

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11:20 a. m., on Thursday, May 25,

PRESENT:

Mr. Delano, presiding Mr. Warburg

Mr. Williams Mr. Harding

Mr. Allen, Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of May 23 were read and approved.

The order to be entered in connection with the petition of certain banks in Wisconsin that the geographical limits of Districts Nos. 7 and 9 be so modified as to include in District No. 7 a part of the present territory of District No. 9, was amended and approved to be entered as follows:

Upon consideration of the petition of certain banks in Wisconsin that the geographical limits of Districts Nos. 7 and 9 be modified so as to include in District No. 7 a part of the territory now included in District No. 9, and

After a full investigation of the matter the Federal Reserve Board has arrived at the conclusion that there is no present necessity for any change in the geographical limits of the said Districts Nos. 7 and 9 at this time.

It is ordered that said petition be dismissed without prejudice to the rights of the signers to file an amended petition at a later date.

A request from the National Capital Bank of Washington for an interpretation of the Clayton Act, was referred to Counsel.

There was no change in discount rates.

Resolutions of the New York State Bankers' Association, Group 6, were noted and referred to the Committee on Clearing.

There was discussion of a letter prepared by the Comptroller of the Currency to the Chief Justice of the District of Columbia, relative to a proposed amendment as to the amount of real estate which may be held by trust companies in the District of Columbia.

Attention was directed to letters from the Department of State, 1 - Asking what Consular reports are desired by the Board, and 2 - Submitting a copy of the lists of banks sent to Consular officers in connection with financing of international trade. The Secretary was authorized to prepare letters in reply to both communications.

A letter prepared and signed by Mr. Warburg to the Federal Reserve Agent at Boston, on the possible rediscount of acceptances, drawn by cattle raisers, on the Old Colony Trust Company, was approved.

Favorable action was taken upon the request of the National City Bank of New York City to open a branch at Genoa, Italy, and the following application and order entered:

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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In the Matter :

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Application of THE NATIONAL :

CITY BANK OF NEW YORK, for :

leave to open a Branch in the :

Kingdom of Italy, with its :

main office in the City of :

Genoa. :

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TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD:

The application of the National City Bank of New York respectfully shows:

I. Your Petitioner is a corporation organized and existing under the National Bank Act of the United States of America, having its principal office and place of business at No. 55 Wall Street, Borough of Manhattan, City, County and State of New York, and having an authorized and issued capital of Twenty-five million Dollars (\$25,000,000); and it has duly signified in writing its acceptance of the terms and provisions of the Federal Reserve Act, approved December 23, 1913, in accordance with Section 2 of the said Act.

II. Your Petitioner desires to open

a Branch for the conduct of its foreign business in the Kingdom of Italy and to locate the main office of the said Branch in the City of Genoa in the said Kingdom. Your Petitioner's Board of Directors has heretofore set aside the sum of One million Dollars (\$1,000,000), as capital for the conduct of your Petitioner's foreign business in the said Kingdom of Italy.

III. In order to facilitate American business interests in the said Kingdom of Italy, it will probably be necessary, also, to establish sub-branches, agencies or offices in one or more of the Cities of Turin, Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples and Palermo, all in the said Kingdom. At each of these places, and at other places in the said Kingdom, there are extensive American business interests which should be served by the proposed Italian Branch.

IV. It will be impossible to foretell how much capital will be required at any one of these sub-branches, agencies or offices. The amount of capital required at each of them will undoubtedly vary, from time to time, in accordance with local industrial and commercial conditions. For this reason, it would not be advisable to allot a specific amount of capital to each of these offices. Your Petitioner accordingly desires that the said sum of One million Dollars (\$1,000,000) set aside as aforesaid, be treated as set aside by your Petitioner for the conduct of all its banking operations in the said Kingdom of Italy.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner prays for an order authorizing your Petitioner to establish the said Italian Branch, with the main office in the City of Genoa, and with sub-branches, agencies or offices in each of the said Cities of Turin, Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples and Palermo, or in any of the said places.

THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK,
By F. A. VANDERLIP.
President.

Attest:

G. E. GREGORY,
Cashier and Secretary of the
Board of Directors.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

FRANK A. VANDERLIP, being duly sworn, says, that he is the President of The National City Bank of New York, which is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, and is the Petitioner named in the foregoing application; that the said application is true to his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters, he believes it to be true.

FRANK A. VANDERLIP.

