

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at eleven A . M., on Friday, February 15, 1918,

PRESENT:

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on February 14 and 15 were presented and, on motion, approved and the action therein set forth ratified.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Ramsey at Kansas City re the loss of \$400 in Federal Reserve notes sent to the Denver Branch, was read and referred to Governor Harding for discussion with the Comptroller of the Currency.

A letter from Governor Strong regarding the Board's letter outlining an acceptance policy was read and it was agreed to say that the Board had advised all Federal Reserve banks of the acceptance conclusions arrived at.

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury re withholding of income tax on alien-owned deposits held in American banks, was read and a copy ordered sent to

all Federal Reserve banks.

A memorandum of Counsel re the question whether the Board should bring to the attention of the Department of Justice the facts regarding certain fees paid to Harrison Nesbit, President of the Bank of Pittsburgh, was read and the file relating thereto was ordered referred to the Department of Justice through Counsel.

A memorandum of Counsel re the question of reserve requirements in reserve and central cities, was read and referred to Mr. Cotton for an opinion through Committee No. 3.

A memorandum of Counsel re the status of savings accounts at Wilmington, Delaware, was presented and referred to Committee No. 3, for publication, if approved.

A memorandum of Counsel re unrestricted endorsements on paper delivered to Federal Reserve agents was read and, on motion, referred to Committee No. 3.

A memorandum of Counsel re the question whether documents attached to drafts or bills of exchange drawn in domestic transactions must be made out or endorsed to order, was read and ordered printed in the Federal Reserve Bulletin.

Reports of Committee No. 1 were presented and approved as follows:

Dated Feb. 12, fixing the salary of W. H. White at Chicago.

" " 13, recommending the appointment of Miss M. Elias (Board's Staff) at \$100 per month, effective February 13.

" " 13, " the appointment of R. B. Chamberlin (Board's staff) at \$1,500 per annum, effective on assuming duty.

" " 12 approving the appointment of E. F. Baxter as Secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

The appointment of P. C. Ramsdell to the Board's staff was cancelled, he being unable to accept.

Reports of Committee No. 2 were presented and approved as follows:

Recommending a readjustment of certificates of indebtedness among Federal Reserve banks, - ordered transmitted to Mr. L. B. Franklin.

Recommending the admission of the following institutions on conditions named by the Committee in each case:

- State Bank of Wayne County, Wayne, Nebraska.
- 30 shares in the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.
- Union Bank & Trust Co., Helena, Mont.
- 240 shares in the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Trust Company of Wyoming County, Warsaw, N. Y.
72 shares in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Reports of Committee No. 3 were presented and approved as follows:

Withholding for the present fiduciary powers for the Citizens National Bank, Dickson, Tenn.

Granting to the Second National Bank, Titusville, Pa., powers as trustee.

Approving the transmission to Federal Reserve Agent Rich of an informal opinion of Counsel re fiduciary powers in Montana.

Passing upon applications under the Clayton Act - dated February 11 and 14.

Passing upon alleged violations of the Clayton Act - dated February 9 and 12.

The report of the Baltimore Committee re directors at the Baltimore Branch, was again taken up and Governor Harding stated the result of certain conversations on the subject. On motion, the following directors were declared elected:

Mr. William Ingle	Baltimore
Mr. Waldo Newcomer	Baltimore

The Secretary was directed to communicate with

Richmond and make simultaneous announcement as to the organ-

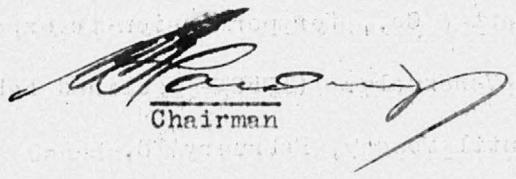
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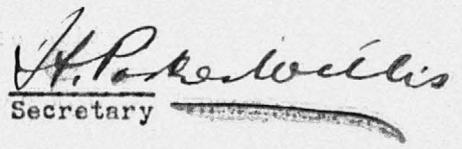
A telegram from Federal Reserve Agent Perrin inquiring the reason for the large holding of Treasury certificates by New York and Cleveland reserve banks, was presented and considered; the question of a suitable reply being referred back to Mr. Miller.

It was informally agreed that routine questions relating to the sale and distribution of the Index-Digest may be referred to the Secretary of the Board with power to act.

On motion, at 12:15 P. M., the Board adjourned.

APPROVED:


Chairman


Secretary