

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Governor at 4.00 p. m. on Wednesday, May 26,

PRESENT:

Mr. Hamlin, presiding, Mr. Harding
 Mr. Williams Mr. Miller
 Mr. Warburg Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The reading of the minutes having been dispensed with, the Secretary of the Board presented a communication from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency relative to a reduction in the capital stock of the National Union Bank of Rockhill, S. C., from \$400,000 to \$300,000 and a memorandum from Federal Reserve Agent Ingle of Richmond favoring the reduction. On motion it was ordered that the reduction be approved and the office of the Comptroller informed of the Board's position in the matter.

On motion applications for stock in Federal reserve banks aggregating 89 shares, duly recommended by Mr. Harding, were approved as follows:

DISTRICT No. 4.

	Shares.
National Bank of John A. Black, Barbourville, Ky.	3
First National Bank West Union, Ohio.	1
First National Bank Ludlow, Ky.	1

DISTRICT No. 5.

First National Bank	Selma, N. C.	18
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DISTRICT No. 6. Shares.

First National Bank	Claxton, Ga.	3
First National Bank	Evergreen, Ala.	1

DISTRICT No. 7.

German American National Bank	Fort Wayne, Ind.	6
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DISTRICT No. 8.

Farmers National Bank	Princeton, Ind.	4
First National Bank	Batesville, Ark.	1
State National Bank	Frankfort, Ky.	9

DISTRICT No. 9.

First National Bank	Lakefield, Minn.	1
First National Bank	Aitkin, Minn.	5
Northern National Bank	Duluth, Minn.	10
First National Bank	Foley, Minn.	1
Union National Bank	Minot, N. Dak.	3

DISTRICT No. 10.

Fidelity National Bank	Aurora, Nebr.	2
Liberty National Bank	Tulsa, Okla.	5

DISTRICT No. 12.

First National Bank	Yreka, Cal.	15
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On motion applications for the surrender of stock in Federal reserve banks aggregating 185 shares, duly recommended by Mr. Harding, were approved as follows:

DISTRICT No. 4.

First National Bank	Jackson, Ky.	5
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DISTRICT No. 4. (Cont'd.) Shares.

Metropolitan National Bank Pittsburgh, Pa. 180

The Secretary of the Board presented an amendment to the By-laws of the Board necessary as a preliminary to the establishment of a system for the creation and management of a Gold Settlement Fund. The Secretary also presented a form of agreement signed by all members of the Board waiving the customary notice necessary for the adoption of an amendment to the By-laws, the same being called for as a matter of emergency. On motion the said agreement was ordered entered in the minutes as follows:

We, the undersigned members of the Federal Reserve Board, in order to adopt at once the proposed amendment of the By-laws of the Federal Reserve Board numbered V, relating to the designation of persons to control and have access to the safe in the Treasury vault set apart for the use of the Federal Reserve Board, do hereby waive the right afforded each of us by Article IX of the By-laws to have a copy of the said proposed amendment seven days in advance of the meeting at which it is to be adopted.

W. G. McADOO,	C. S. HAMLIN,
Secretary of the Treasury	Governor.
JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS,	F. A. DELANO,
Comptroller of the Currency.	Vice Governor

PAUL M. WARBURG

W. P. G. HARDING

A. C. MILLER

On motion the amendment to the By-laws already referred to, was adopted as Amendment V, and ordered entered in

the minutes as follows:

The Federal Reserve Board shall designate and appoint two persons who shall have control of the combination of the safe set apart in the Treasury vault for the deposit of funds received by the Federal Reserve Board on account of the Gold Settlement Fund. So much of the provisions of the By-laws heretofore adopted inconsistent with this amendment, is hereby repealed.

