

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Governor at 10:45 A. M. on Thursday, November 23, 1916.

PRESENT:

Governor Harding, presiding, Mr. Delano,

Mr. Warburg, Mr. Allen, Secretary.

Governor Harding called attention to a letter from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Malburn transmitting a request of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing that authority be given to print and keep on hand a minimum supply of notes for each Federal Reserve bank, and this was referred to the Committee on Issue and Redemption, the Assistant Secretary to prepare data.

There was discussion of Counsel's memorandum as to optional reserves, and it was agreed that Governor Harding should ask that reconsideration be given to certain paragraphs.

Governor Harding was authorized to approve, under conditions similar to the approval given to other banks, the request of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis for permission to enter into a contract for insurance of its employees.

A letter from the Federal Reserve Agent at Atlanta, stating the desire of the New Orleans Branch to accept paper

of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of New Orleans,
was referred to Mr. Harding with power.
Mr. Harding was requested to take up with Counsel
the request of the First National Bank of Rochester,
Indiana, for approval of its arrangements to organize a
trust company.

Several letters from Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma,
making inquiry as to rates of interest, growing out of the
suggestion of the Secretary of the Treasury that those who
are paying more than 8% on cattle loans should write to the
Federal Reserve Board, were ordered answered by referring
those who write to the Federal Reserve bank of their dis-
trict.

A hearing was given by the Committee to Mr. Nathan
Musher of the Pompeian Oil Company of Baltimore, Maryland,
who was accompanied by Mr. C. W. Warden of the Continental
Trust Company of Washington. These Gentlemen presented
the desire of the Pompeian Oil Company to have Federal Re-
serve banks establish credits for member banks abroad. Mr.
Musher stated that he would purchase abroad during the next
four months more than \$1,000,000 of olive oil to be paid
for in the United States with sight drafts.

After Mr. Warburg had discussed the matter with Mr. Musher and Mr. Warden, it was agreed that additional information should be furnished as to the cost of doing the business at this time, and it would receive the consideration of the Board.

At 12 o'clock, noon, the Committee adjourned.

Secretary.

APPROVED:

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Chairman.