

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11:05 a. m., on Monday, May 8,

PRESENT:

- Mr. Hamlin, presiding
- Mr. Harding
- Mr. Warburg
- Mr. Miller
- Mr. Allen, Secretary.

The meeting proposed for Friday, May 5, at 11:00 a. m., was postponed by order of the Governor of the Board.

The minutes of the meeting of May 4 were read and approved.

Letters were presented from Governor Strong asking the Board to approve placing the the names of the following firms upon the list of those whose bills are eligible for purchase by Federal reserve banks:

- Messrs. Heidelberg, Ickelheimer & Co.,
- Messrs. E. Naumberg & Company,
- J. P. Morgan & Company.

The letters stated the information as to con-

dition furnished the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and, after discussion, the Board approved placing the names upon the list as requested, and authorized the sending of the following telegram to Governor Strong:

"Replying requests contained your three letters dated May fifth, Board deems the information to be secured in statement from firms concerned to be satisfactory, and is, therefore, approved."

The request of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis to increase its rate for commodity paper from 3% to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, was laid on the table until the next meeting.

The Secretary presented reports of the examination of the Federal Reserve Banks of Kansas City and St. Louis, and of the accounts of the agents at each of these cities, which were ordered to be referred to the Committee on Operation.

Formal approval was given to the re-

request of the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco for the release of \$400,000 in Federal reserve notes of the \$20 denomination.

Attention was called to a letter from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, asking to be heard by the Board prior to a decision as to the transfer of additional Connecticut banks. Governor Hamlin stated that he had already written Governor Aiken that a hearing would be given.

It was agreed that a letter from Governor Strong urging early action upon the amendment to Section 16, which had been circulated, should be taken up when Mr. Warburg had completed his examination of the amendment.

The request of Doubleday, Page & Company that the Federal Reserve Bulletin review Mr. Willis' book, "The Federal Reserve," was ordered to be answered in the negative.

Attention was called to three let-

ters on the action of the Board as to clearing, and they were referred to the Committee on Clearing.

The Secretary was ordered to circulate a report from the State Department stating that it was proposed to establish a branch of the Bank of Uruguay in Washington, D. C.

A letter from the Federal Reserve Agent at Minneapolis on the consolidation of banks at Barron, Wisconsin, was ordered to be referred to the Comptroller of the Currency for the expression of his opinion.

A letter from the Federal Reserve Agent at Cleveland forwarding copies of the program for the meeting of Federal reserve agents on May 29, was presented, and it was directed that the matter be referred to the committee on the program.

The letter from Honorable W. L.

Douglas of Brockton, Massachusetts, was discussed, ordered referred to Counsel, and made a special order of the Board when Counsel's opinion should have been completed.

Request of the Comptroller of the Currency for approval of the appointment of Mr. Sidney B. Congdon as private secretary to the Comptroller in place of Mr. H. L. Millspaugh, favorably reported by Mr. Harding, received affirmative action.

Approval was given to requests for additional stock in Federal reserve banks, amounting to 1039 shares, as follows:

DISTRICT No. 1.	Shares.
Plymouth Nat'l Bank	Plymouth, Mass. 4
Orange Nat'l Bank	Orange, Mass. 12
Berlin Nat'l Bank	Berlin, N. H. 3
National Bank of	Gardiner, Me. 6
Conway Nat'l Bank	Conway, N. H. 1
North Berwick Nat'l	North Berwick, Me. 6
Nat'l White River	Bethel, Vt. 12
Bristol Nat'l Bank	Bristol, Conn. 18
Norwood Nat'l Bank	Norwood, Mass. 15
Merchants Nat'l Bank	Burlington, Vt. 30
Home National Bank	Meriden, Conn. 13
First National Bank	Somersworth, N.H. 1

DISTRICT No. 2.

Shares.

Second National Bank Paterson, N. J. 120

DISTRICT No. 3.

