

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board on Monday, January 29, at eleven A. M.,

PRESENT:

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held at eleven a. m. on Friday, January 26, were read and, on motion, approved.

Governor Harding made a statement as to the status of the Board's proposed amendments to the Federal Reserve Act, and the probable way in which they would be considered in Congress.

On motion the Committee on Issue and Redemption was requested to make a careful study of the actual life in circulation of Federal reserve notes.

Governor Harding read a letter from Mr. James B. Forgan of the Advisory Council with respect to the next meeting of the Council, which had been set for Monday and Tuesday, February 19 and 20. He suggested that there be

placed before the Council a plan for dividing its members into three classes or groups, going out of office at successive dates. On motion the whole matter was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Governor Harding brought up a memorandum submitted by the Council with reference to the Board's proposed amendments, and which the Council had asked to have given to the press. On motion it was voted that the statement be so given out, and that it be published in the forthcoming issue of the Bulletin.

Governor Harding read a letter from Governor McDougal of Chicago with reference to the prevailing rates on acceptances at Federal reserve banks, and the proposed purchase of acceptances by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. After discussion the matter was referred to the Committee on Investment for report.

Correspondence with Honorable Miles Poindexter as to charges for shipment of currency by remitting member banks to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Clearing.

Correspondence with the Harley-Davidson Motor Company of Milwaukee, relative to trade acceptances, was

discussed and, on motion, referred to the Committee on investment for report.

A letter received from the Scott Paper Company and a report submitted by Mr. Warburg with reference thereto, was presented and, on motion, referred to the Governor with power to act.

A revised draft of the report of the Board's committee on a plan to make drafts on Federal reserve banks immediately acceptable, already approved by the Board in preliminary form, was submitted and, on motion, approved in final form. A letter stating the substance of this report sent by the Governor of the Board to Acting Governor Treman of New York, was, on motion, authorized published in the forthcoming number of the Bulletin.

A letter from Governor Miller of Kansas City with reference to the policy of Federal reserve banks in purchasing Government bonds, was read and, on motion, passed to file.

On motion the Board ordered inserted in the minutes the usual formal order with reference to the establishment of the proposed branch of the First National Bank of Boston at Buenos Aires, the order referred to being as follows:

AT A STATED MEETING of the FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD, held at its office in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, January 29, 1917.

P R E S E N T :

- Hon. W. P. G. Harding, Governor,
- " P. M. Warburg, Vice Governor,
- " A. C. Miller,
- " F. A. Delano,
- " C. S. Hamlin.

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In the Matter	:
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Application of THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOSTON, for leave to open a Branch in the Argentine Republic, with its main office in the City of Buenos Ayres.	: ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH WITH ITS MAIN OFFICE IN THE CITY OF BUENOS AIRES, IN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, WITH SUB-BRANCHES, AGENCIES OR OFFICES.

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The First National Bank of Boston, having on or about January 29, 1917, filed an application with this Board for the purpose of obtaining authority to establish a Branch, with its main office in the City of Buenos Aires, in the Argentine Republic; and the said application having been considered; and it appearing that the said application is properly made under the laws of the United States of America and should be granted, Now, therefore, it is - -

 Secretary of the Board

 Treasurer of the Board

ORDERED, that the said application be and it hereby is approved, and that the said bank be and it hereby is authorized to establish a branch with the main office in the City of Buenos Aires, in the Argentine Republic, and to establish sub-branches, agencies or offices of the said branch in such other places in the Argentine Republic as may hereafter be approved by this Board upon written application of said Bank.

On motion the report of the Committee on Issue and Redemption recommending a new printing of Federal reserve notes for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis amounting to \$17,000,000 in specified denominations, was approved and action ordered taken accordingly.

On motion applications for changes in stock in Federal reserve banks, duly recommended by the Committee on Issue and Redemption, were approved as follows:

Applications for Original Stock.

District No. 2.

Merchants National Bank	Asbury Park, N.J.	38
Conewango Valley National Bank	Conewango Valley, NY	15
First National Bank	Milton, N. J.	<u>9</u> 62

District No. 9.

First National Bank	Intake, Mont.	8
Montana National Bank	Billings, Mont.	60
Pipestone National Bank	Pipestone, Minn.	<u>42</u> 110

District No. 11.

First National Bank	Purdon, Tex.	<u>15</u> 15
	Total.....	187

Applications for Additional Stock.

<u>District No. 6.</u>		<u>Shares.</u>
First National Bank	Piedmont, Ala.	6
First National Bank	Gainesville, Fla.	15
American National Bank	Pensacola, Fla.	6
Phoenix National Bank	Columbia, Tenn.	3
Fourth & First National Bank	Nashville, Tenn.	60
First National Bank	Elizabethton, Tenn.	1
	Total.....	91

Upon the suggestion of the Governor of the Board, the hour of ten A. M. on Tuesday, January 30, was set as the date for a conference of the Committee on the Clayton Act with President Fulton for the Commercial National Bank of New Orleans.

The question of establishing a free list for the Federal Reserve Bulletin to consist of important foreign banking houses, was referred to the Secretary of the Board for report; and in the meantime he was authorized to send a complete file to date to the representative of the Credit Lyonnais.

On motion it was voted that the Secretary prepare a report relative to the whole question of the present status of the Bulletin and circulate the same among the members, consideration of it to be made a special order for the meeting of Friday, February 2.

On motion the Committee on Operation of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was requested to consider the question of a possible successor to Mr. Charles Starek, at present a Class C director of that bank, and to confer with Chairman McAdoo in regard to the matter.

On motion at 12.50 p.m. the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday, January 31, at eleven a. m.

H. P. ...
Secretary.

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Chairman.