

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11:15 A. M. on Friday, September 29, 1916,

PRESENT:

Mr. Delano, presiding, Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hamlin, Mr. Allen, Secretary.

There was discussion of Counsel's opinion as to what constitutes a private banker, but without action.

Approval was given, subject to the favorable recommendation of the Federal Reserve Agent at New York, to the application of the Irving National Bank of New York under Section 13 of the Act and Regulation C to accept drafts drawn upon it by banks or bankers in the following foreign countries for the purpose of furnishing dollar exchange:-

Porto Rico	Peru	Venezuela
Santo Domingo	Chile	Argentina
Costa Rica	Brazil	Bolivia

Acting upon a telegram received from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, requesting that a rate of from 3% to 4% be established for that bank on domestic acceptances, the rate was approved by the Committee.

A letter from Gillett & Clark, Bay City, Michigan, stating that the case in the State Supreme Court to determine the right of the Board to issue permits to conduct a fiduciary business to member banks, had been lost by the Government, was read and the matter referred to the Law Committee of the Board with authority, in conjunction with Counsel, to take steps to bring the matter before the Supreme Court of the United States.

The application of the Federal Reserve Agent at St. Louis for notes as follows, recommended by the Committee on Issue and Redemption, was approved:-

\$800,000 in 5's
480,000 in 10's
720,000 in 20's
<u>\$2,000,000 Total.</u>

A letter from Charles N. Fowler, Elizabeth, New Jersey, inviting Mr. Hamlin to a joint debate on the Federal Reserve Act, was ordered filed.

Mr. Miller presented a letter prepared by him to the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco, relative to the rate of 4% established for fifteen-day member banks promissory notes, which was read and approved.

A letter from David R. Forgan, President of the National City Bank of Chicago, relative to the application of Stanley Field under the Clayton Act was read and noted.

The opinion of Counsel on Improved Farm Land, which the Secretary had been directed to omit from the Law Department of the Federal Reserve Bulletin for October, was referred to the Law Committee for reconsideration, such reconsideration to include the question, whether the opinion should be published at all.

The following matters were noted and ordered to be presented to the Board at the full meeting on Monday:-

1. Letter from Pierre Jay, relative to the application under the Clayton Act of Charles G. Sanford, of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

2. Recommendation of Counsel based upon a letter of the Federal Reserve Agent at Chicago, suggesting that Federal Reserve Agents circularize member banks to determine which directors are engaged in the business of private bankers. In this connection Mr. Hamlin suggested that the letter also make inquiry as to the number of directors who had resigned since the passage of the Clayton Act, or during the year 1916.

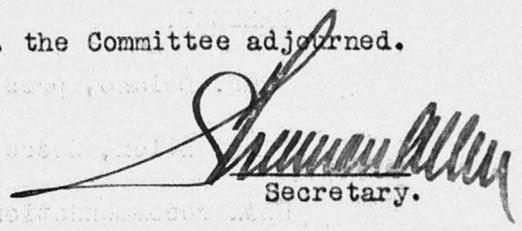
3. Letter from Federal Reserve Agent Ramsey as to a progressively increasing rate on member banks promissory notes.

4. Whether a stenographic report of proceedings be obtained for the Clayton Act hearings on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 3rd and 4th.

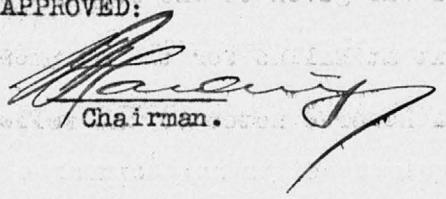
5. A proposed letter to Federal Reserve Agents as to crediting profit on United States bonds.

6. Telegrams as to the date for the next Federal Reserve Agents Conference.

At 12:15 P. M. the Committee adjourned.


Secretary.

APPROVED:


Chairman.