

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11:00 a. m. on Friday, October 29,

PRESENT:

Mr. Hamlin, presiding Mr. Warburg

Mr. Delano Mr. Harding

Mr. Williams Mr. Miller

Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of October 27, were read and approved.

“On motion it was voted that the Secretary of the Board notify all Federal reserve agents officially of the change in the wording of the letter relating to open market operations authorized at yesterday's meeting.”

On motion it was voted that Mr. Williams be permitted to place on file with his former letters relating to his membership on the committees of the Board, a letter received by him from Mr. Miller with reference to the same topic.

A letter from Mr. Williams relating to the retention of the letters already written by him as part

of the files of the Board, was read and ordered placed on file with preceding letters.

A letter from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York relative to arrangements for new offices for that bank, accompanied by plans, was presented to the Board, and on motion, referred to Mr. Warburg and Mr. Delano for report.

On motion applications for Federal reserve notes, duly recommended by the Committee on Issue and Redemption, were approved as follows:

For the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland \$1,000,000

\$10 denomination	\$40,000
20 "	560,000
100 "	400,000

For the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis \$3,000,000

\$5 denomination	\$1,200,000
10 "	1,000,000
20 "	800,000

Mr. Hamlin presented a request from the Robert Morris Club of the Credit Men's Association that members of the Board join the club. The letter was referred to Mr. Delano for report.

Mr. Hamlin presented a letter from Governor Strong of New York with reference to the present con-

dition of bank reserves. On motion it was voted that the memorandum be copied, and a copy transmitted to each member of the Board.

Mr. Hamlin presented a resolution relating to the work of Counsel's office, and the control of the rendering of opinions of Counsel in the future. On motion the resolution was adopted as follows:

That Counsel shall prepare an indexed volume containing all opinions and memoranda prepared by his office up to and including December 31st, 1915, giving one copy to each member of the Board.

That hereafter official opinions of counsel shall be given only upon a vote of the Board; that unofficial memoranda may be given at any time upon request of a member, but copies thereof shall be transmitted at the same time to the chairman of the Legal Committee for its files; or to any member of the Board; that personal letters or oral statements may be given or made at any time upon request of any member of the Board, the same to be in no way binding upon the writer until put in the form of official opinions.

The minutes of a meeting of the Committee on State Banks held on October 28, were read to the Board, and on motion the action of the Committee therein set forth, was approved.

As a result of this approval, the following

action with reference to applications for fiduciary powers, was ratified:

Granted:

First National Bank, Newport News, Va.
 First National Bank, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 City National Bank, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
 First National Bank, Junction City, Ore.

Placed on suspended list:

First National Bank, South Bend, Indiana.
 First National Bank, Billings, Montana.
 Seymour National Bank, Seymour, Indiana.
 First National Bank, Galva, Iowa.

Refused:

First National Bank, Corvallis, Oregon.
 Central National Bank, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 First National Bank, Grove City, Pennsylvania.
 Whiteland National Bank, Whiteland, Indiana.
 First National Bank, Elwood, Indiana.

Further as a result of this approval, the following action with reference to pending State bank applications, was ratified:

Disapproved:

Cape Charles Bank, Cape Charles, Virginia.

Suspended:

Hartwell Bank, Hartwell, Georgia.
 Tattnall Bank, Reidsville, Georgia.
 Glennville Bank, Glennville, Georgia.
 First State Bank, De Kalb, Texas.
 Merchants & Farmers Bank, Cheraw, S. C.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on State banks, the power of the Texas City National Bank to exercise on a permanent basis fiduciary functions with regard to a trust now in its hands, was confirmed.

The Secretary of the Board presented the draft of a letter to Federal Reserve Agent Curtiss, relative to the Federal Trust Company's application. On motion the same was approved and ordered transmitted.

On motion it was voted to approve a reduction of \$50,000 in the capitalization of the Homer National Bank of Homer, New York, the same being recommended by the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Federal Reserve Agent of New York.

On motion applications for stock in Federal reserve banks was approved as follows:

DISTRICT No. 8.		Shares.
First National Bank	Caruthersville, Mo.	30
DISTRICT No. 9.		
First National Bank	Bridger, Montana.	17

DISTRICT No. 10. Shares.

Citizens National Bank Greenleaf, Kans. 15

On motion applications for additional stock
in Federal reserve banks was approved as follows:

DISTRICT No. 3.

First National Bank	Fairfield, Pa.	1
First National Bank	Bainbridge, Pa.	1
First National Bank	Bath, Pa.	6
First National Bank	Everett, Pa.	1
First National Bank	Hallstead, Pa.	1
First National Bank	Lawrenceville, Pa.	2
First National Bank	Felton, Del.	1

DISTRICT No. 4.

First National Bank	New Paris, Ohio	1
Commercial National Bank	Upper Sandusky, O.	3
First National Bank	Carlisle, Ky.	2
First National Bank	Barbourville, Ky.	1
Citizens National Bank	Wilmington, Ohio	3
Peoples National Bank	Delmont, Pa.	1

DISTRICT No. 5.

