

At a special meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11:00 a. m. on Wednesday, December 23d

PRESENT:

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

The Governor of the Board presided and Mr. H. P. Willis acted as secretary to the meeting.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

On motion the application of the National City Bank for power to establish two branches instead of one, in Brazil, was approved.

The National City Bank of New York having, on or about July 22, 1914, filed an application with this Board, for the purpose of securing authority to establish a Branch in the City of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the said application having been granted by an order of this Board dated September 2, 1914, and the said Bank having, on December 22, 1914, filed an application, supplementary to the said application of July 22, 1914, asking for an order setting aside the said order of September 2, 1914, and for an order authorizing it to establish the said Branch in the City of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and to establish sub-branches, agencies or offices of the said Branch at Santos, Sao Paulo, Pernambuco, Para and Bahia, Brazil, or at any of the said places, and the said supplementary

application having been considered, and it appearing to the Board that the said supplementary application is properly made, under the laws of the United States of America, and should be granted, Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

That the said supplementary application be and it hereby is approved, and that the said order of September 2, 1914, be and it hereby is set aside.

BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD,

C. S. HAMLIN,

Governor.

(SEAL)

Attest:

H. PARKER WILLIS,

Secretary.

The National City Bank of New York, having, on or about December 22, 1914, filed an application with this Board, for the purpose of obtaining authority to establish a Branch in the City of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with sub-branches, agencies or offices of the said Branch at Santos, Sao Paulo, Pernambuco, Para and Bahia, Brazil, or at any of the said places, and having furnished evidence that it has set aside the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the conduct of its banking operations in Brazil, and the said application having been considered, and it appearing to the Board that the said application is properly made under the laws of the United States of America and should be granted, Now, therefore, it is

ORDERED:

That the said application be and it hereby is approved and that the said Bank be and it hereby is

authorized to establish the said Branch in the City of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and to establish sub-branches, agencies or offices of the said Branch at Santos, Sao Paolo, Pernambuco, Para, and Bahia, Brazil, or at any of the said places.

BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD,

C. S. HAMLIN,

(SEAL)

Governor.

Attest:

H. PARKER WILLIS,

Secretary.

The text of a press statement relating to Christmas compensation for bank employees, was approved.

Mr. Harding presented to the Board a resolution relating to exchange between Federal Reserve districts and drafts of letters regarding the exchange situation.

Mr. Delano moved a substitute, and on motion, the substitute was adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of the Board that checks received on deposit by Federal Reserve banks shall, until further order of the Board, be limited strictly to checks drawn upon member banks in the district of the respective Federal reserve banks. This rule, however, shall not operate to interfere in cases where the Federal reserve banks are located in adjoining districts have entered into satisfactory reciprocal arrangements and shall not interfere with the tentative plan now temporarily

in operation for handling checks on Federal Reserve banks between the respective districts.

The Secretary of the Board was directed to telegraph Governor Sawyer that a definite reply to his query regarding relations with the Reserve bank of St. Louis would be sent on Monday next.

A proposed letter to Governor Sawyer regarding the clearance of Denver checks was approved.

The question of rates of discount at various Federal reserve banks was taken up for consideration and a communication from Mr. William Ingle was read. Mr. Harding suggested a plan whereby the Secretary of the Treasury should announce that he would call for a larger redemption fund behind Aldrich-Vreeland notes at an early date, the Board then to reduce discount rates at reserve banks.

On motion, Mr. Harding was requested to consult with Secretary of the Treasury on that subject.

Applications from National banks requesting admission to the Federal Reserve system were, on motion of Mr. Harding, approved, as follows:

The Norwood National Bank	Greenville, S. C.
First National Bank	Sanford, Florida
American National Bank	Dayton, Tennessee
First National Bank	Peoria, Illinois

Home National Bank	Arkansas City, Kansas
Stockgrowers National Bank	Ashland, Kansas
First National Bank	Guthrie, Oklahoma
Farmers National Bank	Tupelo, Oklahoma
First National Bank	Commerce, Texas
State National Bank	Durant, Oklahoma
National Bank of	Daingerfield, Texas
First National Bank	Dallas, Texas
First National Bank	Killeen, Texas
First National Bank	Normangee, Texas
City National Bank	Paris, Texas.

On motion, at 12:50 p. m. the Board adjourned
to meet at 2:30 p. m. to-day.

Secretary.

APPROVED:

Chairman.