

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board on Monday, April 9, at 3 p.m.,

PRESENT:

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Wednesday, April 4, were read and, on motion, approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on Thursday, April 5, were read and, on motion, approved, and the action therein set forth ratified.

The minutes of the joint conferences between the Board and the Governors of Federal Reserve Banks held on April 4, 5 and 6, were presented and, on motion, referred to Mr. Delano as a special committee.

Letters of Federal Reserve Agents Austin and Rich with reference to the question of paying the salaries of employees who may enlist in the army and navy, were read and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Staff.

A letter from Mr. E. F. Du Brul of Cincinnati relative to increasing the amount of trade acceptances in

use, was read and referred to the Committee on Discount.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Heath with reference to the banking situation in Chicago was read and noted. Similar action was taken with reference to a telegram from Mr. J. W. Perry, President of the Southwest National Bank of Commerce.

A telegram from Mr. J. Z. Miller relative to the establishment of adequate reserves by State banks, was referred to the Committee on Law.

A memorandum from Counsel with reference to comparative compilations of State statutes, and the employment of two law clerks, was, on motion, referred to the Executive Committee with power.

Discount rates at Cleveland, in accordance with the Board's recent codification, were presented and, on motion, approved, and the Secretary directed to notify the bank accordingly.

A copy of a communication from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Newton to the Auditor of the Treasury Department with reference to the recent operations for the conversion of bonds, was read and ordered passed to file.

A letter from the Comptroller of the Currency notifying the Board of changes in the bank examination staff during the month of March, was read and referred to the Committee on Staff.

The Secretary of the Board informed the Board of the acceptance by the Cleveland Trust Company of Cleveland, and the Peoples Bank of St. Paul, of the conditions for admission imposed by the Board.

Letters from Mr. J. A. White and Mr. Joseph B. Goodwin relative to bond issues and financial policy, were read and the Secretary directed to reply suitably.

The question of the premium of the Fiscal Agent's bond was presented and, on motion, laid on the table pending further information as to the prospective action of Congress regarding the amendments to the Federal Reserve Act.

Mr. Harding read telegrams from Mr. A. C. Miller stating the situation with reference to the establishment of a branch in the Pacific Northwest. The same were noted and ordered passed to file.

An opinion of Counsel with reference to deposits



in farm land banks and security therefor, was presented and the Governor authorized to follow the lines of this opinion in answering inquiries.

Applications of the Farmers State Bank of Kasson, Minn., and the St. Louis Union Bank of St. Louis, were laid before the Board with recommendation for prompt action.

Thereupon the Board temporarily suspended its session, and the members present, sitting as the Committee on Member and State Banks, considered the aforesaid applications, and recommended them favorably to the Board for immediate action.

The Board having resumed formal session, it was, on motion, voted to approve the applications of the Farmers State Bank and the St. Louis Bank, the Secretary to notify the appropriate reserve agents of the action thus taken.

The Secretary of the Board presented the report of the recent examination of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, with a letter from Examiner Broderick calling attention to certain features thereof. The report was ordered referred to the Committee on Operations of the New York Bank.

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