The Secretary of the Board presented resolutions designed to carry into effect the practical operation of the Gold Settlement Fund as permitted by the amendment to the By-laws already adopted, and as required by the plan for the Gold Settlement Fund already approved. On motion the said resolutions were adopted, and ordered entered in the minutes as follows:

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Regulation L, Series of 1915, adopted by the Federal Reserve Board, it is necessary, in order to transfer title to the gold order certificates deposited in the Gold Settlement Fund, that they be endorsed by the Federal Reserve Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this endorsement by the Federal Reserve Board, to be valid and binding, must have the signatures of two members of said Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Governor and Vice Governor, or in the absence of either or both of them, Mr. Warburg, Mr. Harding or Mr. Miller, in their place and stead, be and they are hereby authorized to endorse such gold order certificates, for and in behalf of the Federal Reserve Board.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Regulation L, Series 1915, adopted by the Board, arrangements have been made

with the several Federal reserve banks for deposit of the Gold Settlement Fund with the Federal Reserve Board to be used in the adjustment of balances between the several Federal reserve banks, and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of said Regulation provides as follows:

- "(a) A safe in the Treasury vault will be set apart for the exclusive use of the Federal Reserve Board.
- (b) To open the Treasury vault, the presence of two persons designated by the Secretary of the Treasury is required. The combination of the safe set apart for the use of the Board shall be controlled by two persons designated by the Board.
- (c) A vault record shall be kept, giving a memorandum of all entrances to the safe, by whom made, for what purpose, and the certificates deposited or withdrawn. Each entry on the vault record book shall be signed by the persons having access to the safe," and

WHEREAS, under Section 6 of Regulation L it is necessary for the Board to designate and appoint a settling agent,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED -

(1) That SHERMAN ALLEN and RAY M. GIDNEY be and they are hereby designated and appointed, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 above quoted, as the two persons who shall control and have access to the safe set apart in the vault of the Treasury for the use of the Federal Reserve Board, and who shall be charged with the custody and control and with the duty of keeping the necessary records of all gold certificates and other securities or funds, deposited in and withdrawn from said safe.

(2) That SHERMAN ALLEN be and he hereby is designated and appointed as the settling Agent provided for in said regulation.

(3) That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury with request that he turn over the control of the safe set apart in the vault of the Treasury for the use of the Federal Reserve Board to SHERMAN ALLEN and RAY M. GIDNEY above named.

1 a. That SHERMAN ALLEN and RAY M. GIDNEY be and they are hereby designated, appointed and authorized to have control of and access to the said safe and to make the proper vault records in the absence of either or both

The Assistant Secretary of the Board was designated as Settling Agent ad interim and Ray M. Gidney as Deputy Settling Agent.

The Secretary of the Board presented decrees relating to the redistricting appeals in West Virginia, New Jersey and Oklahoma cases.

On motion the West Virginia decree affecting the counties of Wetzel and Tyler was approved subject to correction as to the following points prior to entry: (1) Change in date to indicate the entry of the decision as the day when the resolution on the subject was adopted by the Board, May 4. (2) Introduction of words to indicate that the order need not be effective until July 1, 1915.

The decree relating to the transfer of the banks of Oklahoma from the Federal reserve district of Dallas to that of Kansas City, was, on motion, adopted and ordered

entered subject to the same change as in the case of the West Virginia decree.

On motion the decree transferring the banks of northern New Jersey from the Federal reserve district of Philadelphia to that of New York, was adopted subject to the same corrections as in the case of the other two orders.

A decree denying the petition of the banks of Nebraska and Wyoming for transfer, similar in form and substance to the corrected decrees in the cases aforesaid, was, on motion, adopted and ordered entered.

As thus corrected and ordered entered the decrees in the four appealed cases aforesaid were entered as follows:

At a stated meeting of the Federal Reserve Board, duly held at its office in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, May 4, 1915.

P R E S E N T :

Mr. Hamlin, Governor,
Mr. Delano, Vice Governor
Mr. Miller
Mr. Harding
Mr. Warburg
Mr. Williams.

