

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board on Monday, December 31, 1917, at 11.15 a.m.,

PRESENT:

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

The minutes of the meeting of December 28 were read, and, on motion, approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 29, were presented and, on motion, approved.

A report of Committee No. 3, regarding the pledging and endorsement of paper, made a special order for this day, was read and discussed and, on motion, ordered circulated, being made a special order for Wednesday, January 2.

The Secretary of the Board presented acceptances of appointments from Messrs. Ramsey, Rich, Hall, Simpson, Fleming, Heath, Lightner, Curtiss, Bush, Martin and Marnell.

The appointment of Assistant Federal Reserve Agents was approved as follows:

C. R. Mosher, Minneapolis,
W. F. McLallen, Chicago,
Mark A. Lies, Chicago.

Dividends were, on motion, approved as follows:

St. Louis, 6% to December 31, 1916.

Atlanta, 6% to December 31, 1917.

The Secretary read a letter from Federal Reserve Agent Wellborn, dated December 26, stating the amount paid to employees as a Christmas bonus.

The Secretary having raised certain questions regarding the annual reports of Federal Reserve Agents, it was, on motion, voted:

1. That the Secretary send to press the annual reports of the Agents as soon as in his opinion they are satisfactory.

2. That the Secretary omit from these annual reports all reference by name to volunteers who gave their services; eliminating it whether in the text or in the form of a roster.

The Secretary was directed to answer a letter from the Alien Property Custodian, expressing the Board's informal approval of the Union Trust Co. of San Francisco as a depository for the Alien Property Custodian.

Letters from Governor J. Z. Miller, notifying the Board of the practice at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, regarding rebate charges for paper taken up before maturity, and the treatment of so-called "float", were read

noted.

A letter from Governor E. R. Fancher, regarding agreements for the sale and repurchase of certificates of indebtedness as collateral for Federal Reserve notes, was read and, on motion, it was voted that the Governor reply, stating that the Board dissents from the use of such collateral.

A report of Committee No. 1, regarding salaries and promotions at San Francisco, dated December 26, was read and, on motion, approved.

A report of Committee No. 1 regarding the salary of W. E. Buell was read and accordingly the salary fixed at \$2750 per annum, effective January 1, 1918.

A report of Committee No. 1 regarding the salary of J. C. Nevin as assistant Federal Reserve Agent at Cleveland, was read and accordingly Mr. Nevin's appointment confirmed at \$3500 per annum, effective January 2, 1918, or whenever Mr. Nevin assumes his duties.

Mr. Harding read a letter from Secretary Curtis of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York regarding the designation of the Bank of Japan as foreign agent, and a memorandum from Mr. Hamlin on the same subject. The subject was discussed and

referred to the Executive Committee.

A letter from James E. Keelyn, of Pasadena, addressed to the President and referred to the Board, regarding currency conditions on the Pacific Coast, was presented and on motion, referred to Mr. Miller.

Mr. Harding presented a letter from Federal Reserve Agent Ferrin notifying the Board of the appointment of William Ambrose as Director of the Portland Branch, to succeed W. A. Day, and on motion, the change was approved.

Mr. Harding reported that he had, as directed, sent out the tentative regulations regarding Savings deposits to Federal Reserve banks in general. It was directed that he compile a full set of replies for presentation to the Board.

The Secretary of the Board having asked permission to continue his weekly lectures at Columbia University for the three months of the spring term, it was on motion voted that the permission be granted.

Mr. Delano stated that the Committee of Five of the A. B. A. desires to meet the Board on the 16th of January, and it was agreed that the Governor and as many members of the Board as can find it convenient, meet the Committee at

3 P. M., on that day.

At 12:30 P. M., the Board adjourned.

APPROVED:

Secretary

Chairman