

At a special meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board on Thursday, January 18, at 3 P.M.,

PRESENT:

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of January 15 were read and, on motion, approved.

On motion the minutes of the meeting of the Board of January 10, previously laid on the table, were taken up, reconsidered, and adopted.

Governor Harding presented a statement transmitted to him by Federal Reserve Agent Wellborn relative to the Heard National Bank of Jacksonville, Florida, in relation to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Governor Harding reported that he had appeared before the Banking and Currency Committee of the House of Representatives from ten to one-thirty o'clock that morning, and had arranged to return on Friday, January 19. He gave a brief resume of his testimony before the Committee.

Governor Harding laid before the Board the file of correspondence between the Flat Top National Bank and himself. His communications with the bank in question were discussed, and the Secretary was directed to say to the Comptroller of the Currency who had made inquiry in the matter, that such suggestions as he might have to make with regard to the handling of this correspondence, should be presented direct to the Governor himself.

Saturday, January 20, being a holiday by order of the President, it was, after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, nevertheless agreed that the weekly bank statement should be prepared and issued as usual.

Mr. Warburg reported that the plans for the proposed new building at Atlanta had been received and considered, and Mr. Delano stated that at his request they had been checked over by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, who thought the cost would be from \$140,000 to \$160,000, according to the material used.

On motion the cost of the operation of the Gold Settlement Fund was ordered charged as an ordinary expense of the Board, and as such, paid out of the proceeds of its assessment on the Federal reserve banks.

Mr. Hamlin presented a request of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce for a speaker representing the Board for their meeting on February 10. On motion it was voted to authorize the Governor to accept the invitation for that date if he thinks fit.

Governor Harding Read a letter from Governor Miller of Kansas City with reference to the adjustment of the individual liability of the southern Oklahoma banks, and asking for approval of an agreement which he had arrived at with the Dallas Bank. The matter was referred to the Committee on Law.

The Secretary of the Board read a letter from Governor Seay with reference to the purchase of French industrial acceptances. General discussion of the acceptance policy of the Board ensued, but no action was taken. //

The Secretary of the Board read a letter regarding collection charges at Macon, Georgia. The matter was referred to the Committee on Clearings.

The Secretary of the Board presented a report from Federal Reserve Agent Hardy with reference to the duties of the assistant to the Federal reserve agent. The matter was referred to the Committee on Federal Reserve Agents.

The Secretary of the Board presented a letter transmitting an opinion of Mr. McNab of San Francisco with reference to the boards of directors of Federal reserve banks. The matter was referred to the Committee on Operation.

A letter from the Comptroller of the Currency relating to the right of national banks to combine to reduce rates on deposits, was referred to the Committee on Law.

The question of fiduciary powers for the City National Bank of Selma, Alabama, was laid on the table.

The application of the Peoples Trust & Savings Bank of Clinton, Iowa, duly recommended to the Board for approval as having complied with all of the requirements, was, on motion, approved, and the bank ordered admitted.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Jay relative to the Bank of Montclair of Montclair, N. J., and stating the bank's position with reference to certain paper held by it, was presented to the Board with the recommendation that the Bank of Montclair be informed that the Board has acted favorably upon its request, and that it be admitted to the system.

The Secretary of the Board was directed to give information of these two admissions to the press after sufficient time had been allowed to permit the information regarding them to reach the reserve banks of which they will become members.

An examination report of the accounts of Federal Reserve Agent Wellborn of Atlanta, was referred to Mr. Delano for the Committee on Operation of the Atlanta Bank.

A report of Governor McCord of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta relative to the Atlanta Bank, was likewise referred to Mr. Delano on behalf of the Atlanta Committee.

On motion the purchase of \$180,000 of warrants of the City of Covington, Ky., by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, was approved.

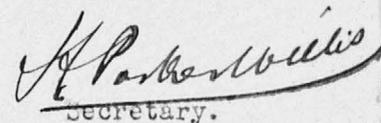
The question of the building for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta was, after discussion, referred to the Committee on Operation of the Atlanta Bank for further investigation and report.

The special order of the day, discussion of the Board's annual report, was then taken up, and various modifications introduced into the proof which had been placed in the hands of members.

On motion at 5.40 P.M. the Board adjourned.

APPROVED

  
Chairman.

  
Secretary.