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M S Eccles

Fedl Reserve Board Washington

pennsylvania Bankers convention in Scranton June fifth sixth and seventh stop We most urgently and cordially ask you to be our guest speaker opening session Wednesday morning June fifth stop Please accept

Edgar A Jones President

Care Scranton Lackawana Trust Co

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April 16, 1935.

Mr. Edgar A. Jones, President, Bennsylvania Bankers Association, c/o Scranton Lackawana Trust Co., Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Jonest

I greatly appreciate the invitation which the Pennsylvania Bankers Association has extended to me to address it at its annual convention which is to be held in Scranton on June 5th, 6th and 7th.

While I fully recognize the importance of the members of your Association and would enjoy being in attendance at your convention, the date is so far in the future that I really do not know at this time just what my situation will be. I am afraid it will be impossible for me to leave Mashington until after Congress adjourns.

You can readily understand that the demands upon my time are so great and the matter of legislation is of such importance that it would be physically impossible for me to take care of the responsibilities of my position and at the same time make the numerous addresses before the organizations that are extending me invitations to appear before them. I have, therefore, decided, at least for the time being, to accept no invitations to make public speeches.

Please advise your Association that I do greatly appreciate their consideration of me and only wish that it were possible for me to accept the invitation.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles, Governor.

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Pennsylvania Bankers Association

PRESIDENT: EDGAR A. JONES VICE PRESIDENT: SCRANTON-LACKAWANNA TRUST CO. SCRANTON

VICE PRESIDENT: FRANK F. BROOKS PRESIDENT, FIRST NATIONAL BACK AT PITTSBURGH

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SCRANTON, PA.

April 22, 1935.

STEELTON

TREASURER: ROBT. M. RUTHERFORD

SECRETARY: CHARLES F. ZIMMERMAN

PRESIDENT, STEELTON BANK AND TRUST CO.

PRESIDENT, FIRST NATIONAL BANK, HUNTINGDON

Hon. M. S. Eccles, Governor, Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor Eccles:

I have your letter of April 16th, in which you set forth the apparent inability to at this time say definitely whether or not you can accept the invitation to address the Pennsylvania Bankers Convention at their annual Convention in Scranton on Wednesday morning, June 5th, next.

I do not want to be too insistent, or to annoy you by attempting to press upon you the importance to us of your definitely accepting the invitation at this time. However, I do want to add to my previous invitation the further thought with the hopes that it will have some further weight with you.

Pennsylvania, through its great cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, is an important factor in the banking fraternity of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association, has had one of the best organizations of any of the States. In these days, when the thoughts of the banking fraternity are turned upon the Federal Reserve System, upon the proposed changes relative thereto and the future thereof, it would be an inspiration to have you as our guest, and it most assuredly would be the means of accomplishing closer cooperation and good feeling between the institutions of the State and the Federal Reserve System. I, personally, believe that it will not be long before every banking institution will become either a national bank or a member of the Federal Reserve System. To have you present at our Convention would unquestionably win for you and the System the Good-Will of many of the state institutions.

I appreciate most fully the fact that the Banking Act of 1935 is pending in Congress and that you are vitally interested in its successful passage. May I not, however, suggest that you run away from it for the one day that we want you.

Yours sincerely, EDGAR A. JONES PRESIDENT

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April 25, 1935.

Mr. Edgar A. Jones, President, Pennsylvania Bankers Association, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have your letter of april 22nd, requesting me to reconsider the invitation to address the Pennsylvania Bankers Association at its Annual Convention in Scranton on Wednesday morning, June 5th.

After further considering the matter and in view of the personal request of Representative Patrick J. Boland, I will be glad to accept the invitation, providing that I am able to satisfactorily arrange to do so. I fully recognize the importance and influence of your group and, therefore, will appreciate the opportunity of meeting you all and addressing the Association.

