A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Governor on Tuesday, April 29, 1924, at 12:00 o'clock.

PRESENT: Governor Crissinger
Mr. Platt
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Miller
Mr. Eddy, Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held on April 25th were read and approved as amended.

The minutes of the meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held on April 28th were read and approved.

Letter dated April 24th from the Comptroller of the Currency, recommending approval of a salary of $2700 per annum for National Bank Examiner Loren Swenson to be assigned to the Fourth Federal Reserve District. Approved.

Letter dated April 23rd from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, requesting approval by the Board of action taken by the directors of that bank in voting to grant vacation of six weeks to Deputy Governor Case and a vacation of two months to Chairman Jay, both with full salary. Approved.

Telegram dated April 25th from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, recommending approval of the merger of the Security National Bank of East St. Louis, Illinois and the Union Trust Company of that city; together with telegraphic reply approving same transmitted on April 25th on the initials of four members of the Board.

Upon motion, the consolidation was formally approved.
Letter dated April 23rd from the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco, with regard to assessing costs of examinations made by direction of the Board of the American Bank of San Francisco, the American Bank of Oakland and the First National Bank of Oakland.

Referred to Counsel.

Letter dated April 25th from the Vice President of the Guaranty Company of Maryland, with regard to the action of that Company in reprinting, with certain changes, the article on "Finance Companies" which appeared in the January 1923 issue of the Federal Reserve Bulletin.

Noted.

Telegram dated April 28th from the Executive Vice President of the Pacific Southwest Trust and Savings Bank, requesting prompt reconsideration by the Board of that bank's application for permission to establish six branches in the city of Los Angeles, approval of which was revoked by the Board on April 21st.

After discussion Mr. Platt moved approval of the six branches above referred to and of the branch at Vernon and Vermont Avenues applied for under date of April 23rd.

Carried.

Letter dated April 22nd from the Federal Reserve Agent at Dallas, enclosing a report with regard to the discount of paper arising from the Petroleum industry and submitting for the Board's consideration a form of financial statement to be filed by borrowers in that business.

Referred to the Law Committee.
Report of Law Committee on letter dated April 23rd from Mr. E. R. Kenzel, Chairman of the Insurance Committee of the Governors' Conference, inquiring whether the Board is definitely opposed to inter-insurance plans in principle, and advising that the Insurance Committee has had under consideration a plan of placing employees' group life insurance by Federal Reserve banks upon the basis of self-insurance through an inter-insurance arrangement whereby all the employees of all of the banks would be considered as one group; the Committee presenting a memorandum on the subject from Counsel, submitting draft of a reply stating that the Board has not decided whether it is opposed to inter-insurance plans in general, but would be unwilling to approve any such plan until Congress has amended the law in such a way as to remove all doubt as to the legality of Federal Reserve banks participating in such arrangements.

Upon motion the proposed letter was approved.

The Governor then presented a letter dated April 27th from Assistant Federal Reserve Examiner J. A. Bobb, with further reference to the arrest of four Assistant Examiners in New Orleans for violation of the Prohibition Act.

Noted.

Thereupon ensued a discussion of what action should be taken by the Board with regard to the matter above referred to, following which Mr. Miller moved that the four Assistant Examiners be placed on probation, subject to immediate dismissal on repetition of the offense with which they are charged, the Board reserving for future consideration any further steps that it may think necessary to take in the premises, with a view of maintaining the morale and conduct proper to the staff of the Federal Reserve Board and the faithful observance of the laws of the United States.

Carried, and advice ordered transmitted to the men involved, the Chief Examiner and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.
Memorandum from General Counsel dated April 29th, advising that the Supreme Court of the United States has reversed the decision of the Supreme Court of Missouri in the Burnes National Bank case, establishing the right of national banks to exercise trust powers in any state in which competing state corporations exercise such powers, regardless of discriminatory state legislature; Counsel recommending that the Board purchase one hundred copies of this opinion for distribution to interested parties, and that it authorize the publication of the opinion in the forthcoming issue of the Bulletin.

Upon motion, Counsel's recommendations were approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Dated, April 29th,

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.

Dated, April 26th,

Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Joseph B. McCall to serve at the same time as director of the First National Bank and as director of the Provident Trust Company, both of Philadelphia, Pa.

Approved.

Dated, April 26th,

Recommending approval of the application of Mr. George Burnham to serve at the same time as director of the Central National Bank and as director of the Integrity Trust Company, both of Philadelphia, Pa.

Approved.

Dated, April 25th,

Recommending approval of the application of Mr. Julius Breckwoldt to serve at the same time as President of the First National Bank of Dolgeville, N.Y. and as director of the Herkimer County Trust Company of Little Falls, N.Y.

Approved.

The meeting adjourned at one o'clock.

Approved: [Signature]

Governor.

Secretary.