

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held in the office of the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board at 10:15 A. M., Thursday, September 14, 1916,

## PRESENT :

Governor Harding, presiding,

Mr. Warburg

Mr. Miller

Mr. Allen, Secretary.

The request of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta to establish a rate of  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  for promissory notes of member banks, running fifteen days, was approved.

The Governor was requested to write to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in connection with the apparent large number of withdrawals of small banks from the collection system.

Governor Harding presented a report from the Deputy Federal Reserve Agent at Chicago relative to the complaint of the Mellen National Bank of Pittsburgh that there was discrimination

by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago against  
 Pittsburg checks and the Governor was requested  
 to ask further information from the Deputy Federal  
 Reserve Agent, advising the Federal Reserve Agent  
 at Cleveland of the favorable change made by the  
 Chicago bank as to Pittsburg checks which places  
 them on the same basis as Cleveland checks.

A letter from the Federal Reserve Agent  
 at Dallas as to acceptances to 100% of capital  
 and surplus was referred to Counsel.

A letter prepared to the Governor of  
 the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis holding  
 that the bank may take bonds of the City of  
 Minneapolis, which have run to within six months  
 of their maturity as an investment, was approved.

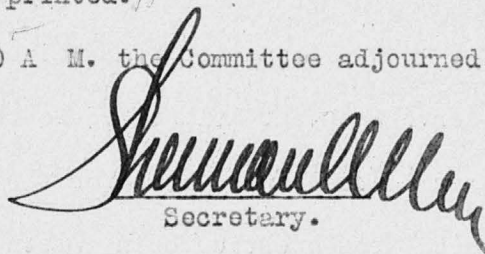
A question was raised by the Federal Re-  
 serve Agent at Atlanta as to the rediscount of  
 merchants' paper given for the purchase of millet  
 seed, the question being whether these notes could  
 be classed as agricultural paper, was referred to  
 the Committee on Discount.

Mr. Warburg presented a memorandum for the press in connection with the work of the Board on Clayton Act applications and this was referred to Mr. Miller.

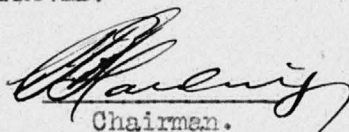
At the suggestion of Mr. Warburg it was voted to make the limit of agricultural paper which may be taken by a Federal Reserve Bank 5% of the assets of the bank, and to incorporate this in the new issue of regulations of the Board. Banks desiring this limit to be increased may apply to the Board.

The circulars and regulations were approved by the Executive Committee, subject to changes to be made by Mr. Miller and Mr. Harrison, and ordered to be printed.

At 11:00 A. M. the Committee adjourned.

  
Secretary.

APPROVED:

  
Chairman.