Sworn to before me,
May 16, 1916.
MORRIS POLLINGER,
Notary Public, Kings Co.,
Certificate Filed in N. Y. Co., No. 215,
New York Register No. 7170.

AT A STATED MEETING, of
the FEDERAL RESERVE
BOARD, held at its
office in the City
of Washington, Dis-
trict of Columbia,
May 25, 1916.

P R E S E N T:

Honorable F. A. Delano, Vice Governor,
Honorable J. S. Williams,
Honorable P. M. Warburg,
Honorable W. P. G. Harding.

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In the Matter	:	
-of the-	:	ORDER GRANTING
	:	LEAVE TO ESTABLISH
Application of <u>THE</u>	:	AN ITALIAN BRANCH
<u>NATIONAL CITY BANK</u>	:	WITH ITS MAIN OF-
<u>OF NEW YORK,</u> for	:	FICE IN THE CITY
leave to open a	:	OF GENOA, IN THE
Branch in the King-	:	KINGDOM OF ITALY,
dom of Italy, with	:	WITH SUB-BRANCHES,
its main office in	:	AGENCIES OR OFFICES.
the City of Genoa.	:	
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The National City Bank of New
York, having on or about May 18, 1916,
filed an application with this Board for
the purpose of obtaining authority to es-
tablish an Italian Branch, with its main
office in the City of Genoa, in the King-
dom of Italy, and with sub-branches,
agencies, or offices in each of the Cities

of Turin, Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples and Palermo, all in the said Kingdom, or in any of the said places, and having furnished evidence that it has set aside the sum of One million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the conduct of its banking operations in the said Kingdom of Italy; and the said application having been considered; and it appearing that the said application is properly made under the laws of the United States of America and should be granted, Now, therefore, it is

ORDERED, that the said application be and it hereby is approved, and that the said Bank be and it hereby is authorized to establish an Italian Branch with the main office in the City of Genoa, in the Kingdom of Italy, and to establish sub-branches, agencies or offices of the said Branch in each of the Cities of Turin, Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples and Palermo, or in any of the said places.

BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD,

F. A. DELANO,
Vice Governor.

Attest:

SHERMAN ALLEN,
Ass't Secretary.

The request of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for authority to purchase \$100,000 tax warrants of the State of Vermont, favorably reported by Mr. Warburg of the Committee on Investments, was approved.

The request of Senator Owen for a report on Senate Bill 6001 permitting reserve to be carried in a member bank, a bill introduced by Senator Pomerene, was referred to Vice Governor Delano for the preparation of a reply.

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.
First National Bank	Richlands, Va.	24
First National Bank	Hamlet, N. C.	15
DISTRICT No. 9.		
National Bank of	Aitkin, Minn.	36

DISTRICT No. 10.

American Nat'l Bank Bristow, Okla. 15

Applications for additional 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.
Dupont Nat'l Bank	Washington, D. C.	55
Peoples Nat'l Bank	Warrenton, Va.	1
Planters National	Fredericksburg, Va.	1
Oil Field National	Griffithsville, W. Va.	1

DISTRICT No. 7.

First National Bank Portland, Ind. 1

DISTRICT No. 8.

First National Bank Oakland City,
Ind. 1

DISTRICT No. 12.

Hollywood National Hollywood, Cal. 19

Application for the surrender of stock in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York,

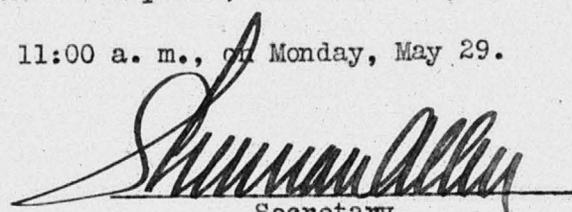
duly recommended by Mr. Harding as chairman of the Committee on Member and State Banks, was approved as follows:

DISTRICT No. 2. Shares.

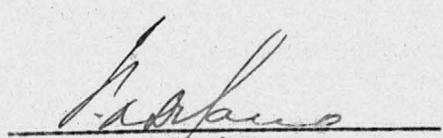
First National Bank East Aurora,
N. Y. 36

The opinion of Counsel on the question raised by Mr. T. P. Beal of Boston as to the application of the 10% limitation on national bank loans to acceptance business, was referred to Governor Hamlin, to whom the original inquiry was made, that he might inform Mr. Beal of the opinion of Counsel.

At 12:20 p. m., the Board adjourned to meet at 11:00 a. m., on Monday, May 29.


Secretary.

APPROVED:


Chairman.