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In the matter of review :
- of - :
the decision of the Reserve :

Bank Organization Committee :
 duly rendered and filed in :
 accordance with the provis- : ORDER AMENDING GEOGRAPHICAL
 ions of the Federal Reserve : LIMITS OF DISTRICTS NOS. 2
 Act, on April 2, 1914, desig- : AND 3.
 nating twelve Federal reserve :
 cities and defining the geo- :
 graphical limits of the dis- :
 tricts to be served. :

By special order of the Board, the decision of the Reserve Bank Organization Committee designating twelve Federal reserve cities and defining the geographical limits of the districts to be served, having been duly heard and considered by the Board -

- (1) Upon the petition of 123 member banks in northern New Jersey to have transferred from District No.3 to District No. 2 those counties in which the petitioning member banks are located.
- (2) Upon the answer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia to said petition.
- (3) Upon the evidence heard by the Reserve Bank Organization Committee, and exhibits and briefs filed with said Committee.
- (4) Upon the written and printed briefs of Counsel and the oral arguments heard by the Board.

UPON CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, it appearing to the Board that the convenience and customary course of business, and the best interests of the Federal Reserve System will be served by modification of the geographical limits of Districts 2 and 3, the Board doth order

- I. That District No. 2 shall be modified and extended so as to include the State of New York and the following counties in the State of New Jersey: Monmouth, Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union, Essex, Passaic, Hudson, Bergen, Morris, Sussex and Warren.
- II. That District No. 3 be modified and altered so as to include all of the counties in the State of New Jersey

except those by this order made a part of District No. 2, the State of Delaware and all that part of Pennsylvania located east of the western boundary of the following counties: McKean, Elk, Clearfield, Cambria and Bedford.

- III. That the alterations in Districts 2 and 3 directed in this order become effective July 1, 1915.
- IV. That the Federal Reserve Banks of New York and Philadelphia be notified of the changes made in the districts referred to and directed to take such action as may be necessary for the transfer of membership of the banks included in the territory affected.
- V. That a copy of this order be filed with the Comptroller of the Currency in order that the certificate of the Reserve Bank Organization Committee may be properly amended.

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By special order of the Board, the decision of the Reserve Bank Organization Committee designating twelve Federal reserve cities and defining the geographical limits of the districts to be served, having been duly heard and considered by the Board -

- (1) Upon the petition of member banks located in the counties of Wetzel and Tyler, West Virginia, to have those counties transferred from District No. 5 to District No. 4.
- (2) Upon the answer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond to said petition.
- (3) Upon the evidence heard by the Reserve Bank Organization Committee, and exhibits and briefs filed with said Committee.
- (4) Upon the written and printed briefs of Counsel and the oral arguments heard by the Board.

UPON CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, it appearing to the Board that the convenience and customary course of business, and the best interests of the Federal Reserve System will be served by modification of the geographical limits of Districts 4 and 5, the Board doth order

- I. That District No. 4 be modified and extended so as to include the State of Ohio; all that part of Pennsylvania lying west of District No. 3; the counties of Marshall, Ohio, Brooke, Hancock, Wetzel and Tyler in the State of West Virginia; and all that part of Kentucky located east of the western boundary of the following counties: Boone, Grant, Scott, Woodford,

Jessamine, Garrard, Lincoln, Pulaski and McCreary.

- II. That District No. 5 be modified and altered so as to include the District of Columbia, the States of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and all of West Virginia except the counties of Marshall, Ohio, Brooke, Hancock, Wetzel and Tyler.
- III. That the alterations in Districts 4 and 5 directed in this order become effective July 1, 1915.
- IV. That the Federal Reserve Banks of Cleveland and Richmond be notified of the changes made in the districts referred to and directed to take such action as may be necessary for the transfer of membership of the banks included in the territory affected.
- V. That a copy of this order be filed with the Comptroller of the Currency in order that the certificate of the Reserve Bank Organization Committee may be properly amended.

