

Omaha Bank Clearings Gain a Billion in 1918

Bank Clearings

One of the most remarkable records in the history of the Omaha Clearing House since its establishment in 1887, is the high water mark of Omaha bank clearings for the year just closed, which is far in excess of any previous record. Though thirty-fourth in population, Omaha stands twelfth among the cities of the United States in the amount of its bank clearings.

The bank clearings for the year just closed show a total of \$2,819,665,975, as compared with \$1,873,581,133 for 1917 showing a gain of practically \$1,000,000,000. In the months of January and February the clearings were slightly under the \$200,000,000 mark, but in March they jumped to \$293,574,000 and made an average during the year of slightly over \$235,000,000 per month.

The following tables reported by the Omaha Clearing House gives in idea of the wonderful commercial development of the city since the year of 1887:

Year.	Amount.	Year.	Amount.
1887	\$ 274,441,069	1903	392,880,920
1888	332,041,006	1904	398,985,212
1889	402,500,332	1905	442,285,685
1890	490,124,013	1906	504,388,764
1891	442,257,790	1907	567,515,738
1892	545,879,384	1908	602,525,867
1893	682,833,745	1909	735,225,568
1894	483,472,168	1910	832,971,607
1895	381,286,477	1911	753,107,353
1896	420,282,668	1912	860,881,557
1897	243,338,798	1913	908,947,578
1898	319,461,528	1914	882,717,101
1899	297,432,370	1915	982,670,880
1900	315,785,196	1916	1,279,158,591
1901	329,043,688	1917	1,873,581,133
1902	361,511,755	1918	2,819,665,975

OMAHA OVER TOP IN WAR DRIVES ON DURING 1918

Gate City Makes Reputation by Exceeding Quota in All Its Undertakings.

Omaha went over the top with a vim in every war drive but one, the Salvation army, during 1918. There is a good explanation for the one failure. It was the announcement that the Salvation army would share in the United War Fund drive, released while the "doughnuts for doughboys" fund was being raised in Omaha.

Huge over-subscriptions were features of each campaign. Figures for the number of French orphans adopted in Omaha families do not yet reach the quota, the local workers have taken for themselves because there was no definite organization to handle the work until the "Fatherless Children of France" took it up this fall. Mrs. Bartou Millard, the new chairman, hopes to have this war work reach its quota before many weeks.

Here is a summary of local war drives in 1918:

Omaha War Drives in 1918.	Quota	Amount
Liberty	2,981,500	\$ 4,478,200
War Savings	10,541,000	12,281,350
War Bonds	3,500,000	4,000,000
War Stamps	230,000	442,565
War Bonds	325,000	550,000
Knights of Columbus	15,000	75,000
French War Relief	30,000	60,000
Armenian Relief	45,000	60,000
Czecho-Slovak Relief	3,000	6,000
Salvation Army	8,000	20,000
Belgian Baby Day	no quota	15,000
Smoking	2,400	10,441
Books	2,400	10,441
Red Cross members	71,000 in 1917, 86,400 in 1918, excess 15,400.	
French Orphans adopted, quota, 1,200, adopted, 1,000.		

Endres Has Over Four Million Dollars Cash in the Various Funds

Report of County Treasurer Endres:

COUNTY.	Balance on hand December 1, 1917	Collected for the 12 months ending December 1, 1918	Disbursements for period ending December 1, 1918	Balance December 1, 1918
Balance on hand December 1, 1917	\$ 812,016.24			
Collected for the 12 months ending December 1, 1918		1,884,495.08		
Making a total of		\$ 2,696,511.32		
Disbursements for period ending December 1, 1918			\$ 2,247,090.72	
Balance December 1, 1918	\$ 449,420.60			\$ 449,420.60
CITY OF OMAHA, SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OMAHA, AND METROPOLITAN POLICE RELIEF AND PENSION FUND:				
Balance on hand December 1, 1917	\$ 70,984,129.94			
Collected for period ending December 1, 1918		7,276,362.02		
Making a total of		\$ 78,260,491.96		
Disbursements during year ending December 1, 1918			7,477,505.49	
Balance December 1, 1918	\$ 70,782,986.47			\$ 70,782,986.47
METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF OMAHA:				
Balance on hand December 1, 1917	\$ 950,299.90			
Collected during year ending December 1, 1918		1,345,602.42		
Making a total of		\$ 2,295,902.32		
Disbursements during year ending December 1, 1918			1,214,578.52	
Leaving a balance on hand December 1, 1918 of	\$ 1,081,323.80			\$ 1,081,323.80
Balance on hand December 1, 1917, in all funds	\$ 4,569,440.18			
Total receipts for 12 months in all funds		10,504,460.52		
Making a total of		\$ 15,073,900.70		
Disbursements during 12 months in all funds			10,938,724.56	
Leaving a balance on hand December 1, 1918 in all funds	\$ 4,135,176.14			\$ 4,135,176.14

Costs for Upkeep of County Roads for 1918 Are High

Costs for the upkeep of county roads, the building of new concrete and steel bridges, and the laying of new mains throughout Douglas county amounted to \$221,758.13 for the year 1918, according to the annual report of the county engineer, Louis E. Adams.

