

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Governor at 11:30 A. M., on Thursday, February 7,

PRESENT:

- Mr. Harding, presiding, Mr. Hamlin,
- Mr. Warburg, Mr. Willis, Secretary

Mr. Harding presented business which was acted upon as follows:

A telegram from Federal Reserve Agent Perrin proposing that dividends be paid to November 6 to the Lumbermen's National Bank of Portland, Oregon, on 720 shares; - read and Governor Harding authorized to say the plan is satisfactory.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Perrin suggesting that the Federal Reserve Act be amended to permit States, counties and cities to deposit in Federal Reserve banks; - discussed, and agreed that Governor Harding say that in view of the heavy current demands on banks, it would be inadvisable to make such a request.

Correspondence re circular letter of January 8 regarding the holding of paper by Federal Reserve banks for Federal Reserve agents; and Governor Harding stated the situation as to restrictive endorsements on such paper.

The programme for the meeting of Federal Reserve agents with the Board on February 26 was considered, and the following topics tentatively agreed on:

1. The matter of auditing at Reserve banks.
2. Joint custody of securities and notes, and endorsement of notes.
3. Questions re operation of branch banks in the several Federal Reserve Districts.
4. Functions of Assistant Federal Reserve agents.
5. Problem of organization for proper distribution of certificates of indebtedness and campaign for exchange of Federal Reserve notes for gold; also means of bringing about contraction of credit and more exercise of thrift.
6. Capital issue sub-committees.

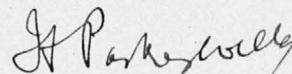
A statement re foreign exchange instructions for issue to the press; - read and authorized for issue.

The condition of affairs at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia was discussed; and the matter of getting a suitable Governor for the Bank considered.

At 12 noon the Committee adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
Chairman

  
Secretary