

At a meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board on Thursday, March 4, 1920, at 11 A.M.,

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

Minutes of meeting of the Board held March 3d were read, and on motion approved as amended.

Business was presented and disposed of as follows:

Memorandum by Mr. Emerson dated March 3d, submitting for approval draft of letter bearing same date, to be addressed to the Chairmen of all Federal Reserve banks, instructing them to discontinue weekly reports on discount rates where no changes are contemplated.

Approved.

Letter dated March 3d from Mr. Joseph Wayne, jr., a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, advising that Mr. George W. Norris, at present United States Farm Loan Commissioner, had accepted the office of Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Noted.

Letter dated March 1st from the Chairman, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, requesting approval of the conclusion of a lease of quarters for the Oklahoma City Branch

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of that Bank at a rental of \$550 per month.

Approved.

The Governor reported the reserve positions of the several Federal Reserve banks as at close of business March 2d, and the status of rediscounts between Federal Reserve banks as of the same date.

Memorandum by Mr. Paddock dated March 4th, recommending approval of the following schedule of extra compensation to be paid to employees of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago for the first quarter of the year 1920, in lieu of the schedule recommended by the directors of that Bank, as shown in letter from the Secretary of the Bank dated February 28th:

20% On salaries up to \$1,500 per annum;
 15% On salaries over \$1,500 and up to \$3,000;
 10% On salaries over \$3,000 and up to \$6,000;

with an increase in the maximum of the third class to cover the individual case mentioned in the recommendation (Assistant Cashier Childs).

Approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. 1:

Dated March 4th, recommending 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.

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Dated March 3d, recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve banks, as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

Approved.

Dated March 3d, recommending approval of applications for fiduciary powers, as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

Approved.

Dated March 3d, recommending approval of application of A. F. Dantzer to serve at the same time as a director of the Marine Bank & Trust Company, New Orleans, La., and as Director and Vice-President, Pascagoula National Bank, Moss Point, Miss.

Approved.

Dated March 3d, recommending increase in salary from \$1,560 to \$1,640 per annum of Mrs. Helen P. Wedderburn as Clerk in the Division of Federal Reserve Issue and Redemption, effective March 1, 1920.

Approved.

Other business was presented and disposed of as follows:

Letter dated March 3d from United States Senator Walsh, transmitting letter addressed to him by Mr. Thomas F. Mahoney of Helena, Montana, alleging that too high a price had been paid for the site of the Helena Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Referred to the Governor for reply.

Letter dated March 2d from the Chairman, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, in re method of collecting items

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on non-member banks.

On motion duly seconded, it was voted that Mr. Heath be advised that the Board's interpretation of its regulation J is that it does not deprive any Federal Reserve bank of the power to use its discretion in sending items direct to non-member banks that agree to remit therefor at par.

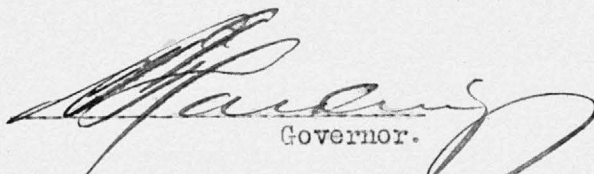
Memorandum dated March 4th by Mr. Strauss, Chairman of the Committee on the control of the issue of Federal Reserve notes, submitting memoranda by himself and Mr. Moehlenpach giving their views as to methods of such control. Mr. Miller, the remaining member of the committee, stated that he would file a memorandum also.

Ordered filed.

At this point (12 o'clock noon) the Board went into executive session.


Secretary.

Approved:


Governor.