

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board on August 27, 1918, at 11:10 A. M.,

PRESENT: Mr. Harding, presiding
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Miller
Mr. Williams
Mr. Broderick, Acting Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on August 15th were read, and on motion approved as amended.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on August 16th, 20th, 22d and 23d were read and approved, and the action therein set forth ratified.

The minutes of the meetings of the Gold Export Committee held on August 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th and 26th were presented and approved, and the action therein set forth ratified.

Morning business was presented and disposed of as follows:

Telegram, dated August 24th, addressed by Governor to Federal Reserve Agents at Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Dallas, and the replies thereto. Voted that Governor say to the Atlanta and Dallas Federal Reserve Banks that Board would approve increase of their 15 day discount rate (excluding paper secured by government obligations) to $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

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Telegram, dated August 24th addressed by the Governor to Federal Reserve Agent, San Francisco, in re discount rates. Noted.

It was voted that, effective September 1, 1918, W. T. Chapman be appointed Assistant Secretary of the Board, at a salary of \$3,600 per annum.

On motion duly seconded it was:

"RESOLVED that, in view of the large earnings shown for the six months period ended June 30, 1918, amounting to approximately 56 per cent of the capital stock of the Federal Reserve Banks, the Executive Committee be requested to consider the subject of making a report as to whether or not there are any charges for services now being made by Federal Reserve Banks which could be properly reduced or abated so as to effect a saving to the public."

After the passage of this resolution Mr. Williams withdrew from the meeting.

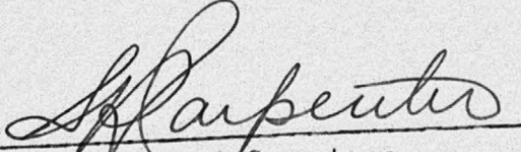
It was voted that the Federal Reserve Agent at New York be authorized to employ an additional assistant, without title, at a salary not in excess of \$4,500 per annum.

Letter dated August 23d, from B. L. Gill, Vice President, Seaboard National Bank of New York, in re eligibility of paper of cotton seed oil mills. Governor to advise Federal Reserve Bank of New York as to views of Board.

Application of American National Bank of Austin, Texas, for permission to accept drafts and bills drawn against

November 14, 1941.

The minutes of the Board for August 27, 1918, state that applications for fiduciary powers were acted upon and made a part of the Auxiliary Minutes of that date. However, the Auxiliary Minutes do not include any applications for fiduciary powers on that date and it appears that the applications acted on were left out of the minutes altogether. The files of the Board indicate that The Conestoga National Bank of Lancaster, Lancaster, Pa., was granted certain powers at that meeting, and on October 23, 1941, a certificate covering the powers which our records indicate were granted the bank on August 27, 1918, and January 25, 1921, was sent to the bank with the approval of the Board.


Assistant Secretary.

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it up to 100 per cent of its capital and surplus. Approved.

Letter dated August 22d from James B. Forgan, Chairman of the Federal Advisory Council, requesting that Board suggest topics for discussion at the statutory meeting of the Council to be held at Washington on September 16th and 17th. The Governor was authorized to advise Mr. Forgan of the topics that the Board would be glad to have discussed.

Letter dated August 24th from B. S. Cutler, Chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, enclosing memoranda of conversations of the United States Commercial Attache at London with Mr. Denison Miller, Sir George Paish and Mr. M. C. Norman, in re American bank rate as compared with British. Ordered circulated.

Letter dated August 26th, from the Division of Finance and Purchases of the United States Railroad Administration, enclosing memorandum by its General Counsel to the effect that "the railroad administration is liable for damages on bills of lading signed by its duly authorized agents precisely to the same extent as the railroads were liable prior to Federal control." Ordered published in the Bulletin after review by Counsel.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. I:

Dated Aug. 23d and 27th, recommending action upon applications for fiduciary powers as stated in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

Dated August 27th, recommending admission of state institutions as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this

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date, subject to the conditions stated in the individual reports attached to each application.

Dated Aug. 27th, (2 reports) recommending changes in capital stock at Federal Reserve Banks at set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

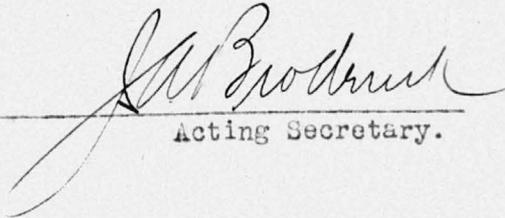
Dated Aug. 27th, memorandum by Acting Secretary transmitting two letters dated August 23d, from the Federal Reserve Agent at Atlanta, asking authority to appoint officers and employees of branch banks at Birmingham and Jacksonville, as enumerated in said letters. Voted to approve said appointments, subject to such future modification as may become necessary.

The following appointments were approved:

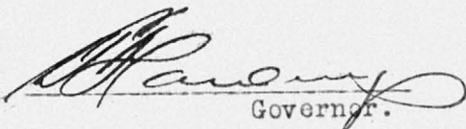
Division of Foreign Exchange:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Miss Maud Penny,	Asst. in Filing Dept.	\$1,000	Aug. 26, 1918
Miss Madeleine Malervy,	Sten'r. & Typ'r.	1,000	Aug. 27, 1918
Miss Edna Banfield,	"	1,200	Aug. 26, 1918
Jennie M. Robson,	"	1,200	Aug. 28, 1918
Ann K. Colton,	Asst., Filing Dept.	900	Aug. 29, 1918
Margaret Riley	Sten'r. & Typ'r.	1,000	Sept. 3, 1918
Margaret V. McGrath,	"	1,200	Sept. 5, 1918
Marie Louise Sullivan,	Asst., Filing Dept.	900	Sept. 17, 1918
T. V. Ott,	Telegraph office, Washington,	\$40 per Mo.,	Aug. 21, 1918

At 12:45 P.M., the meeting adjourned.


Acting Secretary.

Approved:


Governor.