Sykesville National Bank	Sykesville, Md.	3
Poolesville National Bank	Poolesville, Md.	3
Citizens National Bank	Havre de Grace, Md.	4
First National Bank	Broadway, Va.	2

DISTRICT No. 6.

National Bank of Commerce	Pensacola, Fla.	15
City National Bank	Johnson City, Tenn.	1

DISTRICT No. 7.

First National Bank	Arcadia, Ind.	1
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First National Bank	Boswell, Ind.	3
First National Bank	Morgantown, Ind.	1
First National Bank	Whiting, Ind.	3
First National Bank	Story City, Iowa	1

DISTRICT No. 8.

Hope National Bank	Hope, Ark.	7
First National Bank	Millstadt, Ill.	3

DISTRICT No. 9.

Dakota National Bank	Yankton, S. Dak.	3
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DISTRICT No. 12.

Yuma National Bank	Yuma, Arizona	3
Empire National Bank	Lewiston, Idaho.	2
First National Bank	Nampa, Idaho	3
First National Bank	Colusa, Cal.	2
First National Bank	Hollywood, Cal.	3
City National Bank	Long Beach, Cal.	3
Rideout Smith Nat'l Bank	Oroville, Cal.	1
First National Bank	Palo Alto, Cal.	1
Placentia National Bank	Placentia, Cal.	2
First National Bank	San Diego, Cal.	30
First National Bank	Yreka, Cal.	15
Continental Nat'l Bank	Los Angeles, Cal.	36
Washington National Bank	Ellensburg, Wash.	6
First National Bank	Pullman, Wash.	18
Northwestern Nat'l Bank	Bellingham, Wash.	1
Security National Bank	Cheney, Wash.	3
First National Bank	Auburn, Wash.	1

DISTRICT No. 3.

Berlin National Bank	Berlin, N. J.	2
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DISTRICT No. 5.

Peoples National Bank	Rowlesburg, W.Va.	1
First National Bank	Ravenswood, W.Va.	2

DISTRICT No. 6.		Shares.
First National Bank	East Point, Ga.	3
DISTRICT No. 7.		
First National Bank	Richmond, Mich.	1
Vassar National Bank	Vassar, Mich.	1
DISTRICT No. 9.		
First National Bank of Alger County	Munising, Mich.	1
DISTRICT No. 12.		
First National Bank	North Bend, Oreg.	2
United States Nat'l Bank	Newberg, Oregon	1
United States Nat'l Bank	Eugene, Oregon	53
DISTRICT No. 2.		
Central National Bank	Buffalo, N. Y.	24
Bank of New York, Nat'l Banking Association	New York City	600
Swedish American Nat'l	Jamestown, N. Y.	6
Bliss National Bank	Bliss, N. Y.	1
Bath National Bank	Bath, N. Y.	2
First National Bank	Altamont, N. Y.	2
Citizens National Bank	Oneonta, N. Y.	3
First National Bank	Heuvelton, N. Y.	1
DISTRICT No. 7.		
Farmers National Bank	Aurelia, Iowa.	1
First National Bank	Boone, Iowa	1
First National Bank	Exira, Iowa	1
First National Bank	Fort Dodge, Iowa	30
First National Bank	Humboldt, Iowa	5
First National Bank	Logan, Iowa	1
First National Bank	Newell, Iowa	1

DISTRICT No. 9. Shares.

Grafton National Bank	Grafton, N. Dak.	30
First National Bank	Libby, Mont.	2

DISTRICT No. 10.

First National Bank	Commerce, Okla.	8
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DISTRICT No. 2.

Citizens National Bank	Bloomsbury, N. J.	30
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DISTRICT No. 3.

First National Bank	Coaldale, Pa.	2
National Bank of	Wyalusing, Pa.	1
Farmers National Bank	Thompsontown, Pa.	1
First National Bank	State College, Pa.	1
Market Street Nat'l Bank	Shamokin, Pa.	3
Seven Valleys Nat'l Bank	Seven Valleys, Pa.	1
First National Bank	Schellburg, Pa.	2
First National Bank	Petersburg, Pa.	1
First National Bank	Nesquehoning, Pa.	1
Central National Bank	Mt. Union, Pa.	1
Farmers & Citizens Nat'l	Montgomery, Pa.	1
Millersville Nat'l Bank	Millersville, Pa.	1
Maytown National Bank	Maytown, Pa.	1
Mahaffey National Bank	Mahaffey, Pa.	2
Farmers National Bank	Lititz, Pa.	3
First National Bank	Intercourse, Pa.	1
Union National Bank	Huntingdon, Pa.	30
First National Bank	Howard, Pa.	1
First National Bank	Goldsboro, Pa.	1

First National Bank	Girardville, Pa.	3
First National Bank	Fredericksburg, Pa.	1
First National Bank	Claysburg, Pa.	1
Catawissa National Bank	Catawissa, Pa.	1
Brownstown National Bank	Brownstown, Pa.	1
Farmers Nat'l Bank of Bucks County	Bristol, Pa.	4
Haddon Heights Nat'l Bank	Haddon Heights, N.J.	3
First National Bank	Barnegat, N. J.	3

DISTRICT No. 4.

