

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11:00 a. m. on Wednesday, October 20,

**PRESENT:**

Mr. Hamlin, presiding Mr. Warburg

Mr. Delano Mr. Harding

Mr. Williams Mr. Miller

Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The Secretary of the Board presented a revised list of committees both standing and special, which was approved. On motion all other committees were ordered discharged.

Mr. Hamlin called attention to the request of the Treasury for estimates of the Board's expenditures, and said that the representative of the Department had asked that the matter be submitted to the Comptroller of the Treasury. The whole question was referred to Mr. Delano and Mr. Miller.

Mr. Delano said that the Comptroller of the Currency had told him of a letter sent to national bank examiners suggesting the division of reports into two

parts, one for the Department and one for member banks; and submitted a draft of a letter to be sent to Federal reserve agents on the subject. The letter was approved.

On motion the application of the First National Bank of Laurel, Delaware for fiduciary powers, duly recommended by Mr. Harding, was approved.

On motion a rate of 4% on commercial paper from 60 to 90 days, established by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, was approved.

The Secretary of the Board read a dispatch transmitted by the Department of State concerning trade with Guatemala. The dispatch was received and ordered filed.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Austin, as to access to reports of member banks was read and discussed. On motion the letter was referred to the Comptroller of the Currency with request for information, and for a statement which could be incorporated in a reply to Mr. Austin.

On motion the following opinions of Counsel were ordered released for publication:

- (1) Election of directors.
- (2) Purchase of single name paper.
- (3) Pledges of collateral security with Federal reserve agents.

The opinion prepared by Counsel on commodity paper was ordered to be circulated among members of the Board, but was not approved.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Ingle at Richmond, asking the preparation of \$3,000,000 in \$10 denomination and \$3,000,000 in \$20 denomination additional Federal reserve notes, was referred to the Committee on Issue and Redemption.

A letter from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Malburn on Federal reserve banks as depositories of public moneys, was referred to Mr. Warburg and Mr. Harding that it might be discussed by them at the Governors' Conference in Minneapolis.

At this point Mr. Williams came to the Board room.

The Comptroller of the Currency reported to the Board the result of a conference with Mr. Delano and Mr. Warburg on October 20, as to furnishing reports

of national bank examiners to Federal reserve banks. A letter of Mr. Williams to Mr. Delano, of October 19, was read to the Board.

Mr. Delano stated that the question turned on what was to be contained in Part One, to be given to Federal reserve agents. Mr. Delano further stated his theory of what should be given by the Comptroller's office to Federal reserve banks, indicating that the old way was to lock the door after the horse was stolen, and saying that reserve banks should have all the information possible. Mr. Williams stated that Part One would contain sufficient information to enable the formation of an intelligent opinion as to the condition of the bank reported upon. The Comptroller took issue with Mr. Delano's suggestion that the practice had been to lock the door after the horse was stolen. It was not the practice under his administration, or while he had supervision of it as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Williams moved that letters be sent to members of the Advisory Council asking their judgment on matters to be included in Part One and Part Two of

the examiner's report, the letter to be similar to that prepared for Federal reserve agents. This motion was lost. Mr. Williams asked to be recorded in the affirmative. Mr. Williams then moved that the question be submitted to Mr. Forgan with the request that he submit it to the members of the Council. The motion was carried.

A telegram from Federal Reserve Agent Perrin, and a letter from Federal Reserve Agent Wills of Cleveland, relative to the willingness of Mr. Wills to prepare a program for the Federal Reserve Agents' Conference in Washington on November 4, were presented to the Board. On motion this matter was referred to Mr. Miller for reply.

On motion at 1:10 p. m. the Board adjourned to meet on Friday, October 22, at 11:00 a. m.

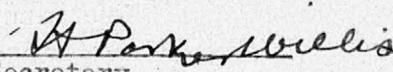
*H. Parker Willis*  
Secretary.

APPROVED:

*W. H. Hamilton*  
Chairman.

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was called at 10:00 a. m., on Friday, October 22.

Mr. Hamlin, Mr. Delano and Mr. Williams presented themselves for the meeting but it having developed that no quorum of the Board was present, an adjournment was taken until 11:00 a. m. on Tuesday, October 26, 1915.

  
Secretary.