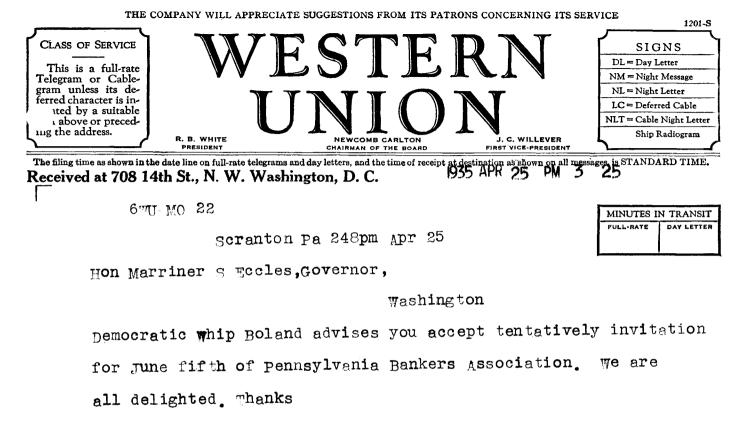
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I might mention that although I accept the invitation there is always the possibility that I may find I cannot leave Washington and would have to give you very short notice of such inability. It is not, however, very probable that that will happen, but in such case, I would arrange to send someone to substitute for me, if acceptable to you.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles, Governor.

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Edgar A Jones, President

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TO. Mr. Eccles

FROM Miss Egbert

REMARKS:

I have checked the trains to Scranton and have found that by taking the 2:15 a.m. train from Washington you would change trains at Philadelphia. You arrive at Philadelphia at 6:45 but you can stay on the pullman until 8:00, the time you catch the D. L. & W., arriving in Scranton at 12:45 noon.

Do you want me to write Dr. Foster and see if he can arrange for your broadcast from New York? If it could be arranged, you could take the train from New York at 1:30 a.m., arriving in Scranton at 5:30 a.m. You could remain on the train until 8:00 a.m. By attending the morning session you could make a good connection back to Washington by plane, leaving Scranton at 1:03 p.m., arriving in Newark at 1:59, lv. Newark Digitized for FRASER OVERNOR'S OFFICE (over)

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2:10, arrive Washington 3:30 p.m.

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Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles, Governor.

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April 26, 1935.

Mr. William T. Foster, 109 Sargent Street, Newton, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Foster:

Since advising you by wire that June 4th would be agreeable to me for the radio address, which I have agreed to make through the Columbia Broadcasting Company, I have been pressed to accept an invitation to give the opening address before the Pennsylvania Bankers Association on the morning of June 5th at Scranton, Pennsylvania. In checking up on the trains from Washington to Scranton I find that I would have to leave here at 7:00 o'clock on the evening of June 4th in order to arrive in Scranton early enough to make such address. I also find that I could leave Washington at 2:15 a.m. (after making my broadcast from Washington), arriving in Scranton at 12:45 noon.

I have written to the President of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association suggesting that if agreeable I be permitted to address the Association during the afternoon session rather than the morning session. I am wondering, in case it is decided that I should address the Association during the morning session, if it would be possible for you to arrange for me to broadcast from New York rather than from Washington as that would permit me to leave New York on a 1:50 a.m. train and arrive in Scranton sufficiently early the next morning to make the address.

If it is possible for me to make the broadcast from New York, could the matter of a decision as to whether I broadcast from New York or Washington be held in abeyance until definite arrangements have been made as to the time I must appear before the Pennsylvania Bankers Association in Scranton?

I would appreciate hearing from you at your early convenience.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

PATRICK J. BOLAND DEMOCRATIC WHIP

THOMAS F. FORD CHIEF Asst. WHIP

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April 26, 1935

My dear Governor:

Received telegram from President of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association stating that they are very happy to accept your tentative promise to address them on June 5th.

They are in hopes that you will be able to fill this engagement. I have explained to them thoroughly our conversation relative to the matter.

Assuring you of my deep appreciation and hoping that it will be possible for you to attend this meeting, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Patrick & Boland.

Governor Marriner S. Eccles,

Federal Reserve Board,

Washington, D. C.

April 30, 1935.

My dear Mr. Boland:

For your information, I am enclosing herewith copy of letter which I sent to Mr. Edger A. Jones, President of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association, accepting the invitation to speak before that Association on June 5th. You will find it self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles, Governor.

Hon. Patrick J. Boland, United States Congressman, Washington, D. C.

Enclosure.

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PATRICK J. BOLAND DEMOCRATIC WHIP

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May 3, 1935

My dear Governor:

Received copy of letter you sent to Mr. Edgar A. Jones, President of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association in Scranton, Pennsylvania, relative to your accepting invitation to attend their convention on June 5th.

I note your version of train time and your inability to be in Scranton for the morning session. I have suggested to Mr. Jones the following: My experience from traveling back and forth warrants my offering the suggestion that they send an automobile from Scranton to meet you at 8 a.m. on June 5th and drive to Scranton which will take in the neighborhood of 5[±]/₂ to 6 hours. You will arrive in Scranton around 2 o'clock. It will save you the trip of riding all night and morning on the train and it would be a much more enjoyable trip. The **roads** are perfect. I prefere riding in an automobile rather than the train which is tiresome and long. There is a possibility of my being able to accompany you, and I will be very glad to do so, if it is at all possible.

