At an adjourned meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 3:00 p.m., on Friday, February 4,

PRESENT:

Mr. Hamlin, presiding  Mr. Warburg
Mr. Delano  Mr. Harding
Mr. Williams  Mr. Miller

Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The draft of a letter to Federal Reserve Agent Ingle relative to his resignation prepared in accordance with the instructions of the Board was read and approved.

A letter from the Old National Bank of Battle Creek, Michigan, relative to the question of loans by national banks on real estate, was read. On motion the draft of a paragraph for the Annual Report relating to an amendment of the Federal Reserve Act as to loans on real estate, was approved and ordered inserted, subject to later modifica-
tion. Mr. Miller was recorded in the negative, and Mr. Williams reserved the right to propose changes in the amendment.

On motion the appointment of Mr. R. B. Spear as assistant to the Federal Reserve Agent at Boston at a salary of $2,000 per annum, dating from February 1, was approved.

A request from Federal Reserve Agent Curtiss for permission to give his monthly report on business conditions to the newspapers prior to their appearance in the Federal Reserve Bulletin, was presented and on motion disapproved.

A letter from Mr. G. M. Reynolds of Chicago proposing an amendment to the Clayton Act, was read, and on motion it was voted that a copy thereof should be transmitted to Senator Owen and another to Mr. Glass.

The question of the forms to be used by State banks in making reports to the Com-
troller of the Currency, was discussed. On
motion it was voted that the Secretary of the
Board obtain from each State Superintendent of
Banks the forms used in such States.

After consideration of the opinion of
Counsel rendered on September 14, 1915, relative
to the power of the Comptroller of the Currency
in the matter of bank reports; and after further
consideration of the letter of September 16 sent
by the Board to various State bank members with
reference to this same matter; and after further
consideration of the opinion of Counsel dated
January 29, 1916, relating to the same subject,
it was on motion voted that inasmuch as the
Board's counsel had given a construction of
Section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act which per-
mits the acceptance of State member bank reports
made on the forms used in those States; and in-
asmuch as it is the view of the Board that mem-
bership in the system will be greatly promoted
by the use of such forms, the Board ask the
Comptroller what he can do in the matter and
when.

The Comptroller of the Currency hav-
ing considered this matter and expressed him-
self favorably thereon, it was on motion voted
that State bank members in Illinois, Massachu-
setts, New York, Alabama and Ohio be advised
by the Secretary that sworn copies of the re-
ports made by them to their State Department
would be accepted when made on dates simulta-
neous with those indicated by the Comptroller
for his own call, and that on other dates re-
ports may be made to the Comptroller on the
blanks prescribed by the State Banking Depart-
ment in said States, this permission to be ex-
tended from time to time where the reports
satisfactorily disclose the resources and li-
abilities.

Mr. Williams advised the Board that
he had recently notified his staff not to call on State banks for detailed lists of their real estate loans.

On motion it was voted so to amend the regulations of the Board relating to fiduciary powers as to permit Federal reserve agents to submit to their own boards only such parts of the reports of applying banks as are germane to their applications for such powers. The Secretary was directed to send a letter accordingly to all Federal reserve agents.

Mr. Harding presented the case of the First National Bank of Hoquiam, Washington, and its application for trustee powers, recommending that as it would be some time before the next examination report of the bank was filed, and as there was an urgent matter calling for the action of the bank, it should be authorized to exercise the functions of trustee in this particular matter (that of acting as trustee of a
bond issue for a logging and timber corporation) pending final action by the Board. The recommendation was adopted.

On motion at 4:30 p.m., the Board adjourned to meet on Saturday, February 5, at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chairman.