

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Monday, March 9, 1931, at 11:30 a. m.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board, held on March 2, were approved and the actions recorded therein were ratified.

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Approval of the minutes of the meetings of the Federal Reserve Board held on February 27th and March 4th, and of the Executive Committee of the Federal Reserve Board on March 6th, which are being circulated among the members of the Board, was deferred.

The Assistant Secretary presented various communications and reports which were considered by the Board and acted upon as follows:

Telegrams dated March 6th from the Secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and March 7th from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, both advising that at meetings of their Boards of Directors on the dates stated no changes were made in the banks' existing schedules of rates of discount and purchase.

Without objection, noted with approval.

Reports of Committee on Salaries and Expenditures on lists submitted by the Federal Reserve Banks of Philadelphia, Cleveland, St. Louis and Dallas of employees for whom the directors approved leaves of absence

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with pay, on account of illness, during the month of February, where the total of such absences since January 1, 1931, has exceeded thirty days; the Board's Committee recommending approval.

Approved.

Matter approved on initials on March 7th, namely memorandum from Counsel, submitting a press statement with regard to the revision of the Board's Regulation G, governing the rediscount by Federal reserve banks of notes secured by Veterans Adjusted Service Certificates.

Formally approved.

Telegram dated March 7th to all Federal reserve banks, transmitted with the approval of the Governor, advising that beginning on that date the offices of the Board will be closed officially at 1:00 o'clock, with the exception of the Gold Settlement Division which will continue handling the clearing as heretofore, and that except in cases of emergency, all requests for currency shipments to be made on Saturday should be received by the Board not later than 11:00 o'clock Saturday morning; the action reported being in accordance with an act of Congress, approved on March 3rd, providing that on Saturday throughout the year four hours shall be considered a full days work for all civil employees of the Government.

Formally approved.

Drafts of a letter to the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and of a circular letter to the Governors of all other Federal reserve banks, with respect to a computation made of the circulation life of United States notes, National bank notes and Federal Reserve notes, indicating a very much higher frequency of replacement in the case of the last named, from which it appears that a considerable saving in Federal

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Reserve note expense could be effected without bringing the standard of fitness of the circulation down to a point which would be objectionable; the letter to Governor Harrison advising that the redemption receipts of the New York bank are of an unusually high quality and requesting him to look into the matter and advise the Board.

The Governor stated that he had mentioned the condition of the New York redemptions to Mr. Case when he was here last Monday and, at his suggestion, it was voted to approve the letter to Governor Harrison and, pending receipt of a reply thereto, to defer transmittal of the proposed circular letter.

Telegram dated March 7th from the Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago advising of the sudden death on that date of Mr. William H. White, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent.

Noted, with regret.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Dated, March 7th 9th Recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve Banks, as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Recommendations approved.
- Dated, March 5th 9th Recommending action on applications for fiduciary powers as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Recommendations approved.
- Dated, March 5th 6th Recommending action on applications for admission of state banks, subject to the conditions stated in the individual reports attached to the applications, as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Recommendations approved.
- Dated, March 7th Recommending refusal of an application for admission of a state bank as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book of this date.
Recommendation approved.

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: (Cont'd)

Dated, March 9th Recommending approval of the application of Mr. John C. Campbell, for permission to serve at the same time as director and officer of the Tradesmens National Bank of Oklahoma City, Okla., and as director and officer of the Oklahoma National Bank, Oklahoma City.
Recommendation approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p. m.

C. W. McClelland

Assistant Secretary.

Approved:

[Signature]
Governor.

AUXILIARY MINUTES
(March 9, 1931)

Reports of Standing Committee dated March 7th and 9th, recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve Banks, approved as follows:

