

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Friday, January 12, 1923, at 11: a. m.

PRESENT: Vice Governor
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Miller
Mr. Crissinger
Assistant Secretary.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the meeting of January 10th was omitted.

The Vice Governor reported the reserve positions of the several Federal Reserve banks as at the close of business January 9th and 10th.

Letter dated January 4th from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, referring to the proposal of the San Francisco Loan and Savings Bank to withdraw from the Federal Reserve System.

Noted.

Letter dated January 8th from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, advising that the Directors of that bank had re-elected R. L. Ball to represent the Eleventh Federal Reserve District on the Federal Advisory Council during 1923.

Noted.

Memorandum dated January 12th from the Assistant Secretary of the Federal Reserve Board, requesting authority to employ a comptometer operator at a salary of \$1,400 per annum for service in the Division of Analysis and Research.

Approved.

On motion of Dr. Miller, it was voted to temporarily detail Mr. Goldenweiser, Associate Statistician, to the Division of Analysis and

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Research, and the Assistant Secretary was directed to so advise Mr. Goldenweiser, and direct that he report to the Director of the Division of Analysis and Research and perform such duties as the Director may assign to him.

Letter dated January 4th from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, requesting the Board's approval of an Assistant Federal Reserve Agent acting as Secretary to the Board of Directors of the bank.

The Assistant Secretary was directed to request the Chairman to advise the Board whether the request is to be considered as one coming from the Board of Directors, and, upon receipt of the Chairman's reply, to again present the matter to the Federal Reserve Board.

Letter dated January 5th, from the President of the Federal Advisory Council, advising that the next meeting of the Council will be held in Washington on February 19th, and inquiring whether the Board desires to submit topics for consideration by the Council at the forthcoming meeting.

Referred to the Vice Governor for reply.

Letter dated January 4th from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco, recommending that the Board approve the application of the Mercantile Trust Company of San Francisco to take over the First National Bank of Sonoma, California, and to establish a branch at that point.

Approved, Mr. Crissinger voting "no".

Letter dated January 8th from the Federal Reserve Agent at St. Louis, recommending that the Board approve the application of the North St. Louis

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Savings and Trust Company for reduction in its reserve requirements from 10% of demand deposits and 3% of time deposits to 7% of demand deposits and 3% of time deposits under the provisions of Section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act.

Approved.

Letter dated January 4th from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, advising that the Directors of that bank had re-elected D. W. Twohy to represent the Twelfth Federal Reserve District on the Federal Advisory Council during 1923, and fixed his compensation and allowances at \$600 for each Federal Advisory Council meeting in Washington which he attends.

Approved.

Letter dated January 9th from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, requesting that the Board approve the appointment of W. F. Lund, an accountant, at a salary of \$2,700 per annum.

Approved.

Letters dated January 8th and 10th from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, requesting that the Board reconsider its action in disapproving an increase in the salary of Deputy Governor Blair.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Charge Offs for consideration and report to the Board when Mr. Mitchell returns to Washington.

Letter dated January 9th from the Under Secretary of the Treasury, requesting that the Board give consideration to the advisability of taking up with the Federal Reserve Banks of Chicago, Kansas City, and Dallas the matter

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of their retiring their outstanding Federal Reserve Bank note circulation.

Referred to the Vice Governor with power.

Letter dated December 15th from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, advising that it is desirable that the Branch Federal Reserve Banks at Spokane, Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake City, and Los Angeles begin conducting operations in United States coin in accordance with confidential instructions issued by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of October 19, 1920, and requesting that the Federal Reserve Board take the matter up with the Secretary of the Treasury with a view of having him grant the necessary authority.

Referred to Vice Governor with power.

Letter dated January 9th from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, requesting the Board to reconsider its action in disapproving an increase in the salary of Dwight P. Reordan, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Charge Offs, for consideration and report to the Board on Mr. Mitchell's return to Washington.

Letter dated January 3rd from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, requesting the Board to reconsider its action in disapproving of payment of extra compensation to employees at the close of the year 1922.

On motion it was voted that the Board reconsider its action, the question to be taken up at a future meeting.

Letter dated January 10th, from the Comptroller of the Currency recommending an increase in the salary of Chief National Bank Examiner John S. Wood from \$9,000 to \$9,500 per annum, effective January 1, 1923.

Approved.

Letter dated January 10th, from the Comptroller of the Currency, recommending an increase in the salary of Chief National Bank Examiner Thomas C. Thomas from \$8,500 to \$9,000 per annum, effective January 1, 1923.

Approved.

Letter dated January 10th, from the Comptroller of the Currency recommending a salary of \$8,500 per annum to be paid to Mr. Thomas E. Harris, Chief National Bank Examiner in the Ninth Federal Reserve District.

Approved.

Letter dated January 10th, from the Comptroller of the Currency recommending a salary of \$10,000 per annum to be paid to Mr. Howard M. Sims, Chief National Bank Examiner in the Seventh Federal Reserve District.

Approved.

Letter dated January 10th, from the Comptroller of the Currency recommending a salary of \$3,300 per annum to be paid to Mr. John F. Seale, National Bank Examiner in the Second Federal Reserve District.

Approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. 1:

- Dated January 10th, Recommending action on applications for changes in stock
11th, as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Approved.
- Dated January 10th, Recommending action on application for fiduciary powers
as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Approved.
- Dated January 11th, Recommending action on application for admission of state
bank, subject to the conditions stated in the individual
reports attached to the application, as set forth in the
Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Approved.

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At this point Mr. Giamini, President of the Bank of Italy entered the room and there followed a general discussion of branch banking in California and the supervision thereof.

At 1:10 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Approved:

Edmund Platt
Vice Governor.

[Signature]
Asst. Secretary.