits; \$1,213,000,000 are on time and \$235,000,000 consist of demand certificates.

Following the special reports from the banks, a supplementary inquiry was made, covering 18,345 institutions, relating to the character of deposits, depositors, interest paid, etc. The total deposits in these banks on or about June 30 were \$31,256,000,000 credited to over 25,000,000 depositors or deposit accounts, ranging from \$1 upwards. Nearly 10,000,000 depositors had savings or time accounts and over \$6,000,000 of these were depositors in savings banks.

Data on Savings Accounts.

The average rate of interest paid on savings accounts is 3.44 per cent, and on other interest-bearing accounts, 3.36 per cent. Over 90 per cent of the banks pay no interest on ordinary deposits; more than 5,000 banks pay interest on deposits of \$5 or less, and about 1,300 on sums ranging from \$5 up to \$500.

The report shows most interesting geographical comparisons. The total bank resources for the entire country average \$27.34 per capita. The state of New York leads with \$768.07 per capita; Massachusetts comes second with \$206.96; Nevada, third, \$12.66; California, fourth, \$86.79; Rhode Island, fifth, \$47.12; New York leads in amount invested in banking capital, with over \$23,900,000; Pennsylvania comes second with \$12,000,000; Illinois, third, \$12,000,000; Ohio, fourth, \$10,000,000.

Other Banks Lead National.

Banks, other than national, have over 15 per cent of the aggregate resources of all reporting over 50 per cent of individual deposits and over 50 per cent of the aggregate loans. Of the surplus and profits, 20 per cent is credited to this class of banks, while they have only about 80 per cent of the capital, and 30 per cent of the cash holdings.

The number of banks has more than doubled since 1900 and the commission's report predicts 1,446 more than reported to the comptroller of the currency in 1908.

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May Have Used Chloroform to Kill Mrs. Snead

Believed Woman Was First Drugged and Then Drowned in Bathtub.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The question of whether or not chloroform had been used in masking away with Mrs. Gey W. Sneed, found dead in an East Orange house more than a week ago, was today brought to the fore through a story told by Harlan druggist.

He said a woman resembling one of the relatives of Mrs. Sneed sought to buy a bottle of chloroform from him a day or two before the body of Mrs. Sneed was found in the East Orange house. He refused to sell the drug without a prescription.

It had been the theory of Chief of Police Bell of East Orange that Mrs. Sneed was first chloroformed and then drowned.

Another complication in the case developed today with the disappearance from the furnished room house on West Twenty-second street, where she had been staying, of Mrs. Martha Wardlaw, the grandmother of the victim. Mrs. Wardlaw was placed in a taxicab by two men who drove off with her.

Friend Mrs. Wardlaw, aunt of the victim, picked up in the Essex county with the murder of her niece.

Do Wages Hand of Men

President Brown Says Raise is Due to Men and Also Railroads.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Demands for increases in wages formulated for petition to the railroads will call in some cases a rise of 10 per cent, Vice President James Murdoch of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen declared today.

The demands would not be presented, however, he stated, until after January 1, and only then if ratified by vote of the employees.

Mr. Murdoch denied that he was here for a conference with officials of other organizations of railroad men.

There is no thought of a strike in connection with demands to be presented," said Mr. Murdoch.

W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central railroad, said this afternoon:

"If it is true that there has been an increase in the cost of living since the increases in railroad wages in the latter part of 1908 and early in 1909, then the men are justified in asking for some further increase at this time."

"But any increase in wages is impossible without a commensurate increase in railroad rates. There is not a railroad in the country that can afford to pay its employees more now without getting better results."

Cut in Estimates Eighty Millions

Clerks in House and Senate Make Comparisons with Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Thomas P. Cleaves and James C. Courb, clerks, respectively, of the senate and house committees on appropriations, have issued their annual comparison of estimates of appropriations. The figures are given by bills and show a total estimate for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, of \$897,125,760, as compared with a total projection in the last session of \$1,022,829,601, and total estimates of that session of \$1,028,377,508.