<u>Applications for ORIGINAL Stock:</u>	<u>Shares</u>	
<u>District No. 7.</u>		
Union National Bank of Indiana Harbor at East Chicago, Ind.	150	
First National Bank in East Chicago, Ind.	<u>150</u>	300
 <u>Applications for ADDITIONAL Stock:</u>		
<u>District No. 3.</u>		
Farmers National Bank, Canton, Pa.	1	
Grange National Bank, Laceyville, Pa.	6	
Union National Bank, Mahanoy City, Pa.	60	
First National Bank, Nesquehoning, Pa.	<u>15</u>	82
 <u>District No. 6.</u>		
Moultrie National Bank, Moultrie, Ga.	3	3
 <u>District No. 7.</u>		
Live Stock National Bank, Sioux City, Iowa.	15	
Dansard State Bank, Monroe, Mich.	<u>6</u>	21
 <u>District No. 11.</u>		
Merchants National Bank, Brownsville, Texas.	15	
State National Bank, Brownsville, Texas.	3	
Texas Bank & Trust Co., Brownsville, Texas.	3	
First National Bank, Cushing, Texas.	4	
First National Bank, George West, Texas.	1	
First National Bank, La Feria, Texas.	3	
First National Bank, Madisonville, Texas.	1	
First National Bank, Refugio, Texas.	6	
Peoples National Bank, Victoria, Texas.	1	
Security Bank & Trust Co., Wharton, Texas.	<u>1</u>	38
 <u>District No. 12.</u>		
First National Bank, Antioch, Calif.	1	
First National Bank, Rialto, Calif.	6	
Bank of Montreal (San Francisco), San Francisco, Calif.	3	
First National Bank, Temecula, Calif.	3	
First National Bank in Turlock, Calif.	1	
First National Bank, Bonners Ferry, Idaho.	2	
Hazelton State Bank, Hazelton, Idaho.	1	
Lumbermens National Bank, Bend, Oregon.	3	
First National Bank of Coos Bay, Marshfield, Oreg.	1	
Roseburg National Bank, Roseburg, Oreg.	3	
First National Bank, Scappoose, Oreg.	1	
Farmers & Merchants Bank, Provo, Utah.	2	

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<u>Application for ADDITIONAL Stock: (Cont'd)</u>		<u>Shares</u>	
<u>District No. 12. (Cont'd)</u>			
Knight Trust & Savings Bank, Provo, Utah.		2	
Commercial Bank, Spanish Fork, Utah.		15	
Farmers National Bank, Colfax, Wash.		3	
Citizens Security National Bank, Everett, Wash.		1	
Puyallup State Bank, Puyallup, Wash.		1	
Union Bank and Trust Co., Walla Walla, Wash.		1	50
		<u>Total</u>	<u>194</u>

Applications for SURRENDER of Stock:

<u>District No. 4.</u>			
First National Bank, Defiance, Ohio. (V.L.Suc. by National Bank of Defiance)		90	
Merchants National Bank, Defiance, Ohio. (V.L.Suc. by National Bank of Defiance)		78	
Citizens National Bank, Monessen, Pa. (V.L.Abs. by First National Bank and Trust Co.)		<u>72</u>	240
<u>District No. 6.</u>			
First National Bank, Newport, Tenn. (Insolvent)		37	37
<u>District No. 7.</u>			
First Trust & Savings Bank, Hammond, Ind. (Insolvent)		1,200	
Farmers State Bank, Bellevue, Mich. (V.L.Abs. by Bellevue State Bank)		<u>18</u>	1,218
<u>District No. 8.</u>			
First National Bank, Ridgeway, Mo. (Insolvent)		50	50
<u>District No. 11.</u>			
First National Bank in Hutto, Texas. (V.L.Abs. by City National Bank of Georgetown)		15	
Nichols National Bank, Kenedy, Texas. (Decrease in capital)		<u>30</u>	45
<u>District No. 12.</u>			
First National Bank, Parlier, Calif. (Decrease in capital and increase in surplus)		25	25
		<u>Total</u>	<u>1,615</u>

Reports of Standing Committee dated March 5th and 9th, recommending action on applications for fiduciary powers by the following banks:

APPROVED:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

CONNECTICUT:

The National Bank of Commerce of New London.
(Supplementary. Power 9.)

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APPROVED:

DISTRICT NO. 4.

KENTUCKY:

The First National Bank of Brooksville.
(Supplementary. Powers 5 and 8)

Reports of Standing Committee dated March 5th, 6th and 7th, recommending action applications for admission to membership by the following state institutions, subject to the conditions stated in the individual reports attached to the applications:

APPROVED:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>F.R. Bank</u>
Bank of Jamestown, Jamestown, N. Y.	600	New York
First State Bank & Trust Co., Snyder, Texas.	45	Dallas

REFUSED:

The Jeannette Savings & Trust Co., Jeannette, Pa. (Now the First Bank & Trust Co.)	240	Cleveland
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C. W. McClelland
Assistant Secretary

Approved:

[Signature]
Governor