

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board held in the Office of the Governor on Wednesday, September 19, at 4 P. M.

Present:

Mr. Harding, presiding, Mr. Delano,
Mr. Warburg, Mr. Willis, secretary.

Applications for permission to export gold were acted upon as follows:

144. Hamano Shoten \$50,000 gold coin, Honolulu to Japan. Declined.
145. E. Denike, Laredo, Texas, sundry shipments silver in bond. Approved.
146. Central Savings Bank, Canadian currency to Sault Ste. Marie. Approved.
147. American Express Co., continuous shipments of Canadian currency and Canadian silver, New York to Montreal. Approved.
148. Hanover National Bank of New York City, \$10,017 New York to Toronto. Declined.
149. Royal Bank of Canada, San Juan, P. R., to Santiago, D. R., \$50,000 currency. Approved in any form except gold or gold certificates.
150. Chase National Bank, \$100,000 currency, New York to Santiago, D. R., approved in any form except gold certificates.

151. Bank of Taiwan, 25,000 ounces gold, Seattle to Japan. Declined.

152. Anglo & London Paris National Bank, \$1,250,000 gold coin, San Francisco to Sydney. Declined.

153. International Banking Corporation, 60,000 Panamas to Bombay, and \$7,500 American currency, San Francisco to Japan. Approved, latter for one shipment only.

153a International Banking Corporation, 233 bars silver to Shanghai. Approved.

154. Bank of California, \$325,000 gold, San Francisco to Calcutta. Declined.

155. First & Old Detroit National Bank, \$22,462.75, Detroit to Windsor. Approved.

156. Chartered Bank of India Australia & China, advised that no forward rulings can be made, but that each case must be acted on on its merits.

The Committee engaged in discussion of general rulings for Federal reserve banks relating to the subject of gold shipments, and adopted the following:

"The Board has already sent you a copy of the Proclamation of the President of the United States, dated September 7, 1917, and of the executive order accompanying it, bearing the same date, both relating to the control of exportation of coin, bullion and currency.

"In assuming the duties assigned to it by the

"order and proclamation referred to, the Board, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, has prepared the following regulations to govern its action and that of the Federal reserve banks:

"Individuals or corporations desiring to obtain licenses for the exportation of coin, bullion or currency must make application on the revised form already mailed you, and you will require applicants to use these blanks. It will be the general policy of the Board to authorize exportation of gold when such shipments are shown to be connected in a direct and definite way with corresponding transactions in merchandise to be imported into the United States, but only in those cases where the importation of such merchandise is found to be compatible with the public interest. In reaching its conclusions, however, the Board will consider all attending circumstances of each case. Shipments of any coin which appear to be or are suspected of being for enemy account or for the benefit of the enemy, will not be permitted.

"You are advised that, until further notice, the Board has determined to approve all applications for the exportation of Canadian notes and silver coin, without limitation. The Treasury Department has instructed collectors of customs to pass such shipments into Canada when approved by a Federal reserve bank. You may issue a continuous permit for shipments of Canadian coin and currency, without requiring an application in each case, upon condition that each transaction be reported to you promptly. You will, however, transmit to the Board weekly reports of all applications of every kind which you have passed upon, showing the amount of each shipment.

"Applications for the exportation of silver bullion or of silver coin of foreign mintage may be permitted under similar conditions, but must be reported in the same way. Applications for the exportation of Federal reserve notes or of any form of United States currency or coin, with the exception of gold and gold certificates, will in general be approved by the Federal Reserve Board, but each application must come before the Board for its deter-

"mination before the shipment is made."

"Instructions have been issued by the Treasury Department to Collectors of customs to permit travelers leaving the country to carry on their persons or in their baggage, amounts and kinds of money as follows:

"a. United States notes, National bank notes, silver certificates, and Federal reserve notes; not to exceed \$5,000 for each adult.

"b. American silver coin not to exceed \$200 for each adult.

"c. Gold coin not to exceed \$200 for each adult.

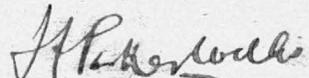
"Collectors of customs have been informed that, in dealing with travelers, they may act in accordance with the instructions conveyed in this letter, without communicating with the Federal Reserve Board or the Federal reserve bank of their district.

"The foregoing regulations are issued subject to change without notice, and with the understanding that applications granted are not to be taken as constituting a precedent."

On motion, at 5:30 P. M., the Committee adjourned.

APPROVED:

Chairman.



Secretary.