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CHARLES SUMNER HAMLIN

(1861 - 1938)

The papers of Charles Hamlin, lawyer, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for two terms, first Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, member 1914-36, special counsel 1936-38, were given to the Library of Congress between 1936 and 1955. The first group came from Charles S. Hamlin, and subsequent groups from Mrs. Hamlin. The diaries were deposited early, withdrawn, and returned by Mr. Hamlin's widow on December 29, 1941 with a ten year seal on the diaries. The limiting clause read -

"Subject to the following limitations and trust, that access to the diaries for a period of ten years or until my death prior to the end of such period, shall not be permitted to anyone except with my consent in writing."

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 85

Approximate number of items: 351 pieces  
1,500 pieces

The period of limitation having ended December 29, 1951, the diaries are now open to students under Library of Congress restrictions.

The Library of Congress controls all rights of publication in the diary of Charles S. Hamlin. Requests for publication therefrom should be submitted to the Chief of the Manuscripts Division. Such literary rights as Mrs. Hamlin possesses have been dedicated to the public.

The diaries, correspondence and the Charles S. Hamlin scrap-books concern current social, economic and political affairs, and are especially valuable in connection with the formation and history of the Federal Reserve System.

The diaries of Mr. Hamlin's widow are deposited in the Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park but contain little besides personal and social notes.

See: Internal memorandum 2/2/54 also.

## Biographical Note

1861, Aug. 30	Born, Boston, Massachusetts
1883	A.B., Harvard University
1886	A.M. and LL.B., Harvard
1886-93	Practiced law in Boston
1893-97	Assistant Secretary of the Treasury
1897	Special Commissioner of U.S. to Japan
1897	Commissioner at Convention between Russia, Japan, and U. S.
1897	Commissioner at Convention between Great Britain and U. S. on fur-seal controversy
1898, June 4	Married Huybertie Lansing Pruyn (1 daughter, dec.)
1898-1913	Practiced law in Boston
1899	Member Executive Committee, Indianapolis Monetary Convention
1908-13	Active in Massachusetts politics
1914-16	Governor, Federal Reserve Board
1914-36	Member, Federal Reserve Board
1918	Chairman, Capital Issues Committee
1936-38	Special Counsel to Board of Governors of Federal Reserve System
1938, Apr. 24	Died

See Who Was Who in America, 1897-1942, vol. I, Marquis

Description of Series

The total Hamlin deposit consists of 345 volumes and 2 manuscript boxes of loose material. This collection includes:

- 28 bound volumes of diaries covering the period 1887-1935
- 25 bound volumes of digest and index of the diaries  
volumes of scrapbooks filled by Mr. Hamlin with newspaper  
clippings covering the period 1871-1938
- 23 bound index volumes of those clippings

Extracts covering Federal Reserve material were typed from volumes 1 to 15 of the diaries. The Federal Reserve Board has a copy of these excerpts, and this copy was loaned to this Committee where is is kept with reference material. Another copy is in the hands of Mrs. Hamlin.

A list of the diary volumes, with dates covered and extracts typed, is appended.

## Diaries of Charles Hamlin

<u>Volume No.</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>	<u>Extracts Typed</u>
Vol. 1	1887 - 1910 (Sept. 1)	No pages typed
Vol. 2	March 1913 - Jan. 16, 1915	Typed - pp. 1 - 83
Vol. 3	Jan. 17, 1915 - Aug. 30, 1916	" pp. 84 - 223
Vol. 4	Nov. 1916 - March 27, 1919	" pp. 224 - 356
Vol. 5	April 1919 - March 23, 1920	" pp. 357 - 411
Vol. 6	March 28, 1920 - Oct. 13, 1922	" pp. 412 - 483
Vol. 7	Oct. 13, 1922 - Dec. 1923	" pp. 484 - 579
Vol. 8	Jan. 2, 1924 - June 19, 1924	" pp. 580 - 656
Vol. 9	June 20, 1924 - Dec. 12, 1924	" pp. 657 - 670
Vol. 10	Dec. 15, 1924 - Sept. 11, 1925	" pp. 671 - 688
Vol. 11	Sept. 12, 1925 - May 20, 1926	" pp. 689 - 740
Vol. 12	May 21, 1926 - Dec. 31, 1926	" pp. 741 - 785
Vol. 13	Jan. 1, 1926 - July 1, 1927	" pp. 785 - 832
Vol. 14	July 5, 1927 - July 31, 1928	" pp. 833 - 913
Vol. 15	Aug. 1, 1928 - March 22, 1929	" pp. 914 - 932
Vol. 16	March 23, 1929 - Nov. 1, 1929	No typed extracts
Vol. 17	Nov. 1, 1929 - May 31, 1930	"
Vol. 18	June 1, 1930 - March 29, 1931	"
Vol. 19	April 1, 1931 - Nov. 31, 1931	"
Vol. 20	Dec. 1, 1931 - June 9, 1932	"
Vol. 21	June 12, 1932 - Nov. 26, 1932	"
Vol. 22	Nov. 28, 1932 - March 24, 1933	"

## Diaries (continued)

<u>Volume No.</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>	<u>Extracts Typed</u>
Vol. 23	March 25, 1933 - Sept. 29, 1933	No typed extracts
Vol. 24	Oct. 1, 1933 - April 30, 1934	"
Vol. 25	May 1, 1934 - Dec. 29, 1934 ( 1 folder Open Market Operations)	"
Vol. 26	Jan. 1, 1935 - Sept. 30, 1935	"
Vol. 27	Oct. 1, 1935 - June 30, 1936	"
Vol. 28	July 1, 1936 - Aug. 23, 1937	" No index

There is an index-digest to all the diaries except Volume 28