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of :
the decision of the Reserve :

Bank Organization Committee :
 duly rendered and filed in :
 accordance with the provis- : ORDER AFFIRMING THE LOCATION
 ions of the Federal Reserve : OF NEBRASKA AND WYOMING IN
 Act, on April 2, 1914, desig- : DISTRICT No. 10.
 nating twelve Federal reserve :
 cities and defining the geo- :
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 tricts to be served. :

By special order of the Board, the decision of the Reserve Bank Organization Committee designating twelve Federal reserve cities and defining the geographical limits of the districts to be served, having been duly heard and considered by the Board -

- (1) Upon the petition of certain banks located in Nebraska and Wyoming for the transfer of those States from District No. 10 to District No. 7.
- (2) Upon the answer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City to said petition.
- (3) Upon the evidence heard by the Reserve Bank Organization Committee, and exhibits and briefs filed with said Committee.
- (4) Upon the written and printed briefs of Counsel and the oral arguments heard by the Board.

UPON CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, it appearing to the Board that the convenience and customary course of business, and the best interests of the Federal Reserve System will be served by affirming the decision of the Reserve Bank Organization Committee in placing Nebraska and Wyoming in District No. 10, the Board doth order

- I. That the petition of member banks located in Nebraska and Wyoming, for a transfer of those States from District No. 10 to District No. 7, be dismissed without prejudice to the right of the Board to make such further readjustments in the lines of the various districts as it may deem advisable.

II. That a copy of this order be filed with the Comptroller of the Currency.

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By special order of the Board, the decision of the Reserve Bank Organization Committee designating twelve Federal reserve cities and defining the geographical limits of the districts to be served, having been duly heard and considered by the Board -

- (1) Upon the petition of certain banks in Oklahoma for transfer of all counties in Oklahoma except the counties of Marshall, Bryan, Choctaw, Push-

mataha and McCurtain from District No. 11 to District No. 10.

- (2) Upon the answer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas to said petition.
- (3) Upon the evidence heard by the Reserve Bank Organization Committee, and exhibits and briefs filed with said Committee.
- (4) Upon the written and printed briefs of Counsel and the oral arguments heard by the Board.

UPON CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, it appearing to the Board that the convenience and customary course of business, and the best interests of the Federal Reserve System will be served by modification of the geographical limits of Districts 10 and 11, the Board doth order

- I. That District No. 10 be modified and extended so as to include the States of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming; all that part of Missouri not included in District No. 8; all of the counties in Oklahoma except Marshall, Bryan, Choctaw, Pushmataha and McCurtain; all that part of New Mexico north of a line forming the southern boundary of the counties of McKinley, Sandoval, Santa Fe, San Miguel and Union.
- II. That District No. 11 be modified and altered so as to include the State of Texas, all that part of New Mexico not included in District No. 10; the following counties in Oklahoma: Marshall, Bryan, Choctaw, Pushmataha, and McCurtain; all that part of Louisiana not included in District No. 6, and the following counties in the State of Arizona: Pima, Graham, Greenlee, Cochise and Santa Cruz.
- III. That the alterations in Districts 10 and 11 directed in this order become effective July 1, 1915.
- VI. That the Federal Reserve Banks of Kansas City and Dallas be notified of the changes made in the districts referred to and directed to take such action as may be necessary for the transfer of membership of the banks included in the territory affected.

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- V. That a copy of this order be filed with the Comptroller of the Currency in order that the certificate of the Reserve Bank Organization Committee may be properly amended.

Request for detailed statistics relating to the amount of bonds held by Federal Reserve banks, and of the distribution of their agricultural loans by maturities were ordered declined.

On motion the Board expressed its opinion in response to an inquiry from Assistant Treasurer Vogel of New York City, that Mr. Charles Starek as Deputy Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York would have the power to endorse gold certificates standing in the name of Mr. Pierre Jay, Federal Reserve Agent, in the absences of the latter.

The Secretary of the Board presented a request on the part of certain Federal reserve agents now in the city, for a joint meeting with the Board on Thursday afternoon. On motion the request was acceded to, and the meeting in question set for 3.00 p. m., the Secretary of the Board to give due notice of the same.

On motion at 4.40 p. m., the Board adjourned
to meet at 3.00 p. m. on Thursday, May 27.

H. Parker Willis

Secretary.

APPROVED:

W. H. Smith

Chairman.