Central National Bank	Columbus, Ohio	1
Farmers National Bank	Somerset, Ky.	2
Bank of Maysville, Nat'l Banking Association	Maysville, Ky.	1

DISTRICT No. 6.

First National Bank	Vienna, Ga.	2
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DISTRICT No. 7.

First National Bank	Momence, Ill.	2
Farmers First Nat'l Bank	Minooka, Ill.	2
German American Nat'l	Lincoln, Ill.	24
Citizens National Bank	Cicero, Ind.	2
First National Bank	Mooreville, Ind.	2
Dearborn National Bank	Lawrenceburg, Ind.	1
First National Bank	Clay City, Ind.	1

DISTRICT No. 8.

First National Bank	Dieterich, Ill.	1
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Security National Bank	Jackson, Tenn.	1
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DISTRICT No. 9.

First National Bank	Aitkin, Minn.	1
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DISTRICT No. 10.

First National Bank	Newman Grove, Nebr.	3
Latimer County National Bank	Wilburton, Okla.	1

DISTRICT No. 11.

Laredo National Bank	Laredo, Texas	30
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On motion applications for the surrender of stock in Federal reserve banks were approved as follows:

DISTRICT No. 1	Shares.
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The Mutual National Bank	Boston, Mass.	343
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DISTRICT No. 4.

First National Bank	Parkers Landing, Pa.	1
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DISTRICT No. 1.		Shares.
Biddeford National Bank	Biddeford, Maine	30
DISTRICT No. 4.		
First National Bank	Aspinwall, Pa.	1
DISTRICT No. 11.		
Western National Bank	Ft. Worth, Texas	285
DISTRICT No. 12.		
Payette National Bank	Payette, Idaho.	16

The Secretary of the Board presented papers received from the Comptroller of the Currency, to whom had been referred the letter of Federal Reserve Agent Austin relative to the National Bank of Malvern. The documents were received and ordered filed without further action.

Mr. Williams read a letter from Examiner Gatch of San Francisco stating, that owing to the satisfactory quality of national bank examinations, the San Francisco Clearing House and the State Superintendent of Banks had dispensed with its regular examination. Mr. Williams stated that he

had directed Mr. Gatch to confer with the Clearing House authorities and supply them with all reasonable information regarding the condition of national banks.

Mr. Warburg submitted a report relative to a recent letter of Mr. A. R. Jones on trade acceptances. The report was approved, and the Secretary ordered to act in accordance therewith.

Mr. Miller as special committeeman returned to the Board papers relating to the reserve situation in South Dakota, and reported that, in his judgment, no further action was called for. The report was received and the committee discharged.

The Secretary of the Board presented the usual weekly discount rate letters, noting that no changes had been asked for. The letters were received and ordered filed.

A memorandum from Chief of Division Broderick relating to the definition and classification of organization expenses, was read and

on motion referred to the Committee on Audit and Examination.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Perrin relative to acceptances drawn on Manila, was referred to the Committee on Commercial Paper.

Mr. Warburg and Mr. Harding who, at the request of the Board, attended the meeting of Governors held at Minneapolis, submitted a report of their visit. The report was received and ordered circulated among the members of the Board.

An application from Federal Reserve Agent Wellborn asking for authority to undertake about \$1,000,000 of open market operations through the Branch Bank at New Orleans, was read. On motion the application was referred to a special committee consisting of Mr. Harding, Mr. Miller and Mr. Warburg with request that they frame a letter granting the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta the power desired, subject to reasonable conditions.

The Secretary of the Board presented documents now in hand relating to the question

of the purchase of warrants of the State of Georgia. The letters were laid on the table pending further information.

A letter from Deputy Federal Reserve Agent Hackney relative to duties of deputy Federal reserve agents, was referred to Mr. Warburg and Mr. Hamlin with instructions to draft a reply.

Mr. Miller stated to the Board the general situation respecting the programme for the forthcoming meeting of Federal reserve agents.

Mr. Hamlin stated that Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Malburn desired to discuss with Governor Strong of New York the question of discontinuing Government depositories in New York, and transferring the accounts to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. It was informally agreed that Mr. Malburn should proceed with his consideration of the subject.

Mr. Warburg made a general report with reference to the same situation in Philadelphia. It was informally agreed that he should consider the subject further with Federal Reserve Agent

Austin.

It was informally agreed that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board be held on Monday, November 1.

On motion at 12:45 p. m. the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday, November 3, at 10:00 a. m.

H. P. Key Willis
Secretary.

APPROVED:

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Chairman.