

Upon call of the Vice Governor a special meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Friday, February 5, 1926 at 11:10 a.m.

PRESENT: Vice Governor Platt
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Miller
Mr. James
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. McIntosh
Mr. Eddy, Secretary
Mr. McClelland, Asst. Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held on February 4th were read and approved.

Mr. Goldenweiser, Assistant Director of the Division of Research and Statistics and Mr. Parry, an employee of the Division, entered the meeting and discussed with the Board a suggestion of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York that there be issued tomorrow a statement with respect to the data compiled by the Board as to loans by reporting member banks in New York City to brokers and dealers secured by stocks and bonds, the publication of current figures, which were to have been included in the Board's weekly statement issued yesterday, having been delayed because of the Board's failure to receive the figures in time for inclusion in the statement mentioned. Mr. Goldenweiser suggested that if a statement was to be issued tomorrow it should be an advance release of the statement which will appear in the February issue of the Federal Reserve Bulletin scheduled for release next week which will contain figures as of January 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

After full discussion, Mr. Miller moved that no statement with reference to the volume of loans by reporting member banks in New York City to brokers and dealers secured by stocks and bonds, be given

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out by the Board except as a part of the regular weekly statement showing the condition of reporting member banks, and that the first statement be issued in the week current figures first become available.

Mr. Miller's motion being put by the Chair was carried, Messrs. Platt and Hamlin voting "no".

Messrs. Goldenweiser and Parry then left the meeting.

Letter dated February 4th from the Secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, advising that the board of directors on that date made no change in the existing schedule of rates of discount and purchase in effect at that bank.

Noted.

Telegram dated February 4th from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, advising that no change has been made by that bank in its existing schedule of rates of discount and purchase.

Noted.

Telegram dated February 4th from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, advising that no change has been made in the existing schedule of rates of discount and purchase in effect at that bank.

Noted.

At this point Mr. John R. Mitchell, Federal Reserve Agent at Minneapolis, Governor Young of that bank, Mr. Patterson, Chief National Bank Examiner of the 9th District and Mr. Dewey, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury entered the room. Mr. Mitchell stated that the purpose of the conference was to discuss the responsibility of a Federal Reserve Agent in making recommendation with reference to the issuance of charters for new national banks. He stated that

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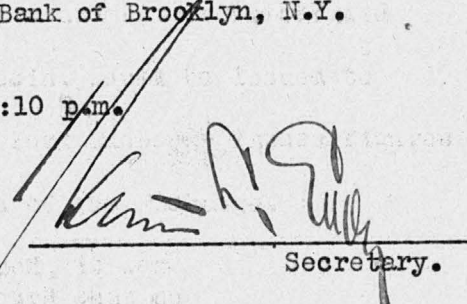
this question was raised by the policy of the Comptroller of the Currency, in an effort to improve the banking situation in the 9th District, of issuing charters to new national banks organized to succeed national institutions in a failing condition and taking over doubtful assets of the banks liquidated. During the discussion which followed, it was pointed out by the Comptroller that in submitting such matters to the Federal Reserve Agents he did not insist upon a firm recommendation from them but merely desired whatever information they could furnish him with respect to applicants for national bank charters, conditions in the communities involved, etc. The Comptroller stated that he assumed full responsibility for any result of such action on his part and that the Federal Reserve Agent would not in any way be held responsible.

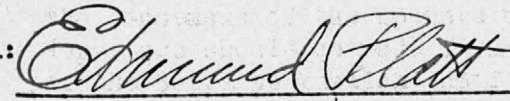
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Dated, February 4th, Recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve Banks as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Approved.

Dated, February 4th, Recommending approval of the application of Mr. William Boardman for permission to serve at the same time as Director of the 1st National Bank, Jamaica, N.Y. and as Director of the Mechanics Bank of Brooklyn, N.Y.
Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.


Secretary.

Approved: 
Vice-Governor.

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