

At a meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board on March 31, 1919, at 11 A. M.,

PRESENT: The Governor
Mr. Miller
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Williams
Mr. Broderick, Secretary.

Morning business was presented and disposed of as follows:

Letter from Mr. Kent dated March 29th, regarding the earmarking of gold up to \$10,000,000 for the Javasche Bank, covering shipments of goods from Java to the United States.

Referred to the Governor for reply to Mr. Kent and advice to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Board in principle being favorably disposed to the arrangement in anticipation of lifting the embargo when conditions are more propitious,- the details to be left to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on March 28th were read, and on motion approved as amended.

The minutes of the meetings of the Gold Export Committee held on March 29th and 31st were presented and approved, and the action therein set forth ratified.

The minutes of the session of Federal Reserve Agents with the Board held on December 5, 1918, and of the sessions of the Advisory Council with the Board on February 17th and 18th, 1919, were ordered circulated.

The Governor reported the purchase on March 29th of

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special 2% certificate of indebtedness of the United States for \$1,000,000 for the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, for deposit with the Comptroller of the Currency as collateral for Federal Reserve bank notes.

Approved.

The Governor reported the following rediscount transactions pursuant to authority heretofore vested in him:

March 28th, for the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, \$10,000,000 member bank 15 day collateral notes secured by Government obligations - rate 4% - as follows:

\$5,000,000 by Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis;

\$5,000,000 by Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

March 28th, for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, \$5,000,000 member bank 15 day collateral notes secured by Government obligations; rate 4%.

March 31st, for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, \$5,000,000 member bank 15 day collateral notes secured by Government obligations; rate 4%.

March 31st, for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, \$10,000,000 11 to 15 day member bank collateral notes secured by Government obligations; rate 4%.

March 31st, for the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, \$10,000,000 member bank 15 day collateral notes secured by Government obligations, - rate 4% - as follows:

\$5,000,000 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

\$5,000,000 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

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March 31st, for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, \$5,000,000 member bank 15 day collateral notes secured by Government obligations, rate 4%; (Gold settlement transfer April 1st).

Approved.

Letter from the National Park Bank, New York, dated March 28th, making application for permission to invest in stock of the Park-Union Foreign Banking Corporation to the extent of \$1,125,000.

Approved.

Letter dated March 29th from the Secretary of Agriculture, regarding the assignment of a clerk to the Forest Service for a limited period to assist in retabulation of statistics and estimates of crops, live stock, etc., by Federal Reserve Districts.

Referred to the Secretary with instructions to submit same to Dr. Willis for his opinion as to whether or not the information desired is of sufficient importance to warrant the assignment of a clerk to compile the statistics by districts.

Letter dated March 28th from the Secretary of Agriculture, suggesting that a statement be issued by the Governor, endorsing the system of Federal licensed and bonded warehouses, and recommending that the Federal Reserve Banks accept as security for rediscounts, warehouse receipts issued under the United States Warehouse Act and Regulations in

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preference to loans secured by ordinary warehouse receipts.

Referred to the Governor with instructions to forward copies to the Federal Reserve Banks of Richmond, Dallas, Atlanta and St. Louis, requesting an expression of opinion as to the desirability of establishing a preferential rate in favor of loans secured by warehouse receipts issued by warehouses operating under Federal license.

Letter dated March 25th from the Federal Reserve Agent at Dallas, enclosing copy of letter from the Dallas Clearing House Association regarding charges on collection items in the City of Dallas.

Referred to the Governor for the preparation of reply, after consultation with General Counsel, such reply to be submitted to the Board at its meeting on Wednesday, April 2d.

The Secretary was instructed to wire the Federal Reserve Banks, inquiring as to their practice in re handling collection items payable elsewhere than at banks.

Draft of proposed letter prepared by Mr. Alexander B. Trowbridge, outlining the functions and duties of the Consulting Architect.

Referred to Mr. Miller for revision.

Letter dated March 28th from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, regarding payment of special compensation to Mr. W. H. Charlton.

Voted not to approve increase in the salary of Mr. Charlton, but to approve of his reimbursement by the Federal Reserve Bank

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of Philadelphia for reasonable attorney's fees incurred in his defense under an indictment arising out of alleged misconduct of his official duties with the Bank.

Proceedings of the Conference with Governors, March 20th, 21st and 22d, 1919.

Referred to the Governor and Secretary for report on Wednesday, April 2d.

Letter from the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco, dated March 20th, regarding the employment of Mr. Edward Elliott in connection with State bank membership campaign.

Referred to the Governor for reply.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. 1:

Dated March 31st, recommending the admission of State institutions as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date, subject to the conditions stated in the individual reports attached to each application.

Approved.

Dated March 31st, recommending action on applications for fiduciary powers as stated in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

Approved.

Dated March 27th, recommending approval of the application of Mr. R. L. Griggs for permission to serve at the same time as director and secretary of the Northern National Bank, Duluth, Minn., and as director of the First National Bank, Virginia, Minn.

Approved.

Dated March 29th, recommending increases in salaries of employees of the Division of Reports and

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Statistics, effective April 1, 1919,
as follows:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Mrs. Emma L. Chapin,	\$1,100	\$1,200
Miss Dorothy L. Wooden,	1,000	1,120

Approved.

Memorandum dated March 29th from Dr. Willis, submitting the resignations of Mr. M. H. Harris and Mr. L. H. Langston from the Division of Analysis and Research, effective April 1, 1919.

Approved.

Letter dated March 26th from Mr. William M. Johnson regarding his application, heretofore denied by the Board, for permission to serve under the Clayton Act in connection with the Hackensack National Bank and the Hackensack Trust Company, both of Hackensack, New Jersey.

On motion duly seconded, action was suspended for a reasonable time, pending determination of the matters referred to in the letter.

Letter dated March 25th from the Cashier of the First National Bank, Deadwood, South Dakota, requesting that Mr. Ben Baer be not required to furnish the detailed information called for in blanks to be filed in connection with application for permission to serve at the same time as a director of the First National Bank of Deadwood, South Dakota, and as president of the American National Bank, St. Paul.

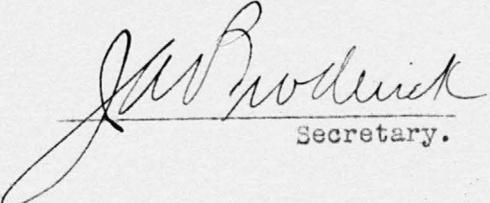
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Referred to the Governor for reply, to the effect that the Board has no power to waive the requirement referred to and suggesting that the bank supply the information called for and send the blank to Mr. Baer.

Letter dated March 27th from the Comptroller of the Currency, requesting approval of a salary of \$4,000 per annum from Mr. S. B. Congdon as National Bank Examiner-at-Large.

Approved.

At 1:05 P.M., the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.

Approved:


Governor.