Peoples Nat'l Bank	Middletown, Del.	3
Collingswood Nat'l	Collingswood, N.J.	1
First National Bank	Minotola, N. J.	1
Merchants National	Allentown, Pa.	15
First National Bank	Everett, Pa.	1
First National Bank	Auburn, Pa.	1
First National Bank	Jessup, Pa.	3
Lemasters National	Lemasters, Pa.	1
First National Bank	McAdoo, Pa.	1
Union National Bank	Mahanoy City, Pa.	15
Maytown Nat'l Bank	Maytown, Pa.	1
Central Nat'l Bank	Mount Union, Pa.	1
New Cumberland Nat'l	New Cumberland, Pa.	12
Grange Nat'l Bank of McKean County	Smethport, Pa.	1
National Bank of	Spring City, Pa.	3
Grange Nat'l Bank of Bradford Co.	Troy, Pa.	1
National Bank of	Wyalusing, Pa.	3

DISTRICT No. 4.

First National Bank	Barbourville, Ky.	2
Madison Nat'l Bank	Richmond, Ky.	6
First National Bank	Nicholasville, Ky.	6
First National Bank	Wilmore, Ky.	1
First National Bank	Bethel, Ohio	2
First National Bank	Bremen, Ohio	2
Union National Bank	Cleveland, Ohio	360
Montpelier National	Montpelier, Ohio	9
First National Bank	Mt. Washington, O.	1
First National Bank	New Holland, Ohio	2
First National Bank	Norwood, Ohio	30

Second Nat'l Bank	Warren, Ohio	12
First National Bank	Black Lick, Pa.	1
Clarion County Nat'l Bank of Edenburg	Knox, Pa.	9
First National Bank	Parkers Landing, Pa.	10
Central Nat'l Bank	Wilkinsburg, Pa.	3
Peoples Nat'l Bank	West Alexander, Pa.	2

DISTRICT No. 8.

First National Bank	Berryville, Ark.	1
First National Bank	Corning, Ark.	1
First National Bank	Forrest City, Ark.	5
First National Bank	Green Forest, Ark.	1
Citizens Nat'l Bank	Hope, Ark.	3
Hope National Bank	Hope, Ark.	3
First National Bank	Horatio, Ark.	1
First National Bank	Huntsville, Ark.	2
First National Bank	Judsonia, Ark.	1
Nat'l Bank of Arkan- sas at	Pine Bluff, Ark.	13
First National Bank	Stuttgart, Ark.	3
First National Bank	Van Buren, Ark.	2
First National Bank	Allendale, Ill.	1
First National Bank	Altamont, Ill.	1
First National Bank	Bridgeport, Ill.	2
First National Bank	Brownstown, Ill.	1
Old National Bank	Centralia, Ill.	1
Gillespie National National Bank of	Gillespie, Ill.	1
First National Bank	Jerseyville, Ill.	1
First National Bank	McLeansboro, Ill.	1
First National Bank	Mound City, Ill.	1
Ham National Bank	Mt. Vernon, Ill.	3
First National Bank	Norris City, Ill.	1
First National Bank	Omaha, Ill.	1
Ramsey National Bank	Ramsey, Ill.	4
First National Bank	Roodhouse, Ill.	1
First National Bank	Sandoval, Ill.	1

First National Bank	St. Elmo, Ill.	1
Sorento National	Sorento, Ill.	1
First National Bank	Ullin, Ill.	1
First National Bank	Waterloo, Ill.	3
First National Bank	Waverly, Ill.	7
First National Bank	West Frankfort,	
	Ill.	1
First National Bank	White Hall, Ill.	1
Witt National Bank	Witt, Ill.	1
First National Bank	Bicknell, Ind.	2
Birdseye Nat'l Bank	Birdseye, Ind.	1
City National Bank	Boonville, Ind.	4
First National Bank	Carlisle, Ind.	2
First National Bank	Linton, Ind.	3
First National Bank	New Harmony, Ind.	1
First National Bank	Odon, Indiana	1
Bozeman-Waters Nat'l	Poseyville, Ind.	4
Peoples American		
National Bank	Princeton, Ind.	6
Seymour National	Seymour, Ind.	3
Citizens Nat'l Bank	Tell City, Ind.	2
First National Bank	Bardwell, Ky.	2
American National	Bowling Green, Ky.	1
Farmers Nat'l Bank	Clay, Ky.	1
National-Branch Bank		
of Kentucky	Frankfort, Ky.	6
Henderson Nat'l Bank	Henderson, Ky.	3
American Southern		
National Bank	Louisville, Ky.	6
City National Bank	Mayfield, Ky.	6
National Deposit Bank	Owensboro, Ky.	2
Union National Bank	Providence, Ky.	2
National Bank of Com-		
merce	Columbus, Miss.	7
First National Bank	Corinth, Miss.	1
First National Bank	Oxford, Miss.	1
First National Bank	Braymer, Mo.	9
First National Bank	ELDorado Springs,	
	Mo.	1

