

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11:00 a. m. on Wednesday, December 15,

PRESENT:

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of December 13 were read, but approval suspended for the time being.

Mr. Hamlin presented a letter from Mr. Williams transmitting a list of the recommendations he proposed to make in his annual report to Congress. The communication was ordered copied and distributed to each member.

Mr. L. H. Hendricks of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, having appeared on behalf of the executive committee of Governors, was informed that the Board would receive the Governors and the executive committee of the National Bank Section of the American Bankers' Association in conference at

3 p. m. this day.

On motion, pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee on Member State Banks, applications for fiduciary powers were disposed of as follows:

Referred to Comptroller for further information:

First National Bank, Baltimore, Maryland.

Approval recommended, subject in each case to Counsel's opinion that such powers are not in contravention of State laws:

First National Bank, Seaford, Delaware.
National Iron Bank, Morristown, New Jersey.
National State Bank, Newark, New Jersey.
First National Bank, Somerville, New Jersey.
Rutherford National Bank, Rutherford, N. J.
National Union Bank, Nazareth, Pennsylvania.
National Union Bank, Dover, New Jersey.

Applications to be held up pending receipt of next examination:

Second National Bank, Paterson, New Jersey.
First National Bank, Springfield, Vermont.
Corsicana National Bank, Corsicana, Texas.

A draft of a letter relating to the method of passing upon executor and trusteeships at Philadelphia having been read, was referred to Mr. Harding with power to act.

On motion applications for stock in Federal reserve banks, duly recommended by the Committee on

Member and State Banks, totaling 146 shares, were approved as follows:

DISTRICT No. 6.		Shares.
Winder National Bank	Winder, Ga.	75
DISTRICT No. 8.		
First National Bank	Marshall, Ark.	30
DISTRICT No. 9.		
First National Bank	Goodwin, S. Dak.	18
National Bank of Dodge County	Kasson, Minn.	23

On motion applications for additional stock in Federal reserve banks duly recommended by the Committee on Member and State Banks, totaling 131 shares, were approved as follows:

DISTRICT No. 1.		Shares.
First National Bank	Bangor, Maine	120
DISTRICT No. 9.		
First National Bank,	Three Forks, Mont	1
Merchants National Bank	Wadena, Minn.	2
DISTRICT No. 8.		
City National Bank	Fort Smith, Ark.	6

DISTRICT No. 10 Shares.

Burns National Bank	Durnago, Colo.	1
Coleridge National Bank	Coleridge, Nebr.	1

On motion applications for the surrender of stock in Federal reserve banks, duly recommended by the Committee on Member and State Banks, totaling 120 shares, were approved as follows:

DISTRICT No. 10. Shares.

First National Bank	Clarks, Nebr.	33
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DISTRICT No. 11.

Merchants & Farmers National Bank	Cisco, Texas.	30
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DISTRICT No. 10.

First National Bank	Holly, Colo.	21
City National Bank	Weeping Water, Nebr.	36

The following action of the Committee on Member and State Banks relative to the admission of applicant State banks, was approved:

Applications for admission to the Federal Reserve System:

Merchants & Farmers Bank, Cheraw, S. C.

It was recommended that this application

be referred to Federal Reserve Agent Ingle for information as to the value of the assets of the Southern National Bank of Wilmington, in liquidation. This information is important in view of the fact that the surplus and undivided profits of the Bank of Cheraw are only \$5,000 and the bank has a loan of \$6,482.09 upon 84 shares of stock in the Southern National Bank of Wilmington, in liquidation.

Killingly Trust Company, Danielson, Conn:

It was recommended that Federal Reserve Agent Curtiss of Boston be advised that there will be no objection, based upon the data regarding the Bank's affairs which have been laid before the Committee, to the admission of the Killingly Trust Company of Danielson, Conn. The company is a small institution and does not appear at present to be engaged in the kind of business that could supply it with paper eligible for rediscount. But the Committee feels that this is a matter for the officers of the applying bank to consider, and does not in itself constitute an objection to membership.

Guardian Trust & Savings Bank of Toledo, Ohio:

The Committee reported favorably upon the application of the Guardian Trust and Savings Bank of Toledo, Ohio, for membership in the Federal Reserve System, and has requested the Division of Audit and Examination to prepare the application papers in regular form.

On recommendation of the Committee on Member and State Banks, the application of the First National Bank of Ballinger, Texas, for reduction of its capital

stock in the sum of \$100,000, duly approved by the Comptroller of the Currency, was voted.

The Secretary of the Board read a report of the special committee (Mr. Harding and Mr. Delano) appointed to visit the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. The report was received and ordered filed.

A report of the Committee on Staff relative to salaries having been read, was approved, and the following changes in salaries ordered effective January 1, 1916.

Mr. F. J. Culver, present salary \$900; advanced to \$1,200, per annum.

Miss Pauline Oberndoerfer, present salary, \$600; advanced to \$720 per annum.

Mr. Paul C. Moran, present salary \$900; advanced to \$1,000 per annum.

Mr. E. L. Smead, present salary \$1,200; advanced to \$1,500 per annum.

Mr. R. M. Gidney an additional \$500 per annum for his services as Deputy Settling Agent.

The Secretary of the Board having presented a draft of an article intended for transmission to the London Times by request of that newspaper, was instructed to act in accordance with his own judgment.

The Secretary of the Board having read a circular sent out under date of December 10, by the Tennessee Bankers' Association, it was voted that he should see what could be done toward collecting data for a reply to the same.

Mr. Delano, to whom had been referred the question of making a draft of a letter to the President asking for an opinion of the Attorney General on the clearing question, reported recommending that no letter be sent to the Attorney General, but that the Board proceed with the best voluntary plan it could prepare. On motion the matter was laid on the table until the next full meeting.

An application of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta for the making of Government deposits with the Branch Bank at New Orleans, was read and referred to Mr. Hamlin as chairman of the Committee on Government Deposits.

// A memorandum of Counsel relating to the question of guaranteeing letters of credit having

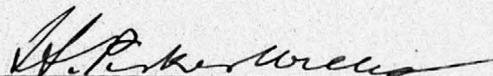
been presented, it was on motion agreed to refer the same to Mr. Warburg with the request that he draft a memorandum on the subject.

The Secretary of the Board having presented a letter from Governor Wold of Minneapolis, asking for an interpretation of the requirement of a satisfactory statement of acceptors, the matter was referred to Mr. Warburg.

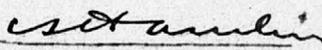
A report from the American Consul at Breslau, transmitted to the Board by the State Department, was ordered circulated.

The question of the action of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago with respect to certain notes discounted for the First National Bank of Clay City, Indiana, was referred to Mr. Delano for report.

On motion at 12:50 p. m. the Board adjourned.


Secretary.

APPROVED:


Chairman.