I also wish to thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I assure you it is very beneficial to me and to our Administration.

Very sincerely yours,

Patrick J. Boland.

M. S. Eccles, Governor, Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C.

May 9, 1935.

Mr. Edgar A. Jones, President, Pennsylvania Bankers Association, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I wish to call your attention to Governor Eccles' letter to you under date of April 25th, relative to his addressing the Pennsylvania Bankers Association on June 5th.

As the date is getting close at hand and we have not had a reply to the referred to letter, we are wondering whether or not your Association desires Governor Eccles to consider making an address in your afternoon session.

We will appreciate hearing from you regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. M. S. Eccles.

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Pennsylvania Bankers Association

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SCRANTON, PA. May 10, 1935.

Hon. Marriner S. Eccles, Governor, Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor:

Since your acceptance tenatively of the invitation to address the Pennsylvania Bankers Association at Scranton, on Wednesday, June 5, 1935, I have been giving a lot of thought relative thereto. As a result thereof, there will be a special session of the Convention to be held on the said Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock sharp, and you will be the sole speaker.

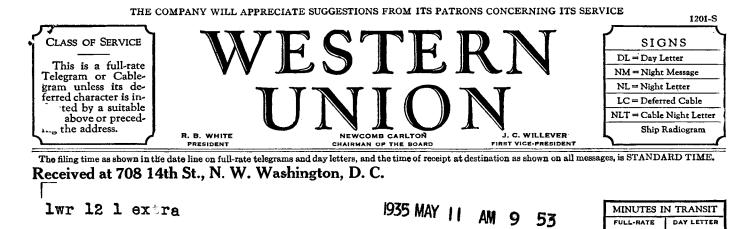
I have also been planning on the method of getting you to Scranton with the least inconvenience to you. Congressman Boland has suggested that an automobile be at your service on Wednesday morning, June 5th, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of motoring direct to Scranton. This can be arranged and will be far quicker and more comfortable than travelling by sleeper and by train. I presume that Washington is operating on daylight savings time and that one whole hour would, therefore, be gained, due to the fact that Scranton is operating on Eastern Standard Time. I am writing to Congressman Boland and am going to urge him to take the day off, if possible, to accompany you on this trip to Scranton. At any rate, plans for your transportation will be definitely completed and timely notice thereof will be furnished to you.

I would like to find out how much time you will consume in your speech to the bankers and to ask whether or not you would have any objections to your remarks being broadcast, if the same could be arranged.

I want to get over to you as emphatically as I possibly can the fact that not only myself, but all of our bankers, are delighted that you are going to be with us, and we want to make your visit to Scranton one that will outdo any visit that you have made to any other place in the United States. I might add that on Wednesday afternoon, there will be an outing and clambake at Sweeney's about eight miles from the City limits. We all sincerely trust that you can arrange to take in this clambake and meeting with our bankers under social conditions and when their troubles, woes and tribulations have been at least temporarily cast aside.

7. Jones Yours sincerely EDGAR A. JONES.

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Scranton Pa 912a May 11

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Secretary to Mr. Eccles.
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Wired Governor Eccles April twenty fifth. Also wrote letter

yesterday.

Edgar A.Jones,

President Pennsylvania Bankers Association.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

HUNTINGDON, PA.

May 17, 1935

Hon. Marriner S. Eccles, Governor Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor Eccles:

It is a pleasure to send to you enclosed, copy of letter just issued from the office of Edgar A. Jones, President of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association, in which reference is made to the courtesy you have extended by the appointment to appear on our Convention program at Scranton on June 5.

We are looking forward with great pleasure in Pennsylvania to having you with us and we trust that you will have a most enjoyable visit.

Looking forward to the privilege of a personal acquaintance with you and with every good wish, I am

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Sincerely yours, Charles Plumerman Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SCRANTON, PA., May 15, 1935.

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TO THE BANK OFFICER ADDRESSED:

My dear Friend:

The Pennsylvania Bankers Association will hold its Forty-First Annual Convention in Scranton, June 5, 6, and 7.

Hon. Marriner S. Eccles, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, will be our guest of honor, on Wednesday, June 5th. Governor Eccles is an outstanding figure in National affairs related to banking. He is conferring a distinct and unusual honor on our Association in coming to address us. Let us honor him in return by showing our interest and being present to hear him.

