

PRESS STATEMENT

February 18, 1918.

The regular quarterly session of the Federal Advisory Council opened this morning, a joint meeting being held with the Federal Reserve Board in the Board's assembly room. Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock the Council and the Board will confer with the Secretary of the Treasury.

Today's meeting was devoted to the usual opening address of Governor Harding. Mr. Harding called the Council's attention to the recommendations made by the Board in its annual report in favor of amendments to the Federal Reserve Act and to the Board's position as stated in the report regarding the treatment of paper technically eligible for discount but in fact not within the scope of the Federal Reserve Act. Mr. Harding further suggested that the Council be prepared to discuss with the Secretary of the Treasury questions pertaining to bond and certificates issues and he outlined broadly the present reserve and discount rate problems of the System.

At the morning meeting there were present, beside the members of the Federal Reserve Board, Messrs. Rue, (Phila.) Wing, (Boston) Rowe, (Cincinnati) Norwood, (Greenville) Wilmot, (Austin) Fleishacker, (San Francisco) Mitchell, (Minneapolis) Lyerly, (Chattanooga) Watts, (St. Louis).

In the afternoon the Council held a closed session.