The estimate is more than \$30,000,000 less than that of the previous session and \$6,000,000 less than the actual appropriations of that session.

ICE BATH AND PAINTED RED

Giri Hazed at Normal School Because She Rooted for Wrong Football Team.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 8.—The Board of Regents started an investigation today into the hazing of Miss Mattie Taylor, a student at the Fairmont State Normal school, Fairmont, W. Va., who was given to ice bath and painted red, it is alleged, because she rooted for the winning football team recently. Miss Taylor is a daughter of an attorney of Elkins, W. Va.

THE DREAM OF KENNEDY.

NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 8.—North Nebraska, southern and western South Dakota and northern Wyoming today suffered from the coldest weather of the winter. The temperature in Norfolk dropped to 12 below zero, at Deadwood it was 17 below zero and at Lander, Wyo., it was 20 below.

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At 9 o'clock last night the temperature at Omaha was 3 degrees below zero and still dropping. Yesterday morning it reached 4 degrees below zero. The weather prediction for today is rising temperature.

"We are having many calls for assistance from poor people during this cold snap."

COLD WEATHER IS GENERAL

Low Temperature and Storm Extends from Mountains to Ohio Valley.

SUFFERING IN SOUTHWEST

Weather Man Sees No Relief in Sight for This Section.

NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SHORT

Topeka Stores Close and Kansas City People Are Using Coal.

TWO MEN FROZEN TO DEATH

Stage Driver and Passenger Found Dead on Road Near Hanna, Wyo.

Cold Breaks Wires in Illinois and Indiana.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—After two days of temperature ranging as low as zero and no higher than 10 degrees above, the southwest has no promise of relief from the government forecaster tonight.

Official records show this December to be the coldest on record throughout Kansas, Oklahoma and western Missouri.

Locally there is much suffering on account of the failure of the gas supply. Scores of people are removing their gas fixtures and returning to the use of soft coal furnaces. Plumbers are working into the night to relieve the suffering.

Governor Stubbs of Kansas, today ordered Attorney General Jackson to begin injunction proceedings against the Kansas Natural Gas company, to prevent it from piping gas into St. Joseph, Mo., and Kansas City, if he deemed such action necessary to protect Kansas towns. Many stores are closed in Topeka on account of the cold. George King, a negro, was frozen to death near Bonner Springs, Kan., today.

Cattle are now suffering as snow is falling. An average of four inches of snow covers the ground.

This portion of the southwest experienced still colder weather today, temperatures being generally 2 degrees lower than yesterday and ranging from zero at Kansas City to 6 degrees below at Concordia, Kan.

Other temperatures reported to the local weather bureau this morning.

Oklahoma City, 10 degrees above; Fort Smith, Ark., 16 above; Amarillo, Tex., 16 above, and Abilene, Tex., 24 above.

Kansas Wants to Keep Gas.

TOPEKA, Dec. 8.—Governor Stubbs today instructed Attorney General Jackson to make an investigation of the natural gas situation with a view of commencing injunction proceedings against the Kansas Natural Gas company to prevent the company from supplying Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo., with gas. The attorney general proposes to ask for an injunction on the ground that the Missouri towns are supplied with sufficient gas, while Kansas towns are suffering from a shortage.

The Topeka situation grew more serious this afternoon. Hospitals are without fuel gas; gas clerks in stores are being dismissed because the stores cannot be heated.

Farmer Frozen to Death.

HANNA, Wyo., Dec. 8.—The driver of a stage between Hanna and Leo, and his only passenger were found frozen to death on the road yesterday. They left Hanna for Leo and were lost on the prairie in one of the worst storms ever experienced in that section. Hanna is seventy-six miles west of Laramie.

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At the end of that time they came into meeting and surprised everybody by offering the resolution which was set out in the resolution which was adopted without a dissenting vote. The presentation of the resolution easily created a sensation for a few moments, because of its utter unanticipatedness.

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