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. Haalin, 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. Haalin 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, Seaforth, 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
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:

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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 In-
gle for information as to the value of the
assets of the Southern National Bank of
Wilmington, in liquidation. This informa-
tion 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 Wil-
mington, 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 re-
garding 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 Oberndorfer, 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. E. 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 pre-

tented a letter from Governor Weld 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 De-
partment, 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 ad-
journed.

APPROVED:

Chairman.