

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Governor on Wednesday, April 11, at eleven a.m.,

PRESENT:

Mr. Harding, presiding,

Mr. Williams,

Mr. Hamlin,

Mr. Willis, Secretary.

Mr. Delano

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on April 9 were read and, on motion, approved.

Governor Harding stated that the Advisory Council would meet in Washington on Tuesday, April 17th, he having been advised to that effect by Vice President Rue, and he requested that suggestions for topics for discussion by the Council be placed in his hands not later than the afternoon of this day.

Governor Harding read a letter received from the Civil Service Examiner transmitting a confidential executive order suspending the Civil Service law in so far as to authorize the immediate removal of any employees whose presence might be regarded as inimical to the interests of the United States as affected by the present war. The letter was referred to the Committee on Staff.

Governor Harding read a letter from Governor McDougal stating what had been done by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in making known the position of the President with respect to the status of aliens in this country, and certain replies to the communications the bank had sent out on that subject.

Governor Harding read a letter from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis announcing that its directors had voted to pay a dividend as of April 1 - June 30, 1915, and another dividend as of July 1 - August 31, 1915, at 6%. After discussion it was voted to approve the dividend of 6% from April 1 - June 30, 1915, the other proposed dividend being disapproved, and the bank being informed that henceforward declarations of dividends should be made at the end of December and of June respectively.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Curtiss to Mr. Warburg with reference to a proposed pamphlet regarding Bankers' acceptances, and informing Mr. Warburg of the substance of a letter from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta with reference to practices as to warehouse receipts protecting acceptances, said to be different from those of-

ficially approved by the Board, was referred to Mr. Hamlin for report.

Governor Harding announced a plan for the automatic placing of orders for Federal Reserve notes whereby, when releases were asked for at subtreasury points, a simultaneous call would be made upon the Comptroller for transfers of actual notes from the stock in Washington to those points, and whereby in each case notice of the action so taken would be sent to the Committee on Issue and Redemption, which would thereupon accumulate such orders and report a general order for note printing on Monday of each week. The plan was considered and, on motion, approved.

Orders for the shipment, release and printing of Federal reserve notes previously authorized by the Executive Committee were approved as follows:

| | \$5.00 Notes | \$10.00 Notes | \$20.00 Notes | \$50 Notes | \$100 Notes |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Boston | \$600,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$ 400,000 | | |
| New York | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 9,280,000 | | \$2,400,000 |
| Philadelphia | | 1,040,000 | 2,000,000 | | |
| Cleveland | | | 1,600,000 | | |
| Chicago | 1,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 3,920,000 | \$800,000 | 2,000,000 |
| St. Louis | | | 800,000 | | |
| San Francisco | 460,000 | 520,000 | 1,280,000 | 400,000 | |

Orders placed with the Treasury Department, on April 10, for printing notes.

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| Boston | \$600,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$400,000 | |
| New York | | 4,000,000 | 2,640,000 | |
| Philadelphia | | 3,200,000 | 5,840,000 | |
| Cleveland | | 800,000 | 2,400,000 | 400,000 |
| Chicago | 2,000,000 | 7,200,000 | 12,240,000 | \$2,000,000 2,400,000 |
| Dallas | | | | 1,200,000 |

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Rich offering his services in the event of war, probably at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, was read and ordered circulated.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Curtiss with reference to an error in reporting the discount rate on 15 day paper was presented, and the Secretary directed to reply to the same.

A letter from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta with reference to the status of acceptances made payable elsewhere than at the place of business of the acceptor, was referred to the Committee on Law with power to reply.

The Secretary of the Board read a letter from Federal Reserve Agent Jay transmitting a statement of Sutro Brothers of New York. On motion the letter and statement were referred to the Committee on Investments with power to act.

The Secretary of the Board read a letter from Secretary Farnsworth of the American Bankers' Association inquiring as to the accommodations required at Briarcliff Lodge for the spring meeting of the Executive Council of the Bankers' Association. The letter was referred to the Governor of the Board with power to appoint a committee to attend, and to make reply accordingly.

A reduction in the capital stock of the First National Bank of Allen, Oklahoma, from \$35,000 to \$25,000, was approved upon recommendation of the Comptroller of the Currency.

On motion a report of the Committee on Audit and Examination recommending a salary of \$2400 per annum for Mr. Max C. Wilde as national bank examiner in the Kansas City District, effective April 10, or as soon as the examiner reports for duty, was approved.

On motion the report of the Committee on Staff recommending the appointment of Miss L. R. Hunton in the Division of Federal Reserve Issue and Redemption, at a salary of \$75 per month, effective April 15, was approved.

Mr. Delano made a progress report on behalf of the Committee on Clearing outlining a plan for the establishment of a system for making the interdistrict drafts of Federal reserve banks available. He stated that the complete report would be available for submission within a very few days.

Mr. Williams called attention to the complaint of the Lincoln National Bank of Lincoln, Nebraska, with regard to the status as to drafts, and it was agreed that he should write the bank informing it of the prospective action of the Board as to such drafts.

On motion at 11.55 a.m. the Board adjourned to meet on Friday, April 13, at eleven a.m.

A. P. Williams
Secretary.

APPROVED:

Francis
Chairman.