

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Board on Tuesday, March 29, 1921, at 10:35 a.m.

PRESENT: Governor Harding
 Mr. Platt
 Mr. Hamlin
 Mr. Miller
 Mr. Crissinger
 Mr. Hoxton, Secretary.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board held March 25th were read and on motion approved.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board held March 26th were read and on motion approved.

The Governor reported the reserve positions of the several Federal Reserve banks as at close of business March 25th and 26th and the status of rediscounts between the Federal Reserve banks as of the same dates.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bank redis-</u> <u>counting</u>	<u>With</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturities</u>
March 25th	Dallas	Cleveland	\$2,000,000	11-15 days
March 28th	Dallas	Cleveland	8,000,000	11-15 "

Letter dated March 21st, from the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco requesting approval of the appointment of Mr. C. R. Hupp as Examiner at that bank, at a salary of \$3,600 per annum.

Approved.

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Letter dated March 19th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, submitting resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of that bank on March 15th with regard to penalties for deficiencies in reserves.

Approved.

Letter dated March 25th, from the Federal Reserve Agent at Boston, enclosing letter from the Liberty Trust Company of Boston requesting of the Board authority to maintain a branch office in the premises now occupied by the Fidelity Trust Company.

Approved.

Letter dated March 24th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, enclosing a copy of Circular No. 17, Series 1921, issued by that bank under date of March 23d, on the subject of "Special Election of Class A Director", to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Ed. Hall, who resigned recently from that Board.

Noted.

Letter dated March 25th, from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Gilbert, enclosing copy of his letter of March 25th to the First Assistant Secretary of State which indicates the position of the Treasury Department in the matter of the acceptance of Soviet gold.

Noted.

Letter dated March 22d, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, addressed to Mr. Miller, regarding the

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attitude of branch bank directors with regard to the discount policy of the Federal Reserve banks.

Ordered circulated.

Letter dated March 26th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond with regard to the resignation of Captain Oyster which will be presented to the Board of Directors of that bank on April 7th, and stating that upon its acceptance a circular will be immediately issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond announcing the vacancy and arranging for the election of Group 3 to fill it.

Noted.

Letter dated March 26th, from the Consulting Architect with reference to the plans for the building of the Houston Branch of that bank, and enclosing copy of the report submitted to Governor Van Zandt which contains a number of suggestions for deductions and additions, with the recommendation that the Board authorize the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas to proceed along the lines suggested in said report.

Upon motion, it was voted that the Board interpose no objection to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas proceeding along the lines suggested in the report of the Consulting Architect.

Letter dated March 26th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland regarding that bank's circular letter No. 6, dated March 10, 1921, on the subject of coin and currency ship-

ments. Also letter of March 25th from the Vice President of the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati on the same subject, with enclosures.

Upon motion, the matter of Federal Reserve banks making without charge shipments of currency to one member bank at the request of another member bank was ordered incorporated in the list of topics to be submitted to the next Governors' Conference.

Letter dated March 28th, from the Comptroller of the Currency, requesting the Board's approval of a salary of \$2,700 per annum to be paid to Mr. Joel S. ScKee, National Bank Examiner in the Fourth Federal Reserve District.

Approved.

Letter dated March 28th, from Miss Esther L. Schmehl, tendering her resignation as a Junior Technical Clerk in the Division of Reports and Statistics, to take effect at the close of business April 4, 1921.

Noted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. 1:

Dated March 28th, Recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve banks as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

Approved.

Dated March 26th, Recommending approval of application for fiduciary powers as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

Approved.

Dated March 26th, Recommending approval of applications for admission of state institutions as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date, subject to the individual reports attached to the applications.

Approved.

Dated March 29th, Recommending that authority be given to certain national banks to purchase stock in corporations organized under the Edge Act, as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

Approved.

Dated March 28th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. J.E. Lewis to serve at the same time as director of the Farmers Deposit National Bank and as director of the Farmers Deposit Savings Bank, both of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Approved.

Dated March 28th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Charles F. Junod to serve at the same time as vice president and director of the Atlantic National Bank of New York City and as director of the Pelham National Bank of Pelham, N.Y.

Approved.

Dated March 28th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. W. E. Brown to serve at the same time as director of the First National Bank of Wichita, Kans. and as director of the Inter-State National Bank of Kansas City, Mo.

Approved.

Dated March 28th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. George T. Tremble to serve at the same time as director and officer of the Fidelity National Bank and Trust Co. of Kansas City, Mo., and as director and officer of the Central National Bank of Ellsworth, Kans.

Approved.

Letter dated March 26th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, requesting approval of the Federal Reserve Board of action taken by the Board of Directors of that bank with reference to the payment of a bonus for the first quarter of 1921.

Referred to Mr. Platt.

Letter dated March 28th, from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, requesting authority from the Federal

Reserve Board to proceed with the project for a new building to the extent of razing old buildings, making excavations and building foundations, and giving figures covering the cost of this work, as well as figures showing proportionate fees to be paid to architects and builders.

After full discussion, in which the particular question was raised as to the reasonableness of the fee fixed for the architects, the matter of whether or not the Federal Reserve Board under the law is charged with the duty of approving or disapproving building contracts entered into by Federal Reserve banks was referred to Mr. Hamlin for a report after consultation with the General Counsel.

Letter dated March 28th, from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, requesting the Federal Reserve Board to take favorable action upon certain recommendations for increases in the salaries of some of the officers of that bank previously made by the Board of Directors.

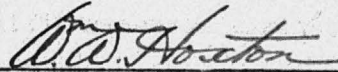
This matter was upon motion referred to a committee composed of the Governor, the Vice Governor and the Comptroller of the Currency, with the request that said committee make a study of all recommendations affecting officers of Federal Reserve banks which have been made to the Board and which have not as yet been acted upon, and to report its findings to the Board at a later meeting.

Draft of letters dated March 28th, prepared for the signature of the Governor and addressed to the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and to the Italian-American Bank of San Francisco, relative to certain drafts covering shipments of

cotton to Japan.

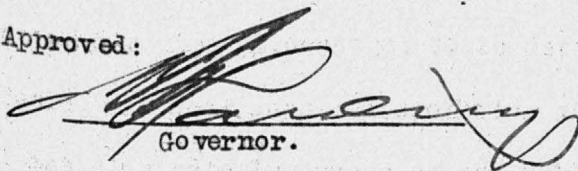
Referred to Mr. Hamlin for review and report tomorrow.

At 1:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned.



Secretary.

Approved:



Governor.