

At a special meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board on Tuesday, April 15, 1919, at 4 P.M.

PRESENT: The Governor
Mr. Strauss
Mr. Miller
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Williams
Mr. Chapman, Assistant Secretary.

Business was presented and disposed of as follows:

Letter dated April 9 from the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco, enclosing opinion of Counsel McNab of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in re deductibility of United States certificates of indebtedness in determining value of National bank share for taxation.

Noted.

Letter dated April 14 from the Cashier of the First National Bank of Pleasantville, New Jersey, requesting authority to exercise fiduciary powers regardless of the amount of the capital stock of the bank, in contravention of the law of New Jersey.

Referred to the Governor for negative reply.

Telegram dated April 14 from Mr. R.S. Hecht, President of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Company, New Orleans, in re purchase by the New Orleans Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta from member banks of checks on Chicago, New York and

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other cities, resulting in the Branch Bank bearing the burden of the "float."

Referred to the Governor for reply.

Letter dated April 8 from Hon. Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of the American Trade Acceptance Council, submitting request of that body that trade acceptances be cleared on the same basis as checks.

Voted that the Governor be authorized to transmit to all Federal Reserve banks a circular letter, making effective the plan recommended.

Letter dated April 12 from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in re basis of employment of Mr. A. B. Trowbridge, Consulting Architect of the Federal Reserve Board.

Referred to the Governor with power.

Letter dated April 12 from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, requesting approval of the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$150,000 for the construction of an annex, including additional vault facilities, to the building of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Approved upon condition that plans be submitted to the Consulting Architect of the Board before contracts are let or building operations begun.

Letter dated April 12 from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, enclosing copy of resolution of the Board

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of Directors of that bank, approving the acquisition by the New Orleans Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta as permanent banking quarters, of either the Commercial National Bank property at a cost not to exceed \$225,000; or the purchase of a certain piece of property at \$75,000, and the construction thereon, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000, of a building with appurtenances and vault.

Approved upon the understanding that the building site will not be purchased unless and until present negotiations for the purchase of the Commercial National Bank property have definitely failed, in which case the Board will expect further information as to the proposed new site before definite commitments are made.

(At this point Mr. Williams joined the meeting.)

Letter dated April 7, from the Federal Reserve Agent at Dallas, in re protest of clearing house banks of Dallas.

Noted.

A general discussion then ensued as to the policy to be pursued with respect to the creation of new branches of Federal Reserve banks and the continuation of existing branches.

On motion duly seconded the question was referred to the Executive Committee for investigation and report to the Board at as early a date as practicable.

Telegram dated April 14 from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, requesting a ruling of the Board that

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farmers' notes given in payment of premiums on hail insurance on growing crops be regarded as agricultural paper eligible for discount, provided maturity does not exceed six months.

Approved.

(At this point Mr. Williams withdrew from the meeting.)

Letter dated April 11 from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, submitting for approval revised schedule of expense allowance for Directors of that bank attending meetings of its Board, as follows:

For meals	\$3.75 per day,
Hotel accommodations	3.50 per day,
Incidentals	2.00 per day.

Approved.

Letter dated April 9 from the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco, requesting that the salary heretofore approved for Mr. Edward Elliott for special services for one year in connection with State bank membership campaign begin only when he begins his special work.

Approved.

Letter dated April 14 from the Director of the Division of Foreign Exchange, requesting approval of the following order:

"Notice is hereby given that 'dealers' as defined under the Executive Order of the President of January 26, 1918 until otherwise instructed may make transfers

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of funds to persons not enemies or allies of
enemies resident in Latvia and Lithuania."

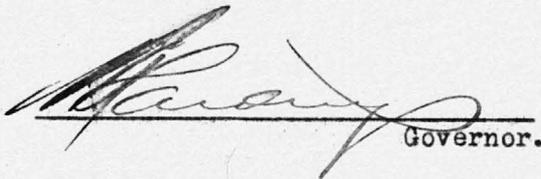
Approved.

On motion, duly seconded, the minutes of the meeting
of the Board held on February 26 were amended to change
from March 31 to April 14 the date upon which shall cease
the payment of salary to John V. Shea, Jr.

At 5:15 P.M. the meeting adjourned.


Assistant Secretary.

Approved:


Governor.