

At a special meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11:15 a. m., on Tuesday, January 25,

PRESENT:

Mr. Hamlin, presiding Mr. Williams

Mr. Delano Mr. Harding

Mr. Miller

Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of January 24 were read and approved.

On motion it was voted to ask Counsel of the Board whether the Comptroller of the Currency may accept State bank reports on the forms used in the several States, and whether he has the right to authorize State banks to report only items now given on the face of the regular statement form for national banks, waiving the questions now carried on the back of such statement.

Mr. Hamlin read a draft of a letter

addressed to the President of the United States asking certain questions with reference to the power of the Board to change the location of Federal reserve banks and like matters. The letter was ordered modified in certain particulars and the Governor authorized to send the same.

Mr. Hamlin read a letter from Senator Weeks with reference to the proposed bill allowing national banks to join in guaranteeing deposits under State laws. It was informally agreed that the Governor discuss the matter with those interested in it and act individually, adopting such course as he might see fit.

The question of having members of the Board appear before a sub-committee of the House Committee on Appropriations relative to the question of discontinuing Subtreasuries having been raised, it was voted that the Vice Governor write a letter expressing the opinion of the Board that action on the matter must be deferred for the present, and that the Board sees no necessity for an

oral hearing in regard to it.

Mr. Delano offered a report relating to the method of dealing with unfit Federal reserve notes, stating that the report had been approved by the Treasury authorities. On motion the report was adopted.

On motion it was voted that the application of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia for authority to take \$35,000 of the warrants of the City of Ocean City, New Jersey, be approved.

A letter received from the Falconer Company of Baltimore regarding the question whether the United States Flag could be used on advertising matter, was referred to Counsel of the Board.

The recommendation of Federal Reserve Agent Ramsey that all communications from him be regarded as official only when approved by Mr. C. C. Hall, his private secretary, was favorably reported by Mr. Harding, and on motion

approved.

Mr. Delano offered a draft of a letter addressed to all Federal reserve agents forbidding the practice of blue-pencilling notes as they are counted. The letter was ordered sent.

On motion at 12:35 p. m., the Board adjourned to meet at 3:00 p. m., on Wednesday, January 26.

A. P. Willis
Secretary.

APPROVED:

C. A. ...
Chairman.