

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Board on Thursday, November 18th, at 11:10 a.m.

PRESENT: The Governor
 Mr. Platt
 Mr. Hamlin
 Mr. Miller
 Mr. Wills
 Mr. Hoxton, Secretary.

Minutes of meeting of the Executive Committee held November 15th were read, and on motion approved, as amended.

Minutes of meeting of the Board held November 16th were read, and on motion approved.

The Governor reported the reserve positions of the several Federal Reserve Banks as at close of business November 15th, and the status of rediscounts between the Federal Reserve Banks as of the same date.

Approved.

The Governor reported rediscount transactions, member bank promissory notes secured by Government obligations; rate 7%, and 7% on Commercial Paper, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bank Redis-</u> <u>counting</u>	<u>With</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturities</u>
Nov. 15	Atlanta	Cleveland	\$5,000,000.	10-90 dys.
Nov. 15	Dallas	Cleveland	5,000,000.	- - -
Nov. 16	Kansas City	Cleveland	2,002,642.50	Within 11 dys.
Nov. 17	Minneapolis	Cleveland	1,500,000.	1-90 dys.
Nov. 16	Atlanta	Boston	(808,000.	Within 14 dys.
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Approved.

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Special order, dated November 16th, regarding a discussion of readjustment of discount rates at Federal Reserve Banks having a 6% discount rate, except banks re-discounting for others.

Laid upon the table upon motion of Mr. Miller, who reserved the right to call up for discussion at a future date.

Memorandum dated November 15th, from the Secretary of State, transmitting a communication from Paraguay, stating that the Banco Mercantil, with five branches in the country, suspended payments on November 11th; that a law had been passed by the Congress of Paraguay, on the same date, proclaiming sixty days provisional moratorium on all civil commercial banking obligations.

Noted.

Letter dated November 12th, from the Assistant Federal Reserve Agent at Dallas, submitting organization chart of that Bank, and requesting approval of certain changes in staff and adjustments in salaries of employees of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Upon motion, the organization chart submitted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas was approved; as was also the appointment of Mr. Gilbert as Assistant Federal Reserve Agent, at a salary of

\$6,000. a year; increase in the salary of Mr. Hall, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent, from \$5,000. to \$6,000. a year; and the election of Mr. J. L. Lumpkin as Assistant Cashier, at a salary of \$3,600. a year. The changes in salaries referred to to be effective as and from November 1st.

Letter dated November 16th, from the General Counsel, submitting form of letter to be sent to Messrs. Murray, Prentice & Howland, of New York City, transmitting to them copy of a form of agreement to be used between the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation and the Federal Reserve Board under Section 25 of the Federal Reserve Act.

Letter of Governor Harding and form of agreement approved.

Application dated November 15, 1920, from the Railway Loan Advisory Committee, requesting approval of form of loan of \$200,000. to be made to the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railway Co., under Section 210 of the Transportation Act, 1920.

Approved.

Application dated November 17, 1920, from the Railway Loan Advisory Committee, requesting approval of form of loan of \$6,000,000. to be made to the Northern Pacific Railway Company, under Section 210 of the Transportation Act, 1920.

Approved.

Form of letter submitted to be sent to the Governors of all Federal Reserve Banks regarding changes in the Board's Inter-district Time Schedule.

Letter approved and ordered transmitted.

Letter dated November 15th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, requesting approval of the appointment of Mr. W. Randolph Burgess as Chief of the Division of Reports, at a salary of \$4500. a year.

Referred to Mr. Wills for report, after conference with Mr. Jay.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. 1:

Dated Nov. 15th, 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 the applications.

Approved.

Dated Nov. 18th, Recommending approval of application for fiduciary powers as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

Approved.

Dated Nov. 17th, Recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve Banks, as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

Approved.

Dated Nov. 16th, Recommending approval of application of Mr. Archibald N. Henry to serve at the same time as Director and President of the National Bank of North Hudson, West Hoboken, N. J., and Director of the First National Bank, Hoboken, N. J., and Director of the Merchants National Bank, Jersey City, N. J.

Approved.

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Dated Nov. 16th, Recommending increase in the salary of National Bank Examiner Clarence F. Smith from \$3,600. per annum to \$4,200. per annum.

Approved.

Dated Nov. 17th, Recommending approval of the appointment of Mr. George Heffner as Telegram Messenger Boy in the office of the Leased Wire System, at a salary of \$720. per annum, effective upon reporting for duty.

Approved.

Dated Nov. 11th, Resignation of Mr. Fred H. White as General Assistant in the office of the Board, effective at close of business November 30, 1920.

Approved.

Other business was presented and disposed of as follows:

Letter dated November 16th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, submitting an amendment to Article 3, Section 1 of the By-laws of that Bank.

Approved.

Letter dated November 16th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, requesting the Board's approval of a fee of \$5,000. to be paid to Mr. Hollins N. Randolph, General Counsel of that Bank, for his work in connection with the par remittance case now pending in court; \$4,000. of the amount to be paid at once, and \$1,000. to be paid when the court matter is finally disposed of.

Approved.

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Memorandum from Mr. Emerson, dated November 16th, suggesting special rate on Federal Reserve Bulletin subscriptions for State Bank Examiners, together with draft of letter to all chairmen.

Approved.

- Letter dated November 17th, from Governor Harding to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, regarding reserve upon special Canadian deposits held in member banks.

Approved.

Letter dated November 19th, prepared by General Counsel, addressed to the General Counsel of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, regarding certain changes in F.R.B. Form 86, "application by liquidating bank for surrender of stock".

Approved.

At 1:30 the Board took a recess until 3 o'clock.

At 3:15 p.m. the Board re-convened.

PRESENT: The Governor
Mr. Platt
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Miller
Mr. Wills
Mr. Hoxton, Secretary.

Letter dated November 17th, from Mr. J. E. Crane, Acting Director of Foreign Exchange relative to remittances to Russia being made by a New York bank in behalf of a certain

charitable organizations.

Referred to the Governor, with request that he take the matter up with the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Draft of letter dated November 17th, to be sent to all Federal Reserve Banks, covering the matter of equipment for printing Federal Reserve notes, and the assessment of the cost thereof.

Approved, with the understanding that the letter will be transmitted as soon as the Governor receives a letter expected shortly from the Secretary of the Treasury dealing with the situation.

Letter dated November 16th, from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, concerning the Board's suggested form of indemnity agreement for acceptance credits.

Referred to General Counsel.

Letter dated November 13th, from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, enclosing a reply made by him to the National Bank of Commerce at Houston, in reply to inquiries regarding the Board's indemnity agreement for acceptances.

The Governor was requested to wire Governor Van Zandt of the Board's approval of his reply above referred to.

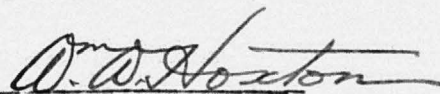
Letter dated November 18th, from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, requesting conference

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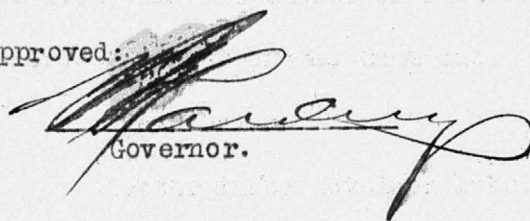
with the Board next Tuesday, November 23d, to discuss with the Board, Mr. Trowbridge and the Bank's architects the proposed building plans of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

Approved.

At 4:55 the meeting adjourned.


Secretary

Approved:


Governor.