At a meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, April 30, 1917,

PRESENCE:

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

Mr. Miller,

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on April 27 were read, and, on motion, approved.

A letter from Governor J. Z. Miller with reference to the conversion of $3 \frac{1}{3}$ bonds into $3 \frac{1}{2}$ bonds was presented to the Board, and on motion referred to the Committee on Investments.

The application of the American National Bank, of McAlester, Oklahoma, for trustee powers, previously tabled by the Board, was presented, with a letter from Governor J. Z. Miller, again recommending it. There was also presented an informal majority report on the part of the Committee on Member and State Banks, favoring the granting of full trustee powers as requested, and a minority report
recommending that they be granted only for use in a special case, which had been mentioned by the Manchester bank. On motion the majority report favoring the granting of full trustee powers was adopted and the powers accordingly granted.

A letter from Honorable F. H. Polk with reference to notification to banks throughout the country regarding the policy of the government as to transactions with alien enemies was read. After discussion, the matter was referred to the Committee on Law, to prepare, with the aid of Counsel, a circular on the subject.

Governor Harding announced that the Law Committee would hold a meeting on Tuesday, May 1, at 11 a.m.

The reduction of capital of the Payette National Bank at Payette, Idaho, from $75,000 to $50,000, duly recommended by the Comptroller of the Currency, was on motion approved.

A letter from Deputy Federal Reserve Agent McAllan, at Chicago, inquiring what disposal should be made of the expenses incurred in connection with the flotation of the recent certificate issue, was read and, on motion, referred to the Governor, with power to act.

Governor Harding presented the question of a bill authorizing the granting of Federal charters to banks desirous
of engaging in the foreign trade, a matter which had been taken up at the instance of the Chase National Bank of New York City. Assistant Counsel Harrison presented a draft of a bill designed to grant the necessary authority. The matter was referred to the Law Committee for report.

Mr. Miller read a telegram received from Federal Reserve Agent Ferrin inquiring whether paper secured by real estate mortgage is eligible for rediscount if otherwise eligible. He had considered this matter to some extent with counsel's office. Mr. Miller was authorized to reply stating the eligibility of the paper. The matter was referred to Counsel for a formal opinion.

Mr. Hamlin called attention to the fact that he was not now regularly in receipt of opinions of Counsel, and suggested that they be furnished to all members as prepared, in order that each member might establish a complete file. The matter of disposing of such opinions was referred to the Committee on Law.

Governor Harding stated to the Board that some time ago the American Bankers Association had invited the Board to attend a meeting of its Executive Council at Briarcliff and that he had been authorized to name the Committee to
attend. He had designated Mr. Delano and Mr. Hamlin togetherness himself to be present on Monday, May 7. He would be glad, however, to add other members of the Board who were able to go.

Several letters from Governors of Federal reserve banks giving details as to the recent subscription to Treasury certificates, were presented to the Board and noted.

A letter from the National Bank of Commerce of Detroit, Mich., and also a letter from Mr. Alden Anderson, of San Francisco, with reference to amendments to the Federal Reserve Act relating to the membership of State banks in the Federal Reserve System, were read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Law, with power to communicate with Messrs. Glass and Owen on the subject if deemed desirable.

Letters from Governor Fancher and McDougall relative to the plan for Federal reserve drafts adopted by the Board were presented, and it was agreed that the Governor reply to Mr. McDougall informing him that the plan had been definitely ordered into operation.

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A letter from Mr. George Creel with reference to the publication of an official bulletin and requesting that some person be designated by the Board to communicate with him officially relative to such matter as the Board might have for publication, was read and after discussion the Secretary of the Board was directed to undertake the transmission of such material, subject to the approval of the Governor of the Board.

On recommendation of the Committee on Staff, the salary of Mr. W. W. Jemison was fixed at $1400 per annum, effective May 1, this being the regular salary of the filing clerk, whose duties Mr. Jemison is performing.

The question of extending the leave of absence of
Miss Waters, stenographer to Mr. Warburg, with pay, was referred to the Committee on Staff, with power to act.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee on the Clayton Act held on April 26 were read and approved, and the action therein set forth ratified.

Mr. Delano presented the proposal adopted at the recent conference of Governors to pay to employees of Federal reserve banks, who enlist, a sum equal to the difference between their army pay and their old salaries in the banks. The matter was referred to the Committee on Staff for report.

Mr. Hamlin said he had been invited by the Maine Bankers' Association to speak in Portland before that organization. On motion, it was voted that he accept the invitation, his journey to be at the expense of the Board.

On motion, at 12:22 p.m. the meeting adjourned, to meet on Wednesday, May 2, at 11 a.m.

APPROVED:

[Signature]

Chairman.

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Secretary.