

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11 A. M. on Thursday, January 11,

PRESENT:

Mr. Harding, presiding, Mr. Hamlin,
Mr. Warburg, Mr. Miller,
Mr. Delano, Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The minutes of the meetings of the Board held on January 8 and January 10, were read, and those of January 8 were, on motion, approved, while those of January 10 were

laid on the table.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Board held on January 9 and January 10 were read and approved, and the action therein taken ratified.

Mr. Harding presented the situation as to the Dallas-Kansas City dividend liability, outlining a plan proposed by Governor Miller of the Kansas City Bank whereby each bank would assume one half of the liability. He read a proposed telegram suggesting that the Miller plan be adopted. The same was approved and transmission ordered.

Mr. Warburg reported the substance of a conversation with Senator McLean of Connecticut who desires another hearing

on behalf of the Connecticut banks relative to transfer to the New York District. Mr. Warburg had suggested to Senator McLean that the matter be left in abeyance until after the final conclusion of the reserve transfers.

Governor Harding presented a letter from the Vancouver National Bank inquiring about its power to purchase foreign securities. He was authorized to write a general reply, such letter to be printed in the Federal Reserve Bulletin, and to be circulated among the members prior to its transmission.

Governor Harding read a letter from Governor Seay of Richmond as to the use of Federal reserve bank resources in the purchase of bonds. On motion it was voted that the Governor reply to the letter.

Governor Harding brought up the question of giving publicity to the Board's proposed amendments to the Federal Reserve Act, calling attention to a letter from Federal Reserve Agent Jay who desires authority to make them known in certain cases. It was agreed that the matter be placed in the hands of the Governor for such disposition as he might think fit, after consultation, if necessary, with the Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committees.

The Secretary of the Board made a statement with reference to a recent conversation between Chairman Glass and himself on the amendment question. General discussion ensued.

Certain purchases of warrants by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the facts as to which were presented by Governor Harding, were, on motion, approved.

Correspondence with the Pompeian Oil Company, the Continental Distributing Company, and a letter from Federal Reserve Agent Jay on the same matter (the best mode of dealing with Spanish exchange) were referred to the Executive Committee.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Perrin stating certain action taken by the Board of directors of the San Francisco Bank, was referred to the Committee on Operation.

A reduction of stock from \$100,000 to \$50,000, proposed by the Conway National Bank of Conway, S. C., duly approved by the Comptroller of the Currency, was authorized.

A plan for reporting small trade acceptances discounted by Federal reserve banks as consolidated items rather than individually, was approved and ordered put into effect.

The Secretary of the Board was authorized to furnish Mr. Weston of the printing and Stationery Division, information regarding the cost of the Federal Reserve Bulletin.

The question of disposing of out of date copies of the par lists as waste paper, was referred to the Committee on Relations with the Treasury Department.

A report of the Committee on Staff approving the salary of Mr. Curtis L. Mosher as assistant to Federal Reserve Agent Rich at \$3000 per annum, was, on motion approved.

The question of membership on the Executive Committee coming up, the present authority vested in the Governor of the Board to appoint a third member of the Committee, selecting such member from the members of the Board in rotation, was continued for the coming year.

A report by Mr. Warburg relative to the discounting of bills of the American Smelting and Refining Company, was, on motion, approved, and ordered transmitted.

On motion at 1 P. M. the Board adjourned.

J. H. Parker Wells

APPROVED:

Secretary.

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Chairman.