

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Board on Thursday, November 16th, 1922 at 11:15 a.m.

PRESENT: Vice Governor Platt  
Mr. Hamlin  
Mr. Hoxton, Secretary

The Vice Governor reported the reserve positions of the several Federal Reserve banks as at close of business November 13 and 14, 1922.

Letter dated November 1st, from the Assistant Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco, advising that the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco had cancelled the stock of the liquidating First National Bank of South Pasadena, in accordance with the Board's letter of August 18, 1921, (X-3186) and the amount placed to the credit of the liquidating bank with the Los Angeles Branch, and inquiring if this action on the part of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco meets with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board.

Approved.

Letter dated November 10th, from the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco, transmitting with favorable recommendation, the application of the Mercantile Trust Company, San Francisco, to establish branch offices in the city of San Francisco, at the following locations:

1700 Divisadero Street  
465 Powell Street  
3300 Mission Street

it being understood that these are three of the thirty city branches for which tentative approval has already been given by the Federal Reserve Board.

Approved.

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Letter dated November 14th, from the Assistant Federal Reserve Agent at Cleveland, transmitting with favorable recommendation, the application of the Cleveland Trust Company, to establish branches at the following points in Cleveland:

Woodland Avenue & East 55th Street  
9710 West Madison Avenue  
12406 West Madison Avenue

Approved.

Draft of letter dated November 16th, prepared for the signature of the Vice Governor, and addressed to Mr. T. P. Kane, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, setting forth the views of the Board, with regard to whether or not gauze bandages should be considered "readily marketable staples" within the meaning of that part of Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act, which provides for bankers' acceptances based on the storage of readily marketable staples.

Approved.

Memorandum dated November 15th, from Mr. W. J. Fowler, Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, advising that the Farmers Bank and Trust Company of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, desires to convert into a national bank and to continue the exercise of those fiduciary powers previously exercised by it as a state institution. Mr. Fowler further advised that the capital of this bank is \$300,000 and the surplus is \$12,500, and desired to know whether the Federal Reserve Board would be willing to grant to the bank as a national bank, the same fiduciary powers as were authorized under its state charter.

Upon motion, the Secretary was directed to advise Mr. Fowler that in view of the favorable reports received

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as to the condition of the Farmers Bank and Trust Company, the Board will waive in this case its usual condition, that a national bank must have as surplus an amount equal to 20% of its capital.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. 1:

Dated November 15th, Recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve banks as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.  
Approved.

Dated November 9th, Recommending action on application for fiduciary powers, as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.  
Approved.

At 11:45 a.m. the meeting adjourned.

*W. D. Houston*  
Secretary.

Approved: *Edward Platt*  
Vice Governor.