

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Board on Tuesday, December 6, 1921, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

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

Minutes of the meetings of the Board held December 2d and 3d were read and on motion approved.

The Governor reported the reserve positions of the several Federal reserve banks as at close of business December 1, 2, and 3d, 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 $5\frac{1}{2}\%$, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bank Rediscounting</u>	<u>With</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturities</u>
Dec. 2	Atlanta	Boston	\$1,500,000	1-90 (Com'l)
Dec. 2	Dallas	Boston	1,000,000	11-15 days
			500,000	1-90 (Com'l)

The Governor stated that the Board at its meeting November 22, 1921, had ordered docketed as special order business the proposal to direct Federal reserve banks to impose against member banks a service charge for the handling of all transit items which bear the indorsement of those non-member banks which refuse to remit to the Federal reserve banks at par.

Upon motion, ordered laid upon the table indefinitely.

Letter dated November 29th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, advising of the employment by that Bank of C. E. Clarkson, at a salary of \$3,000 per annum, and the assignment of Mr. Clarkson to duty in the Discount Department of the Salt Lake City Branch.

Approved.

Letter dated November 28th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, requesting the designation as Assistant Federal Reserve Bank Examiner at the Los Angeles Branch of the following employes of that Branch: Mr. D. Henney, E. A. Haight, George List and J. H. Pierce.

Approved.

Telegram dated December 2d, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, requesting approval of the appointment of L. C. Guyntner, of the Portland Branch, as an Assistant Federal Reserve Bank Examiner.

Approved.

Letter dated December 1st, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, reporting, for the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, the names of certain new employes and the salaries attached to their respective positions.

Approved.

Letter dated December 5th, from the Railway Loan Advisory Committee of the Federal Reserve Board, recommending approval of the form of obligation submitted by the Evansville, Indianapolis and Terre Haute Railway Company for a loan of \$400,000, in eight parts, the carrier electing at

at this time to take over the fourth part of the loan, in the amount of \$50,000, under the provisions of Section 210 of the Transportation Act, 1920, as amended.

Approved.

Letter dated December 5th, from the French American Banking Corporation, applying for authority to accept drafts or bills of exchange drawn for the purpose of creating dollar exchange and originating in the Island of Guadalupe, French West Indies.

Approved; it being, upon motion, voted to add the French West Indies to the list of those countries already designated by the Board wherein the usages of trade justify such designation, in accordance with Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act.

Draft of proposed letter to eleven Federal reserve banks, authorizing the reimbursement to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta of approximately \$7,000 which that bank has over-paid in remitting its proportionate share of the expenses of the leased wire system.

Approved.

Proposed draft of circular letter, addressed to all Federal reserve banks, advising of the procedure to be followed in closing the books at the end of the current year.

Approved.

Memorandum dated December 5th, from the Assistant Secretary of the Board, recommending that the resignation of Mr. F. S. Van Doren, employed part time in the Board's Gold Settlement Division, at a compensation of \$1.50 per evening, be accepted, and that W. R. Pherson be employed

on the same basis of compensation, to fill the vacancy.

Approved.

Upon motion, the following bonds of Federal Reserve Agents and Assistant Federal Reserve Agents were approved, in the amounts stated::

- J. H. Rich, Federal Reserve Agent, Minneapolis, \$100,000.
- C. L. Mosher, Asst. Federal Reserve Agent,
Minneapolis, 100,000.

Letter dated December 3d, from the Comptroller of the Currency, submitting to the Board a list of sixteen persons whose names appear upon the pay-roll of the Federal Reserve Board as money counters in the Redemption Division, whose services will not be required after December 31, 1921.

Approved.

Letter dated December 5th, from the Comptroller of the Currency, requesting approval of the Board for a salary of \$2700 per annum to be paid to Mr. Gilbar C. Hedrick, National Bank Examiner in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District.

Approved.

Mr. Platt stated that in accordance with the action taken by the Board yesterday, the nominating committee, consisting of Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Crissinger and himself, desired to recommend that the Board authorize for all of the Federal Reserve Agents for the year 1922, salaries at the same rate as now obtaining.

Upon motion, the report of the nominating committee was accepted and the salaries of the several Federal Reserve Agents were fixed in accordance thereto.

Mr. Miller suggested that the nominating committee make for the files of the Board a written report of its recommendation in this matter, to which suggestion the Chairman of the Committee assented.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. 1:

Dated December 5th, Recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve Banks as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

Approved.

Dated December 3d, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. A. H. Giannini to serve at the same time as president and director of the East River National Bank, New York City, as vice president and director of the Bank of Italy, San Francisco, and as director of the Commercial Trust Company of New York City.

Approved.

Dated December 3d, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Frank A. Zunino to serve at the same time as director of the East River National Bank and of the Commercial Trust Company, both of New York City.

Approved.

Dated December 3d, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. James F. Cavagnaro to serve at the same time as vice president of the East River National Bank and as director of the Commercial Trust Co., both of New York City.

Approved.

Dated December 5th, Recommending refusal of the application of Mr. Virgil L. Highland to serve at the same time as president and director of the Empire National Bank and as director of the Merchants National Bank, both of Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Recommendation concurred in.

At 11:50 a.m. the meeting adjourned.

W. W. Weston
Secretary

Approved: [Signature]
Governor.