A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Thursday, February 19, 1931, at 11:15 a. m.

PRESENT: Governor Meyer
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Miller
Mr. James
Mr. Pole
Mr. McClelland, Assistant Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held on February 6th, having been previously read by the members of the Board, were approved.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on February 7th and 10th were approved, and upon motion, the actions recorded therein were ratified.

Approval of the minutes of the meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee held on February 11th and 13th, respectively, which are being circulated among the members of the Board, was deferred.

The minutes of the meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held on February 17th were approved.

The Assistant Secretary then presented various matters of business which were considered by the Board and acted upon as follows:

Telegram dated February 18th from the Chairmen of the Federal Reserve banks of Philadelphia and St. Louis, both 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.

Letter dated February 17th from Deputy Governor Crane of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, submitting the regular monthly compilation of the amount of short term funds held in New York for foreign account,
aggregating $2,236,074,000 as of January 31, 1931.

Noted.

Report of Executive Committee, dated February 16th, submitting draft of letter to the Federal Reserve Agent at Minneapolis with further reference to reserve deficiencies on the part of the First National Bank, Woodstock, Minnesota; the proposed letter advising that since a capable banker has been employed as cashier of the institution and is now engaged in a survey of the loans of the bank with a view of making collections sufficient to bring its reserves up to requirements and pay off the borrowed money of the bank, no action will be taken by the Board at this time, although it requests the Agent to follow the reserve record of the institution during the next two or three months and furnish the Board with a recommendation.

Upon motion, the letter presented by the Executive Committee was approved.

Memorandum from the Chief of the Division of Bank Operations, dated February 10th, submitting draft of a letter to the Chairman of all Federal Reserve banks in connection with the survey of branch Federal Reserve banks being made in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board on February 27, 1930.

After discussion, the Governor stated that he would discuss further with Mr. Smead certain phases of the survey, and the proposed letter was laid on the table.

Memorandum from the Assistant Secretary dated February 12th, with regard to the application of the Peoples-Pittsburgh Trust Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, made under date of May 31, 1930, for approval of the purchase of 597 additional shares of stock in the First National Bank of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, without the permission of the Board,
as required by one of the bank's conditions of membership; the memorandum pointing out that this application was laid on the table at the meeting of the Board on June 9, 1930, and since that time the capital of the First National Bank of Wilkinsburg has been increased, as have the holdings in the institution of the Peoples-Pittsburgh Bank and Trust Company, which now owns 1,588 shares out of a total of 4,000 outstanding, an increase of 383 shares since the application of May 31, 1930.

After some discussion, the Governor requested an opportunity of reviewing the membership record of the Peoples-Pittsburgh Bank and Trust Company and discussing its acquisition of stock in other banks with the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

Application for general trust powers filed on behalf of "The First Merchants National Bank and Trust Company of Middletown", New York, which has been organized to take over certain assets and assume certain liabilities of the Merchants National Bank and the First National Bank of Middletown, both of which were authorized to exercise trust powers; together with favorable recommendations thereon from the Comptroller of the Currency and the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

After discussion, action on the application was deferred until the Comptroller could report to the Board with reference to the proposed management of the new bank.

Letter dated February 18th from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, submitting for consideration by the Board draft of a letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Claims, House of Representatives, suggesting legislation permitting the redemption by the Treasurer of the United States of National bank notes, Federal Reserve bank notes or Federal Reserve notes, which, upon presentation, cannot be identified
Memorandum from Counsel dated February 13th, submitting drafts of letters to the Governors of the Federal Reserve Banks of Philadelphia and Cleveland, with reference to the use of certain Government forms in obtaining exemption from the taxes placed on motor fuels by the State of Pennsylvania.

After discussion, upon motion, the letters submitted by Counsel were approved, as amended.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Dated, February 17th

Recommendations approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p. m.

Approved:

[Signature]

Assistant Secretary.
Reports of Standing Committee dated February 17th and 18th, recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve Banks, approved as follows:

Applications for ORIGINAL Stock:

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Total 336

Approved:

E. W. Woodland
Assistant Secretary.

Approved:

Governor.