

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Governor on Friday, October 19, at three p.m.,

## PRESENT:

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on October 17 were read and approved.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on October 16 and 17 were submitted and, on motion, approved and the action therein set forth ratified.

A letter from the Comptroller of the Currency with reference to remittances to bona fide Russians in German occupied territory, was read and, on motion, referred to the Governor with power to act.

A memorandum of Counsel with reference to an inquiry made by Deputy Governor Hoopes of Dallas, with reference to the treatment of alien deposits in member banks, was referred to the Governor with power to act, the papers, however, to be referred to the War Trade Council.

Discount rate sheets for the week (no changes being requested) were presented by the Secretary and ordered filed.

Governor Harding read a letter from Mr. R. G. Rhett proposing a plan whereby banks might be induced to give larger aid in the floating of bonds. The letter was discussed, but no action taken.

A memorandum submitted by Mr. Miller with reference to the general discount rate policy of the Federal Reserve system, was presented and read. General discussion of the rate policy to be pursued in the immediate future ensued.

A report of the Committee on Audit and Examination approving the designation of Mr. E. B. McBride as special examiner at the Spokane Branch was presented, and, on motion, approved, and the Governor requested to write accordingly to Federal Reserve Agent Perrin.

A report of the Committee on Audit and Examination with reference to a letter from Mr. Stoddard Jess, and suggesting the transmission of certain inquiries to banks in clearing house cities, was read and approved and the papers referred to the Governor of the Board.

The plan suggested by Mr. Broderick for special examinations in the San Francisco District, was read and approved and the Secretary directed to transmit notice of the same to Federal Reserve Agent Perrin.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Investments, the following institutions were authorized to accept up to 100% of capital and surplus:

Central Trust Company, New York.

Bankers Trust Company, New York.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Investments, the Philadelphia National Bank was authorized to accept drafts drawn on it in Argentina to create dollar exchange in anticipation of movements of wool.

A report of a special committee to whom had been referred a letter from the Union National Bank, of Houston, Texas, asking the Board's policy as to national bank circulation, was read and, on motion, laid on the table until the meeting of Wednesday, October 24.

The resignation of Mr. John Tyler, effective November 7, was presented and, on motion, accepted.

Certain recommendations for new appointments in the Division of Statistics were read and, on motion, approved, and the following appointments with corresponding salaries, were ordered made:

Mr. Johnston R. Zimmerman,	at	\$1650	per	annum.
Mr. Verne Simpkins,	"	1650	"	"
Mr. J. R. Van Possen,	"	1400	"	"

The Secretary of the Board was authorized to communicate with all Federal Reserve agents asking for data with reference to their expenses as fiscal agents.

A letter from Mr. H. J. Browne offering the Board the Southern Building was read and the Governor requested to write declining the same.

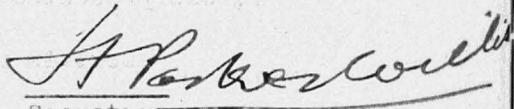
Mr. Miller read a telegram from Federal Reserve Agent Perrin with reference to state bank membership; stating progress. The telegram was referred to the Governor with the recommendation that a special telegram regarding the probable application of the Bank of Italy, be sent by Mr. Miller.

On motion, the printing of 2000 copies of the new edition of the Index-Digest, was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

On motion, at 4.40 p.m. the Board adjourned.

APPROVED:

                      
Chairman.

  
Secretary.