A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of
the Governor on Monday, September 17, 1928, at 11:15 a.m.

PRESENT: Governor Young
Mr. Platt
Mr. James
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. McIntosh
Mr. Noell, Assistant Secretary
Mr. McClelland, Assistant Secretary.

Telegram dated September 12 from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, letter dated September 13 from the Secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, telegram dated September 14 from the Secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, telegram dated September 13 from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, telegram dated September 14 from the Secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and telegram dated September 13 from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, all advising that their boards of directors at meetings on the dates stated made no changes in the banks' existing schedules of rates of discount and purchase.

Without objection, noted with approval.

Memorandum dated September 12 from the Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, recommending that the temporary appointment of Miss Mary M. Maroney, clerk in the division, which expires on September 18, be made permanent at a salary of $1440 per annum.

Approved.

Letter dated September 14 from the Secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, reporting that no officer or employee of the bank was granted leave of absence with pay on account of illness during the month of August, whose total absences since January 1, 1928 have exceeded 30 days.

Noted.
Reports of Committee on Salaries and Expenditures on letter dated September 15 from the Secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, letter dated September 13 from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, letter dated September 10 from the Assistant Federal Reserve Agent at Kansas City and letter dated September 10 from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, all transmitting reports of officers and employees of the banks to whom the directors granted leaves of absence with pay on account of illness during the month of August, whose total absences since January 1, 1928 have exceeded 30 days; the Board's Committee recommending approval of the salary payments involved.

Approved.

Report of Committee on Salaries and Expenditures on report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis of one employee for whom the directors of that bank approved leave of absence with pay on account of illness during the month of August, whose total absences since January 1, 1928, have exceeded 30 days; the Board's Committee recommending approval of the salary payment involved.

Approved.

Letter dated September 14 from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia advising that it is felt that the bank should entertain the bankers of the District, preferably at a luncheon sometime during the course of the American Bankers' Association Convention, which will be held in Philadelphia October 1 to 5th; the Chairman stating that it is believed about eight hundred bankers might attend such a luncheon and that the cost would probably be $3.00 to $3.50 per guest.
Upon motion, it was voted to interpose no objection to the Philadelphia bank arranging the luncheon suggested.

Letter dated September 14 from the Vice President of the Foreign Trade Securities Company, Limited, New York City, requesting that the Board extend for a period of thirty days from September 20, its approval and reservation of the title "Foreign Discount and Investment Trust" for a corporation which it is proposed to organize under Section 25 (a) of the Federal Reserve Act.

Upon motion, the extension requested was granted.

Letter dated September 13 from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, suggesting that the Board fix a date sometime in October for the purpose of hearing the Philadelphia Clearing House Association with regard to the applications of several outlying banks in Philadelphia for a reduction in reserve requirements under Section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act.

Upon motion, it was voted to suggest October 16 as the date for the hearing in question.

Memorandum dated September 11 from the General Counsel, submitting copy of a ruling of the United States District Court upon a motion of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to dismiss the Federal Reserve Bank from the suit brought by depositors of the Neoga National Bank, Neoga, Illinois, against the directors and receiver of that institution and against the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; the ruling sustaining the motion of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and dismissing it from the suit.

Noted.

Letter dated September 11, from the Federal Reserve Agent at Chicago, with reference to the proposed consolidation of the Continental
National Bank and Trust Company and the Illinois Merchants Trust Company, both of Chicago, under a new state charter and under the title "Continental-Illinois Bank and Trust Company"; the Agent stating that the present institutions are both members of the system and that in order to avoid a temporary lapse in membership, the consolidated institution will make application for membership in advance of the actual consolidation and steps will be taken in advance to secure the approval of the Board.

After discussion it was voted to refer to Mr. Herson, the Board's chief examiner, in consultation with Mr. Gilbert, Supervisor of Examinations, the last reports of examinations of the present member banks for analysis and report to the Board.

Matter presented to the Executive Committee at its meeting on September 12, namely, letter dated September 7, from the Federal Reserve Agent at Chicago, recommending approval of an application of the Addison National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, an outlying institution, for a reduction in its reserve requirements from $13\%$ to $10\%$ of demand deposits; the Executive Committee having voted to recommend to the Board approval of the application.

Upon motion, the application was unanimously approved.

Memorandum from Counsel dated September 13, with further reference to the Clayton Act application of Mr. George M. Laughlin, Jr., involving the Keystone National Bank and the Pittsburgh Trust Company, both of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Counsel stating that in accordance with the action of the Executive Committee, at its meeting on August 3, the Federal Reserve Agent at Cleveland was requested to furnish the Board with additional information, which he did, stating that while there is competition between the institutions in some respects, he
does not believe that approval of the application would set up a situation in restraint of trade or credit or a condition incompatible with business interests.

In accordance with a recommendation of the Board's Law Committee, Mr. Laughlin's application was, upon motion, approved.

Letter dated September 14 from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, who is Chairman of the Federal Reserve Agents' Conference, submitting tentative program for the forthcoming conference as arranged by the Executive Committee of the conference at a meeting held in St. Louis on September 10.

Upon motion, the tentative program was approved as submitted.

The minutes of the meetings of the Federal Reserve Board held on August 29 and 30th were then read and approved.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on September 5, 8 and 12 were read and, upon motion, the actions recorded therein were ratified.

The minutes of the meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held on September 14 were read and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Dated, Sept. 15. Recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve Banks, as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date. Recommendations approved.


The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary

Governor