

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Governor at 11:10 A. M., on Wednesday, March 20, 1918,

PRESENT:

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on March 18 were read and, on motion, approved.

The minutes of the meetings of the Gold Export Committee held on March 19 and 20 were presented and, on motion, approved, and the action therein set forth ratified.

Mr. Harding read a memorandum from Counsel re a conference between himself and representatives of the American Bankers Association re trustee powers for national banks, and it was agreed that Counsel be authorized to give them a memorandum he has prepared on the subject.

The special order of the day, the election of directors at El Paso, was ordered redocketed for Friday, March 22.

Mr. Harding read a further revision of the

memorandum re the application of Musher & Company for permission to transfer gold to Spain, stating that it had been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. On motion, the Secretary of the Board was directed to send Musher & Company formal notice of the declination of their application by the Board.

A report of Committee No. 1 accompanied by an organization chart for Federal Reserve banks, was presented, discussed, and ordered recommitted.

A copy of a proposed telegram to Ambassador Fletcher re the best plan of disposing of applications for permission to ship gold to Mexico, was read and, on motion, approved.

Mr. Harding reported adversely with reference to the application of the First National Bank of Amarillo, Texas, for power to act as agent in securing rediscounts, and it was agreed to discuss the matter with the Governors of Federal Reserve banks on March 22.

A memorandum from Counsel, re the transmission of his outline of suggested legislation to increase membership in the Federal Reserve System,

was approved for transmission to Federal Reserve Agents, it to be stated that the Board has not yet acted on the subject.

A letter addressed to Honorable John Burke, by a correspondent in North Dakota, re the purchase of open market bills given for the purchase of small tractors in North Dakota, was read and noted.

A memorandum of Counsel, re the franking of matter by the Capital Issues Committee, was read and noted, action being postponed until after the adoption of the War Finance Bill.

The question of the use of the Board room being presented, it was, on motion, voted that the room (Treasury Building) be henceforward used for meetings, the necessary changes to be made in the arrangement and designation of the room.

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

Dated March 20, recommending the appointment of two money counters in the Division of Issue at \$900 per annum, the appointees to be named by the Comptroller of the Currency.

" " 20, recommending appointment of Miss B. Hildenfinger in the Division of Foreign Exchange at \$660 per annum, effective March 20.

Dated March 18, recommending the appointment of Mrs. Katherine H. Elmore, Miss Ardella Miller, Miss Menetta H. Smitt, all effective March 18, at \$125 per month each.

" " 20, recommending the appointment of Miss A. L. Seward from March 20 to June 30 at \$346.50 per month (Div. of Foreign Exchange).

" " 20, recommending the appointment of Miss Eve McDonald at a salary of \$780 per annum, effective March 20 (Division of Foreign Exchange).

A report of Committee No. 2, recommending the admission of state institutions on conditions named by the committee in each case, was approved, the institutions being admitted as follows:

Schenectady Trust Co., Schenectady, N.Y.
218 shares in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Battery Park Bank, Asheville, N. C.
120 shares in the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

Peoples Savings Bank & Trust Co., Moline, Ill.
240 shares in the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

State Savings Bank & Trust Company, Moline, Ill.
240 shares in the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Moline Trust & Savings Bank, Moline, Ill.
186 shares in the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Estancia Savings Bank, Estancia, N. Mex.
18 shares in the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Farmers Guaranty State Bank, Jacksonville, Tex.
35 shares in the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Cochise County State Bank, Tombstone, Arizona.
21 shares in the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Marine Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, La.
300 shares in the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

A report of Committee No. 4, holding that national bank notes in the hands of Federal Reserve banks should be treated as "float," was, on motion, approved.

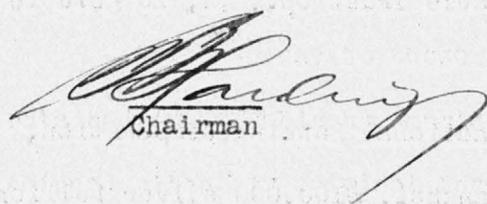
Mr. Harding read certain correspondence with the Comptroller of the Currency re the question whether branches of member banks if permitted, should be created under regulations made by the Board or by the Comptroller.

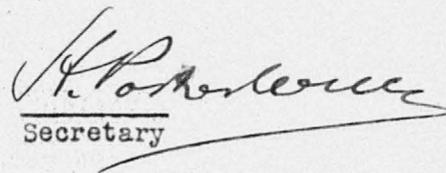
The Secretary read memoranda by Messrs. Miller and Williams re practices at the Reserve Bank of Richmond noted by Chief Examiner Broderick in his report of examination dated March 15.

Mr. Warburg reported informally re the question of registering Liberty Loan bonds.

On motion, at 12:30 P. M., the Board adjourned.

APPROVED:


Chairman


Secretary