

At an adjourned meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11:00 a. m., on Thursday, February 24,

## PRESENT:

Mr. Delano, presiding      Mr. Warburg

Mr. Williams                      Mr. Harding

Mr. Miller

Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The minutes of the morning and afternoon meetings of February 21, were read and approved.

On motion applications for stock in Federal reserve banks, duly recommended by Mr. Harding as chairman of the Committee on Member and State Banks, were approved as follows:

DISTRICT No. 5. Shares.

Citizens Nat'l Bank	Batesburg, S.C.	21
First National Bank	Chatham, Va.	13

## DISTRICT No. 9.

First National Bank	Denton, Mont.	18
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On motion applications for the sur-

render of stock in Federal reserve banks, duly recommended by Mr. Harding as chairman of the Committee on Member and State Banks, were approved as follows:

DISTRICT No. 3.	Shares.
Citizens National Bank Tunkhannock, Pa.	6
Farmers National Bank Montrose, Pa.	6
First National Bank Factoryville, Pa.	1

DISTRICT No. 5.	
American National Bank Wilmington, N.C.	180

DISTRICT No. 6.	
First National Bank Gallatin, Tenn.	36

DISTRICT No. 8.	
Nat'l Deposit Bank of -Russellville, Ky.	33

DISTRICT No. 9.	
First National Bank Bristol, S. Dak.	20

DISTRICT No. 10.	
Neligh National Bank Neligh, Nebr.	44

DISTRICT No. 12.	
Union National Bank Union, Oregon	18

Mr. Harding, to whom had been referred

the report of the examination of the accounts of former Federal Reserve Agent Ingle, reported the same back to the Board. The report was received and ordered filed.

Mr. Harding further reported that the question of separation between the Federal Reserve Agents' Fund and the Gold Settlement Fund was being considered by the Gold Settlement Committee. The report was received and ordered filed.

The Secretary of the Board read the usual weekly discount rate notices, informing the Board that no changes had been asked for. The notices were ordered filed.

The Secretary of the Board read a letter from Honorable Carter Glass relative to information received by him as to the attitude of State bankers toward the proposed amendments to the Federal Reserve Act. The letter was noted and ordered filed.

A letter from Governor Rhoads of Philadelphia, with reference to the form in which payment should be made by the Treasury when drawing upon the Gold Settlement Fund, and a letter from Federal Reserve Agent Martin, as to the forms of money in which he should be required to make payment of Government drafts drawn on him, were read and on motion referred to the Gold Settlement Committee.

On motion the application of the Mercantile National Bank of Hampton, Virginia, for power to accept up to 100% of capital and surplus, was approved.

Mr. Harding read a letter received by him from the representative of the Louisiana banks asking transfer to New Orleans, and discussion of the Louisiana situation ensued. On motion the question of transfer was made a special order for Friday afternoon at 3 o' - clock.

An opinion of Counsel relative to a letter from Federal Reserve Agent Curtiss as to the power of a director to lease banking rooms to his own bank, was read and the Secretary directed to answer Mr. Curtiss saying that the question is essentially a matter of business to be passed on by the directors under proper conditions.

An opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland may properly be authorized to return to withdrawing member banks the par value of their stock in it was read, and the Secretary ordered to reply accordingly.

The Secretary of the Board read a memorandum presented by Mr. Warburg relative to the probable action of the Mercantile Bank of the Americas in the event Congress should enact the Board's proposed foreign branch amendment.

An opinion of Mr. J. P. Cotton, concurred in by Mr. Elliott, relative to a circular proposed by the Comptroller of the Currency concerning the purchase by national banks of paper which had originally been discounted at high rates of interest, was read and on motion referred to the Comptroller for his consideration.

Mr. Harding read a draft of a plan for the reference of legal questions in which both the Comptroller of the Currency and the Board are interested, to the Counsel of the Board, both the Board and the Comptroller to be bound by the opinions rendered in so far as the terms of the memorandum require. The matter was laid on the table for the time being.

On motion the application of the Freeport National Bank of Freeport, Texas, for fiduciary powers, was made a special or-

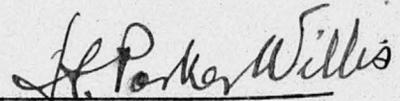
der for the meeting of Friday at 3 o'clock.

A letter from Mr. J. F. Spurgeon was referred to the Governor of the Board.

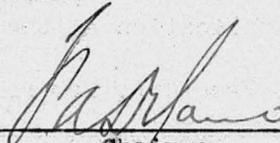
A letter from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City with regard to the difficulty of securing statistical member bank reports, was referred to Mr. Delano.

The Secretary of the Board presented a dispatch transmitted by the Secretary of State relative to the shipment of gold from Rio de Janeiro.

On motion at 1:10 p. m., the Board adjourned to meet on Friday, February 25, at 3:00 p. m.

  
Secretary.

APPROVED:

  
Chairman.