The greater part of the public funds were expended for the betterment of the Lincoln Highway in Douglas county and the construction of new bridges along that route. More than 8,000 miles of county roads were dragged and improved with culverts. Several bridges are still in the course of construction.

Real Estate Board to List Vacant Lots for Gardens

At the meeting of the real estate board Tuesday noon a resolution was adopted to formulate some plan whereby the real estate men of the city will list with Leo Bozell, publicity man, all vacant lots throughout the city which will be available as gardens for the boys early in the spring. Mr. Bozell will work in conjunction with the welfare board in the distribution of the garden plots, and it is thought that some nominal charge will be made for the lease, as it is thought that a small charge of \$1 or more, according to the space, will serve as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the boy gardener.

District Court Settles Cases to Number of 71 in 1918

Among a total number of 71 cases tried in district court during 1918 more than one-half were liquor cases, of which 18 were given verdicts of guilty, 20 found not guilty and three cases dismissed. Among 59 other criminal cases tried 12 defendants were adjudged guilty, 15 not guilty and two dismissed, according to an annual report of the district judge.

14,000 MEN FROM DOUGLAS COUNTY JOIN U. S. COLORS

Draft Boards Start Out Eight Thousand of These: One Thousand from State Enlist Here.

More than 14,000 men from Douglas county joined the colors during the war and marched away from Omaha to training camps and later went or started to the battlefields of France where their courage and

bravery helped to turn the tide of the war in favor of the allies.

The six draft boards in Omaha inducted more than 8,000 men into the service. For the most part the local part of the enormous draft machinery ran smoothly and for many months during the war these boards "made soldiers" by the hundreds every month. They now have complete records of every man in the city between the ages of 18 and 45 years.

The Omaha recruiting stations ranked among the highest in the country. Nowhere else were men so ready to answer the country's call. The army recruiting district here included all of Nebraska and half of Iowa and more than 50,000 men made application for enlistment. About half of the number were accepted.

The navy and the recruiting stations here, each obtained several thousand recruits.

Many Yards of Asphalt Are Laid in Repairing Streets

The city street cleaning and maintenance department did the following work during 1918, according to a report by Commissioner Butler:

Thirty-five thousand two hundred and seventy-three square yards of asphalt laid in the repairing of paved streets; 316 lineal feet of culverts constructed; 2,908 blocks of dirt streets repaired; 918 blocks of dirt streets repaired and rounded up; 60,016 blocks of paved streets dry cleaned by "white wings"; 20,192 blocks of paved streets dry cleaned by wagons, trucks and laborers; 14,218 loads of sweepings hauled off paved streets; 20,212 blocks paved streets flushed; 6,060 blocks of weeds cut; 2,916 blocks of snow cleaned; 40,892 loads of snow hauled; 2,021 loads of cinders hauled for repairing unpaved streets; 602 cave ins and wash-outs repaired.

Daniels Wants Quarter Million Men in Navy Personnel Next Year

Washington, Dec. 31.—Secretary Daniels asked the house naval committee today to provide for a temporary increased naval personnel of 250,000 men for the year beginning next July, leaving the question of a permanent peace-time personnel to be determined later. He also sought authority to transfer 1,000 officers among the reserve force to the permanent naval establishment. Mr. Daniels also asked the committee to write into the new appropriation bill a provision making permanent the war-time pay increases for enlisted men. This would give increases of \$8 to \$15 a month over the pre-war scale, making the pay range from \$36 to \$51 a month.

Holiday at Savannah. Savannah, Ga., Dec. 31.—No naval stores market today. Holiday.

BUY IT NOW

As a safeguard against coughs and colds Chamberlain's Cough Remedy should be kept at hand. It is almost certain to be needed before the winter is over. Buy it now and be prepared. Price 35 cents. Large size 60 cents.

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Broke All Records In Gains in Local Display Advertising

For the Past Twenty-four Months

These official figures furnished by Haynes Adv. Company Warfield Adv. Agency (Not juggled by any interested party)

Tell the Complete Story

	—1916—	—1917—	—1918—
BEE	191,945 Inches	220,312 Inches	257,093 Inches
World-Herald	266,079 Inches	256,917 Inches	284,483 Inches
News	195,544 Inches	194,824 Inches	237,851 Inches
		28,376 Inches Gain	36,781 Inches Gain
		9,162 Inches Loss	27,566 Inches Gain
		720 Inches Loss	43,027 Inches Gain

Both Years:

BEE'S TOTAL GAIN, 65,157 INCHES
World-Herald Total Gain, 18,404 Inches
News Total Gain, 42,307 Inches

What Better Evidence of the Progress of The Bee Could You Ask?

Steady Growth as Shown by the Above Official Figures Spells Nothing Less Than Victory.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BEE

Still Greater Improvements in 1919

New Year Greetings

Looking backward, at the year retreating, we feel impelled to express gratitude for the cordial relations existing between a satisfied clientele and the store, where is emphasized the ethical side of merchandising.

Looking forward, we hope to continue worthy of this confidence and esteem—to be ever the home of service in our merchandise and in our labors.

And as the dawn of a new year draws near once more, may it be peaceful and prosperous.

J. L. Brandeis & Sons

CLOSED WEDNESDAY

Store opens Thursday morning, starting the New Year and the January white sales.