

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Wednesday, April 25th, at 11:30 a.m.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held on April 24th were read and approved.

Unfinished business, namely, the matter of authorizing the construction of the building for the Little Rock Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Ordered laid on the table until the present vacancies in the membership of the Federal Reserve Board are filled.

Letter dated April 21st, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, advising that the Clearing House Association of Wichita, Kansas, has requested that the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City give it a hearing on May 10th, for the purpose of presenting an application for a branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and advising that, subject to the approval of the Board, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, will follow the procedure as expressed in former Governor Harding's letter of June 14, 1919, to Mr. Ramsay.

Upon motion, the Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Ramsay that the procedure outlined in the letter from Governor Harding referred to, is in accord with the Board's present view.

Memoandum dated April 19th, from General Counsel, with reference to the deposit of securities by National Banks exercising fiduciary powers in the District of Columbia.

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Approved, upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Law Committee and ordered that a ruling be issued by the Board making effective the opinion of General Counsel, specified in the memorandum aforesaid.

Memorandum dated April 19th, from General Counsel with reference to the placing of a supply of currency at Boise, Idaho, by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

The Secretary was instructed to advise the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco, that the Board assumes that the deposit of Federal Reserve notes at Boise was made as an emergency matter under the same or similar conditions as those existing in December 1921, when the Board granted authority to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco to keep a supply of Federal Reserve notes at Boise, and that upon this assumption the Board approves the arrangement referred to.

Letter dated April 23rd, from the Federal Reserve Agent at St. Louis, transmitting with favorable recommendation, the application of the Grant State Bank of St. Louis, Mo., for authority to reduce 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.

Memorandum dated April 24th, from Mr. Herson, Chief Examiner, requesting authority to appoint Mr. R. F. Leonard to the Division of Examination as an Assistant Examiner at a salary of \$3,000 per annum.

Approved.

Memorandum dated April 24th, from the Assistant Secretary of the Board, requesting that the Board authorize the expenditure of an amount necessary to procure certain additional furniture for installation in the Office of the Comptroller

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of the Currency, - the Board to retain title to the furniture, merely loaning it to the Comptroller's bureau. It was noted that this action is made desirable in view of the fact that Mr. Crissinger as Governor of the Federal Reserve Board will retain the furniture now used by him as Comptroller of the Currency and which belongs to the Treasury Department.

Approved.

Letter dated April 20th, from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, requesting the Board's approval of an increase in salary from \$2700 to \$3000 per annum, effective May 1st, for Mr. W. F. Lund, employed on the Audit of construction of the new building, it being noted that Mr. Lund is to fill the place left vacant by the resignation of Mr. H. W. Knight whose salary has been at the rate of \$5,000 per annum.

Approved.

Letter dated April 19th, from the Comptroller of the Currency recommending that the name of Miss Annie M. Staton, bookkeeper, at salary of \$1620 be dropped from the rolls, Miss Staton having resigned effective this date; also, that Mrs. Viola Ricker, Money Counter, at salary of \$1380 per annum, be designated bookkeeper and her salary fixed at \$1620 per annum, effective as of close of business this date.

Approved.

Mr. Hamlin, Chairman of the Law Committee, submitted a memorandum dated April 21st from Mr. Freeman, Assistant Counsel, with reference to complaints against certain operations of Federal Reserve banks which have been outlined by Mr. Mountjoy

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local manager of the National Bank Division of the American Bankers' Association.

Upon motion of Mr. Hamlin, ordered circulated.

Mr. Miller stated that the Federal Reserve Agent at New York desires in his forthcoming report of business conditions to quote verbatim certain passages from the current Federal Reserve Bulletin and that in view of the fact that the New York publication will be contemporaneous/with/or ahead of the issuance of the Federal Reserve Bulletin, it was desirable that the members of the Federal Reserve Board should now agree that the passages to be quoted are not to be modified before final issuance. Mr. Miller then read to the Board the passages referred to and it was agreed that the said passages shall appear in the forthcoming issue of the Federal Reserve Bulletin without change.

Upon motion of Mr. Hamlin, the report of September 26, 1922, upon determining member banks' reserves submitted by the Committee of Federal Reserve Agents on bank reserves was ordered docketed as special order business for the meeting to be held next Wednesday, May 2nd.

Letter dated April 24th, addressed to the Comptroller of the Currency, by the Undersecretary of the Treasury with reference to certain Treasury Certificates turned in for redemption by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago bearing the issue date of March 15, 1923. Mr. Gilbert observed that he had some difficulty in understanding how the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago ever came to invest in these certificates at all in view of the understanding between the Federal Reserve banks, the Federal Reserve Board, and the Treasury, that Federal Reserve banks' holdings of Treasury Certificates maturing March 15th, would be allowed to

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run off without reinvestment and the subsequent understanding that the June 15th certificates redeemed by the Treasury at the time of the Governors' Conference, would likewise be allowed to run off without reinvestment.

After discussion of the above letter the meeting adjourned at

1:10 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. 1:

Dated April 25th, Recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve banks, as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.

Approved.

Dated April 23rd, Recommending action on application for admission of state bank, subject to the conditions stated in the individual report attached to the application, as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.

Approved.

Dated April 21st, Recommending refusal of the application of Mr. Virgil I. Highland to serve at the same time as director of the Merchants National Bank and of the Empire National Bank, both of Clarksburg, W. Va.

Approved.

Dated April 23rd, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Wm. C. Willard to serve at the same time as director and officer of the Huntington National Bank, Huntington, Ohio and of the Columbus Savings Bank, Columbus, Ohio.

Approved.

Dated April 23rd, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Robert T. Delvin to serve at the same time as director of the First National Bank, San Francisco, and of the California National Bank, Sacramento.

Approved.

Dated April 23rd, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. R. E. Easton to serve at the same time as director of the First National Bank, San Francisco, and of the First National Bank, Santa Maria, California.

Approved.

Approved:

Edmund Platt
Vice Governor.

B. D. Houston
Secretary.