

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Board on Monday, November 22d, at 11:05 a.m.

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

Minutes of meeting of the Board held November 18th were read, and on motion approved.

Minutes of meeting of the Board held November 19th were read, and on motion approved.

The Governor reported the reserve positions of the several Federal Reserve Banks as at close of business November 19th, and the status of rediscounts between the Federal Reserve Banks as of the same date.

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. 18	Richmond	Boston	\$10,000,000.	11-15 days
Nov. 18	Dallas	Philadel- phia	2,500,000.	11-15 "
Nov. 17	Atlanta	Philadelphia	800,000.	Within 13 days

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Nov. 19	Minneapolis	Cleveland	\$3,000,000.	11-15 dys.
Nov. 19	Minneapolis	Cleveland	1,000,000.	1-90 "
Nov. 18	Atlanta	Cleveland	4,200,000.	10-90 "
Nov. 19	Atlanta	Cleveland	2,076,816.67	14-81 "
Nov. 19	Dallas	Cleveland	2,500,000.	11-15 "

Noted.

Letter dated November 19th, from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, requesting the Board's approval of a resolution adopted by that Bank authorizing the Bank to pay a dividend to stockholders of record of December 31, 1920, at the rate of 6% per annum for the period from June 30, 1920 to December 31, 1920, on the paid-in capital stock.

Approved.

Application dated November 19, 1920, from the Railway Loan Advisory Committee, requesting the Board's approval of a form of loan to be made to The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, in the amount of \$7,862,000., under Section 210 of the Transportation Act, 1920, as amended.

Approved.

Letter dated November 20th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, requesting an increase in the salary of Mr. Maurice Reeves, Examiner, from \$2,600. per annum to \$3,500. per annum, effective December 1st.

Approved.

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Letter dated November 20th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, relative to the Kern Amendment of the Clayton Act.

It was, upon motion, ordered that a copy of Mr. Jay's letter be given to each member of the Board, including the Secretary of the Treasury, and that the subject matter thereof be docketed for such meeting in the near future as the Governor may designate, after ascertaining that the Secretary of the Treasury will be able to attend.

Letter dated November 20th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, inquiring whether a National Bank may invest a number of uninvested trust fund balances in Government bonds when such bonds are properly earmarked, so that it can be determined to which trust each portion of the investment belongs.

Referred to the Governor for reply, after conference with General Counsel.

Letter dated November 19th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, stating that Bank's need for additional quarters in the form of an annex to the building now under construction, and requesting the approval of the Board for the acquisition of an additional lot.

Referred to Messrs. Platt and Wills.

Letter dated November 18th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, requesting approval of a

proposition to acquire additional quarters for the Little Rock branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Referred to Messrs. Platt & Wills.

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

Letter dated November 16th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, announcing the closing of the First National Bank of Fairfield, Idaho, and stating, for the information of the Board, certain steps taken by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in connection with paper rediscounted by the failed institution.

Noted.

Letter dated November 18th, from the National Wool Growers Association, requesting the Board to rule against the eligibility of acceptances based upon importation of foreign wool.

Referred to the Governor for reply, with indication to the National Wool Growers Association that the assurances asked for cannot be given by the Board.

Letter dated November 19th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, asking the Board's opinion as to the policy which should be pursued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta relative to inducing State banks to make appli-

cation for admission to the Federal Reserve System.

Referred to the Governor for reply, it being the sense of the meeting that under the present circumstances the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta should not solicit State bank memberships, but should merely give attention, in due course, to those applications which might voluntarily be sent in.

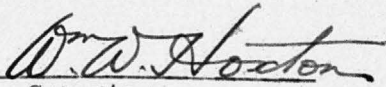
Letter dated November 5th, from the Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, questioning the propriety of certain bankers' acceptances covering domestic shipments of cottonseed oil which was referred to Mr. Wills by action of the Board November 9th. Also memorandum of Mr. Wills dated November 15th, and a proposed circular letter addressed to all Federal Reserve Banks, embodying the Board's ruling upon the question submitted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

Circular letter approved, and ordered transmitted.

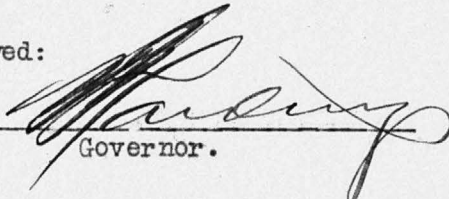
Letter dated November 17th, from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, enclosing a copy of a letter written by Governor Morss to Mr. Trowbridge, relative to the latter's report as to the result of the tests made upon the material adopted for vault construction by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Referred to Mr. Hamlin.

At 1:05 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

Approved:

  
Governor.