

At a special meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board, Wednesday, February 10 at 3.00 p. m.

PRESENT:

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

The minutes of the meetings of Monday and Tuesday, February 8th and 9th, were read and approved.

At the request of Mr. Harding the Board took up before other business the question of methods of dealing with cotton mill paper in Federal Reserve District No. 5. Mr. Harding called attention to the fact that under the old regulations as to commercial paper there had been some latitude with reference to the discounting of paper made by cotton mills in those cases where such mills were well managed and the situation was known and approved by the authorities of the bank. He asked authority to provide for the same latitude in the use of judgment under the new regulation.

On motion the authority requested by Mr. Harding was granted.

On motion it was voted that the Governor and Vice Governor prepare an outline plan of accounting, in conjunction with the Comptroller of the Treasury, such as would be sanctioned by the latter officer, for the payment of the special staff in the employ of the Comptroller of the Currency engaged in carrying on the issue and redemption of Federal reserve notes.

On motion the following resolution relating to the compensation and expenses of Mr. C. C. Robinson was adopted:

Resolved: That Mr. C. C. Robinson be allowed the sum of twenty-five dollars per day for a period of twenty days spent in actual work between December 1 and December 28, 1914, in compensation for services performed as traveling inspector visiting the Federal Reserve Banks, Mr. Robinson to receive in addition his actual transportation expenses while en route.

A report presented by Mr. Harding and Mr. Delano relative to the readjustment of salaries in the office of Counsel was recommitted.

A letter from Vice President T. D. Webb, Fourth & First National Bank of Nashville, Tenn., asking for a special low rate to provide for the retirement of the Aldrich-Vreeland notes was ordered tabled, and the Secretary of the Board was directed to send a suitable answer.

On motion it was voted that Counsel be asked for an opinion relative to the legality of Bank Commissioner Williams of California in requiring national banks to abstain from advertising their savings departments.

On motion the opinion of Counsel with reference to this subject was made special order for Thursday, February 11.

On motion it was voted to request the Comptroller of the Currency to furnish the Board every Tuesday a statement of facts as to the rate of retirement of outstanding emergency currency, the same to be for use in connection with the discount policy of the Board.

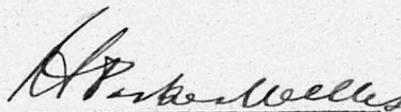
On motion it was voted that the reduction of capital stock from \$50,000 to \$25,000, applied for by the First National Bank of Metcalf, Illinois, be granted as approved by the Comptroller of the Currency.

The Secretary of the Board presented a letter from the United States National Bank of Vancouver, Wash., asking for a form of resolution to be used in complying with the recent overdraft regulation of the Comptroller of the Currency. On motion the Secretary was authorized to draft a suitable form of reply. It was directed, however, that communication with the United States National Bank be had through the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

On motion it was voted that the application of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for authority to buy a bond of the City of Bath, Me., be approved.

“The proposed circular and regulation on acceptances were taken up for consideration and on motion it was voted that the revised draft as altered be tentatively adopted and that proofs of the revised copy be obtained for presentation at the meeting Thursday, February 11.”

On motion at 6.00 p. m. the Board adjourned to meet at 11.00 a. m. Thursday, February 11.


Secretary.

APPROVED:


Chairman.