

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Governor on Monday, February 11, 1918, at 10:35,

PRESENT:

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

Applications for permission to export coin, currency and bullion, with papers in connection therewith, were presented and acted upon as follows:

A letter from Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, concerning shipments of gold to Mexican border. Noted.

A letter from Federal Reserve Bank of New York inclosing report of American Metal Co. re use of gold shipped to Mexico. Noted.

A memorandum from State Department, submitted by Customs Division transmitting paraphrase of telegram from American Embassy, Mexico, February 4, re transactions of A. J. Largardo & Co. Noted.

A letter from J. B. D. Edge, of DuPont Nitrate Co., Wilmington, Delaware, re license No. 958. reply to letter of February 6. License extended as requested.

Correspondence re Board policy re export dental

gold. Read and the Secretary directed to advise War Trade Board to grant current applications.

Request for extension License No. 853, silver to Montevideo. Granted.

Request for change consignee License No. 1091. Approved.

Letter from El Potosi Mining Co., re their application. Read and Secretary directed to reply stating their request for gold is granted.

Letter from Federal Reserve Bank Dallas re license Tigre Mining Company and complete file re. O. K.

1088. Letter to Mexican Ambassador dated February 4, asking for \$100,000 gold for State of Sonora. Approved.

1105. Charles Cohen, Chicago, to Persia, \$1,200 gold coin. Refer back to Chicago bank for inquiry.

1106. Handy & Harman, New York, to Geo. H. Lees & Company, Hamilton, Canada, 13.75 ounces gold. (Value \$286) Approved.

1107. First National Bank, Nogales, to J. P. Scally, San Blas, Mexico, during February \$7,000 to \$10,000 silver and minor coin. Granted.

1108. Handy & Harman, New York, to David Anderson, Christiana, Norway, 16,075 ounces silver. Refer to War Trade Board.

1109. Union Savings & Trust Co., Seattle, Washington, to The Dominion Bank of Victoria, B. C., \$2,000 United States gold coin. Declined.

1110. Eagle Pass Lumber Co., Eagle Pass, Texas, to Mex. Customs Officers, Piedras Negras, Mexico, during February and March, \$5,000 gold coin. Declined.

1111. Eagle Pass Lumber Co., Eagle Pass, Texas, to Ferrocarriles Constitucionistas, Piedras Negras, Mexico, during February and March, \$5,000 National Bank notes, not gold certificates. Granted.

1112. H. Rivera, Douglas, Arizona, to Mexican Customs Officials, Nogales, Mexico, \$50,000 gold coin. Granted.

1113. H. Rivera, Douglas, Arizona, to Mexican Customs Officials, Agua Prieta, Mexico, \$50,000 gold coin. Granted.

1114. Moctezuma Copper Co., Douglas, Arizona, to same, Mexico, during February, 1918, \$60,000 paper currency and \$20,000 silver coin (total of \$80,000) Granted.

1115. Moctezuma Copper Co., Douglas, Arizona, to Mexico, during February, \$20,000 gold coin or its equiva-

lent in Mexican gold coin. Granted.

1116. Juan M. Garcia, Laredo, Texas, to Franco E. Cavazos, New Laredo, Mexico, \$20,000 gold coin. Granted.

1117. City National Bank, El Paso, Texas, to M. Alvarez, Juarez, Mexico, \$10,000 gold coin. Granted subject to verification as to State taxes.

1118. Bank of Manhattan Company, New York, to Imperial Bank of Canada, Montreal, \$3,000 Federal Reserve Notes. Granted.

1119. Chase National Bank, New York to Royal Bank of Canada, Caibarien, Cuba, \$20,000 paper currency. Granted.

1120. Redmond & Co., New York to Russo-Asiatic Bank, Shanghai, \$92,000 approximately, silver bullion. Granted.

1121. Chartered Bank of India, A and China, New York through Anglo & London Paris National Bank, San Francisco, to Shanghai, 101,000 ounces silver, value \$91,152. Granted.

1122. Standard Oil Company, New York to Mexico \$500 silver coin. Granted.

1123. National Park Bank, New York to Banco Nacional de Cuba, Havana, Cuba, \$500,000 paper currency.

Granted.

1124. Farmers Loan & Trust Company, New York to Compania Exportadora de Vera Cruz, Mexico, \$12,000 gold coin. Granted.

1125. Kountze Brothers, New York, to C Diaz Ceballos, etc., Mexico City. Not over \$30,000 before April 1, 1918, in gold coin. Granted.

1126. Zimmermann & Forshay, New York to Rahamat, San Fernando, Trinidad, 1,000 Mexican silver dollars valued at \$500. Granted.

Mr. Miller filed with the Committee the following memorandum from the Navy Department, dated February 7, for Assistant Secretary:

"SUBJECT - Shipment of gold to Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet:

"Correspondence received from the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, states that United States paper currency in South American countries is subject to a discount of seven to ten per cent and that the loss on bills of exchange ranges from ten per cent at Rio de Janeiro to twenty per cent at Montevideo. On one hundred thousand dollars this represents a loss of ten to twenty thousand dollars.

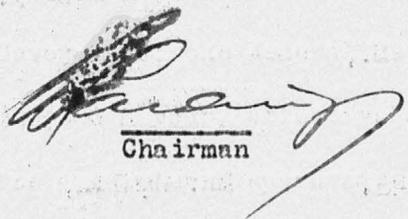
"Shipment by Government conveyance or express would have all, or the major part of this expense. The Federal Reserve Board was therefore asked if gold could be released at this time. In view of their disinclination to ship gold, the Commander-in-Chief has been advised that funds will have to be secured by the sale of bills of exchange.

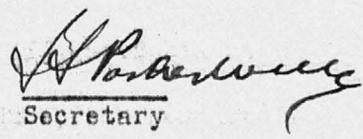
(Signed) *****

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At 11 A. M. the Committee adjourned.

APPROVED:


Chairman


Secretary