

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11:00 a. m., on Wednesday, March 22,

## PRESENT:

Mr. Hamlin, presiding      Mr. Harding

Mr. Delano                      Mr. Miller

Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The amendments to the Federal Reserve Act recommended by the Board, particularly that relating to the issue of Federal reserve notes, were taken up for discussion in connection with an invitation from the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency to send representatives to discuss the amendments with the said committee at a meeting this afternoon.

On motion rates for trade acceptances established by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis were approved, as follows:

Maturities up to 60 days - 3%  
Maturities 60 to 90 days - 3½%

The Secretary of the Board was directed

to prepare a letter for transmission to Senator Owen, approving an amendment authorizing national banks situated in towns of 100,000 population, or less, to establish branches within a radius of twenty-five miles of their home office.

On motion it was voted that the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond be authorized to pay an additional one per cent dividend, due January 1, but that its proposal for the conversion of 2% into 3% bonds take the usual course.

A plan for the transfer of the Fairfield County (Connecticut) banks from District No. 1 to District No. 2, prepared by Messrs. Jay and Curtiss, was favorably reported by Mr. Harding, and, on motion, voted, subject to the approval of Counsel.

A memorandum by Chief of Division Broderick with reference to the conditions of paying dividends and settling for stock at Federal reserve banks, was favorably recommended by Mr. Hard-

ing and ordered circulated.

The draft of a letter to Mr. F. J. Wade of St. Louis, relative to trust company reserves, was ordered transmitted, if approved by Mr. Delano.

An opinion of Counsel relative to farm loans sold by one member bank to another in the same district, prepared by Counsel, was approved, the Secretary to notify Governor Wold of the opinion, and to publish the same in the Bulletin.

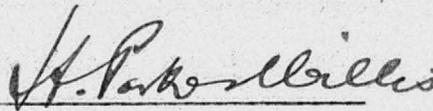
On motion it was voted that the Secretary notify the Governors of the reserve banks that any date for meeting which would close the approaching conference by the end of the week ending April 15, would be satisfactory.

On motion it was voted that the bill introduced by Senator Owen for the amendment of the Federal Reserve Act, should not, for the present, be published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin.

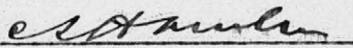
Mr. Hamlin presented opinions of Messrs. Elliott and Cotton with reference to the question of the legality of membership on "Advisory Committees" of national banks under the Clayton Act. The Secretary was directed to write to the firm which raised the question at issue, stating that the Board is indisposed to rule on the matter.

The report of the Committee on Staff approving an increase in the salary of Cashier Cook of Minneapolis from \$3,000 to \$3,500 a year, effective April 1, was presented, and, on motion, approved.

On motion at 12:40 p. m., the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, March 23, at 11 a. m.

  
Secretary.

APPROVED:

  
Chairman.