

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at eleven a.m. on Friday, January 25, at 11 a.m.,

PRESENT:

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on January 23 were read and, on motion, approved.

The minutes of the meetings of the Gold Export Committee held on January 24 and 25 were read and, on motion, approved and the action therein set forth ratified.

The report on salaries of officers of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, made a special order for this meeting, was taken from the table and considered.

On motion, it was voted that no change be made in the salary of Governor Fancher, but that it remain as now at \$20,000, and that the salary of Federal Reserve Agent Wills be fixed at \$15,000, Governor Harding to state the situation to the officers affected.

Mr. Miller was recorded as voting in the negative as to the salary of Federal Reserve Agent Wills.

Governor Harding read a letter from Federal Reserve Agent Jay advising the Board of the election of Mr. J. F. Curtis as Deputy Governor and Counsel of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, his salary to be \$18,000 per annum as previously proposed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

On motion of Mr. Delano, it was voted to approve the proposed salary.

Mr. Miller was recorded as not voting.

The members voting in the affirmative were recorded as voting in the affirmative only because of the express statement of Governor Strong and Director Peabody that this action, in the opinion of the directors, was necessary to the proper administration of the Bank.

A letter of Mr. T. C. Garrett of the Nashville Clearing House, inquiring as to rates to be fixed for paper secured by Liberty Bonds, was read and referred to the Governor for reply.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Hardy regarding the disappearance of funds shipped from Richmond, was read and noted.

A letter from L. F. Sailer regarding sundry minor financial irregularities at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in answer to an inquiry sent by Governor Harding

concerning irregularities no matter how trivial, was read and noted.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Hardy re proposed changes in the definition of savings accounts, was read and, on motion, it was voted to continue present regulations without change.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Ramsey re organization for the sale of certificates of indebtedness, was read and noted.

A memorandum of Mr. W. M. Imlay re changes in quarters for the Division of Audit and Examination, was read and the changes ordered put into effect.

A plan suggested by Federal Reserve Agent Perrin by wire of January 24, for the gathering of abraded gold into the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, was read, and the plan approved, the Secretary so to advise Mr. Perrin.

A letter from the Alien Property Custodian relative to the designation of the American Colonial Bank of Porto Rico as depository, was read and the letter referred to the Governor for investigation.

Reports of Committee No. 1 were read and, on motion, approved as follows:

Dated January 25, re salaries at Minneapolis;

" " 25, re salary of Examiner Henneman;

" " 24, re salary of Examiner Martin;

" " 25, re a proposed letter to State member banks regarding examinations, and the letter ordered transmitted by the Governor, subject to such change as might be needed.

A report of Committee No. 1 regarding the appointment of Mr. W. D. Lower as General Bookkeeper and Assistant Federal Reserve Agent at the Omaha Branch, was tentatively approved, subject to revocation.

Reports of Committee No. 2 were read and, on motion, approved as follows:

Dated January 24, favoring the purchase of stock in the American Foreign Banking Corporation by the Manufacturers & Traders National Bank of Buffalo.

Dated January 24, recommending 100% acceptance powers for the Peoples National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dated January 23, recommending 100% acceptance powers for the State Street Trust Company of Boston.

Dated January 24, recommending the maintenance of collection charges on trade acceptances except in certain cases, referred to Governor Harding for reply to inquirers.

Dated January 25, recommending the admission to the Federal Reserve system of the following institutions, upon conditions named in each case:

State & German Savings Bank	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Security State Bank & Trust Company	Lubbock, Texas.

Committee No. 3 having reported a letter from the Comptroller of the Currency re compensation to certain directors of the Bank of Pittsburgh, with the statement that no further action was needed, the documents were passed to file.

Upon recommendation of Committee No. 3 the application of Mr. Gustav A. Schnull under the Clayton Act, was approved.

Upon recommendation of Committee No. 3 the application of the U. S. National Bank for power to act as trustee, executor and administrator, was ordered held for more information.

Governor Harding presented business which was acted upon as follows:

A letter from Governor McDougal stating that the Detroit Branch would soon be opened - read and noted.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Ramsey re membership in the Dallas District, - read and noted.

A letter from the First State Bank of Gresham, Oregon, read and referred to Committee No. 1, the Governor to reply.

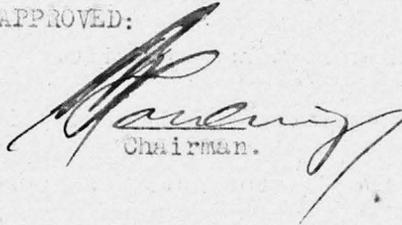
Mr. Miller read a letter from Federal Reserve Agent

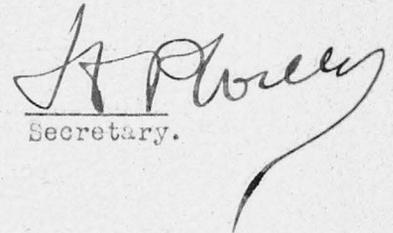
Perrin re a branch at Salt Lake City, which was noted.

On motion of Mr. Hamlin, there was referred to Committee No. 2 the matter of making inquiry into the proportion of the Second Liberty Loan that has actually been absorbed by investors, and the proportion still held by banks.

On motion, at 12.45 p.m. the Board adjourned to Monday, January 28.

APPROVED:


Chairman.


Secretary.