City National Bank	Green City, Mo.	1
First National Bank	Holden, Mo.	3
First National Bank	Ridgeway, Mo.	1
First National Bank	Steelville, Mo.	2
First National Bank	Washington, Mo.	1
First National Bank	Windsor, Mo.	3
First National Bank	Paris, Tenn.	1
Second Nat'l Bank	Jackson, Tenn.	3

DISTRICT No. 9.

First National Bank	Cut Bank, Mont.	1
First National Bank	Ambrose, N. Dak.	1

DISTRICT No. 12.

First National Bank	Gardena, Cal.	4
First National Bank	Hemet, Cal.	9
First National Bank	Huntington Beach, Cal.	2
First National Bank	Monterey, Cal.	1
First National Bank	Newman, Cal.	4
First National Bank	Redlands, Cal.	60
First National Bank	Santa Maria, Cal.	3
Selma National Bank	Selma, Cal.	1
Sonora National Bank	Sonora, Cal.	1
Empire National Bank	Lewiston, Idaho	2
Reno National Bank	Reno, Nev.	1
First National Bank	Canby, Oregon	1
American National	Hillsboro, Oreg.	1
First National Bank	Joseph, Oreg.	1
First National Bank	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1
First National Bank of Coos Bay	Marshfield, Oreg.	4
United States Nat'l	Newberg, Oregon	3
United States Nat'l	Vale, Oregon	1
First National Bank	Auburn, Wash.	1
Northwestern Nat'l	Bellingham, Wash.	1
First National Bank	Camas, Wash.	1
National Bank of	Oakesdale, Wash.	1

Upon recommendation of Mr. Warburg, favorable action was taken upon the request of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, to purchase warrants as follows:

	Due	Total issue
\$40,000 Biddeford, Maine	10/4/16	\$80,000
100,000 Brookline, Mass.	11/4/16	200,000
300,000 Cambridge, Mass.	10/10/16	750,000
	and 10/20/16	

Similar action was taken upon the request of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia to increase the limitation upon warrants to be purchased by that bank to \$4,500,000, of which \$3,500,000 may be in obligations of the City of New York.

The following applications for trustee powers were upon recommendation of the Committee approved:

Cedar Rapids National Bank, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

National Bank of Sabetha, Sabetha, Kansas
Exchange National Bank, Colorado Springs,
Colorado.

The application of the Merchants National Bank of Omaha, Nebraska, for trustee powers, was upon recommendation of the Committee ordered to be held.

It was directed that the office of Counsel be requested to prepare a synopsis of the Rural Credits Bill as it passed the Senate.

Letters from Director E. T. Meredith, relative to his candidacy for Governor of Iowa, were ordered to be referred to Counsel for his opinion.

Mr. Harding was empowered to obtain a ruling from Counsel as to the 10% limitation upon endorsed paper and its effect upon rediscounts at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Mr. Miller read a letter from the Comptroller of the Currency in connection

with a request for information addressed to Mr. Miller by Professor Goodhue of Colgate University.

Mr Warburg was authorized to attend the meeting of the New York Bankers' Association at Atlantic City on June 9th at the expense of the Board.

Upon report of Mr. Warburg and Mr. Miller, a request forwarded by the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco that there be prepared for publication a statement as to acceptances, was referred to the Committee on Program for the conference of Federal Reserve Agents.

Mr. Warburg presented a letter from the Federal Reserve Agent at New York, asking what steps had been taken in connection with bond sales and conversions at the end of the quarter and this

was referred to the Committee on Bonding.

At 12:35 p. m. the Board adjourned to meet at 11:00 a. m., on Tuesday, May 9.

Shuman Allen
Secretary.

APPROVED:

W. H. ...

Chairman.