Governor Eccles' address will be of as much interest to state chartered banks and trust companies as to national banks, for the reason that it may be that state institutions carrying Federal Insurance of Deposits will eventually be asked to join the Federal Reserve System. Come and hear Governor Eccles.

Other distinguished guests and speakers will be Dr. Luther A. Harr, Secretary of Banking of Pennsylvania; Hon. George W. Norris, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank at Philadelphia; and Hon. George W. Maxey, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

In addition, there will be timely reports covering our important Committee work, an Outing, a Golf Tournament, and other entertainment features. Also excellent special entertainment for visiting ladies. I can assure you that your attendance at the Convention will result in enlightenment, broadening of acquaintanceship and a social good time.

To assist our Local Committee in making the necessary arrangements for hotel accommodations and to provide for ample entertainment, it is of *vital importance* that we know in advance, as far as possible, how many will attend the Convention. A data sheet is enclosed herewith which I am personally asking you to fill out *NOW* and mail it to Mr. D. R. Atherton, General Chairman of the Local Committee, First National Bank of Scranton, Scranton, Pa. Thank you for this courtesy!

Hotel reservations should be made by writing to Mr. John Greiner, Jr., Third National Bank & Trust Company, Scranton, Pa.

Yours for a successful Convention and the advancement of our Association.

Yours sincerely,

EDGAR A. JONES, President

PLEASE RETURN PROMPTLY

PENNSYLVANIA BANKERS ASSOCIATION

41ST ANNUAL CONVENTION

SCRANTON, PA.

June 5, 6, 7, 1935

Registration Opens Tuesday Afternoon, June 4, 1935

DATA SHEET

Our Institution will be represented at the Convention	YES	
We will have present	· …	MEN
Ladies who will accompany our delegation will number		
We will want Hotel Accommodations for		
Will arrive: Tuesday, the 4th		
Wednesday, the 5th		
Thursday, the 6th		
Those who will play in the Golf Tournament, will number		

(NAME OF INSTITUTION)

May....., 1935.

Mail Data Sheet promptly to

MR. D. R. ATHERTON, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SCRANTON, SCRANTON, PA.

CHARLES S. WESTON

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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SCRANTON

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SCRANTON, PA.

May 22, 1935.

Marriner S. Eccles, Governor, Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Eccles:

As you are to address the Pennsylvania Bankers Association Convention to be held in Scranton, June 5th, 6th and 7th, will you please send us two copies of your address; also, a photo (which we promise to return) for newspaper use.

Appreciating your attention, we are,

Very truly yours,

B. (ramer,

Cheirman, Publicity Committee.

WBK:M

May 24, 1935.

Mr. W. B. Kramer, Chairman, Publicity Committee, Pennsylvania Bankers Association, c/o First National Bank of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Kramer:

I have your letter of May 22nd, asking me to send you two copies of the address which I propose to give before the Pennsylvania Bankers Association in Scranton on June 5th.

It will not be possible for me to send such copies to you as I have not yet written such an address and do not know whether or not it will be possible for me to do so in time to send you copies for newspaper use. As a matter of fact, I may find it necessary to make theaddress extemporaneous, in which case I would not have copies available at any time.

In regard to a photograph, I am having my secretary forward one on to you in case you have use for it.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles, Governor.

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May 24, 1935.

Mr. N. B. Kramer, Chairman, Publicity Committee, Pennsylvania Bankers Association, c/c First National Bank, Screnton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Kramer:

In accordance with your request, I as enclosing a photograph of Mr. M. S. Eccles.

After it has served your purpose I will appreciate your returning it to me.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. M. S. Eccles.

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Hon Marriner S Eccles

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permit me to compliment you upon your fine radio talk just ended stop your voice came over the air in splendid manner. Followed with interest your presentation of your views. Am convinced your address to the Pennsylvania bankers in Scranton Wednesday June fifth will prove to be the highwater mark of any convention we have ever held.

Edgar A Jones

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May 28, 1935.

Mr. Edgar A. Jones, President, Pennsylvania Bankers Association, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I greatly appreciate the telegram which you sent to me regarding my radio address on Saturday evening, May 25th. I am glad to know that my voice carried well over the air and that you filt it was a fine talk.

I also appreciate your expression regarding my anticipated appearance before the Pennsylvania Bankers Association in Scranton on June 5th.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles, Governor.

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