

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

MARCH 16, 1915.

The appointees to the Federal Trade Commission assembled at 12:00 noon, and the following members took the oath of office as members of the Commission for their respective terms, noted below:

- Joseph E. Davies..... 7 years
- Edward N. Hurley..... 6 years
- William J. Harris..... 5 years
- Will H. Parry..... 4 years
- George Rublee..... (a)

(a) During the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being, and until the end of the next session of the Senate of the United States, and no longer.

Hon. J. Harry Covington, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, administered the oath.

The Commission assembled formally at 1:00 p.m. Upon motion of Commissioner Parry, seconded by Commissioner Harris, Commissioner Rublee was made temporary chairman.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parry, duly seconded by Commissioner Harris, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That the following by-law be and is hereby adopted, to wit:

A chairman of the Commission shall be elected, who shall serve in such capacity so long as he shall remain a member of the Commission, and any vacancy thereafter shall be filled on the basis of seniority of appointment.

The election of a chairman was then taken up. Commissioner Harris placed in nomination for the Chairmanship Commissioner Joseph E. Davies, which nomination was seconded by Commissioner Parry. Commissioner Davies was unanimously elected for the term prescribed by the above resolution, and as Chairman took the Chair.

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The election of a Vice-Chairman was then taken up. Commissioner Parry placed in nomination Commissioner Edward N. Hurley, which nomination was seconded by Commissioner Rublee. Commissioner Hurley was unanimously elected for his term of office.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.



Commissioner.

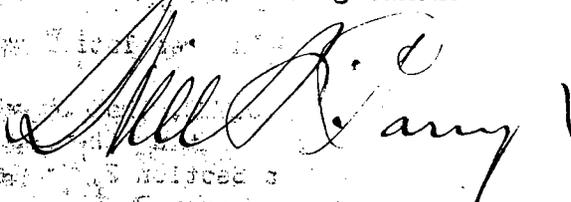
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MARCH 17, 1915.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

The Commission assembled at 10:30 a.m., Chairman Davies presiding.

The entire meeting was devoted to a discussion of the internal organization of the Commission, arrangement of rooms, purchase of furniture, and similar matters, no definite action being taken.



Commissioner.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

MARCH 18, 1915.

- Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
- Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
- William J. Harris
- Will H. Parry
- George Rublee

The Commission met at 10:15 a.m., with Chairman Davies in the Chair.

The question of the stenographic reporting of hearings, either by contract or by the Commission force, was taken under consideration, and upon motion was referred to Commissioner Harris for consideration and report.

The letter of the Secretary of Commerce (see File All3), with reference to the turning over of certain files of the Secretary's Office to the Federal Trade Commission, and also transmitting memorandum of the Chief of the Appointment Division suggesting that he would consent to do the appointment and personnel work for the Commission until an official was appointed by the Commission to carry on this work, was referred to the Chairman for reply.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hurley, duly seconded by Commissioner Rublee, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That by virtue of the provisions of the Act creating the Federal Trade Commission as found in Section 3, it is hereby unanimously ordered that Warren R. Choate, formerly Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Corporations, be transferred to and be the Chief Clerk of the Federal Trade Commission at the salary existing at the time of the organization of said Commission, namely, March 16, 1915.

March 18, 1915.

Upon motion of Commissioner Rublee, duly seconded by Commissioner Harris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That by virtue of the provisions of the Act creating the Federal Trade Commission as found in Section 3, it is hereby unanimously ordered that all of the clerks and employees of the Bureau of Corporations shall be transferred to and become clerks and employees of the Federal Trade Commission at the grades and salaries existing at the time of the organization of said Commission, namely, March 16, 1915.

Mr. Frank D. Jones was appointed Acting Secretary of the Commission pending the appointment of the Secretary.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Frank Jones
Acting Secretary.

[Signature]
Chairman.

March 19, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

MARCH 19, 1915.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

The Commission assembled at 10:45 a.m., Chairman Davies presiding.

Mr. Ralph Crews, of the firm of Adams, Crews, Bobb & Westcott, attorneys, of Chicago, Ill., appeared before the Commission and informally presented a statement of facts concerning conditions in the bituminous coal industry in the States of Illinois and Indiana, and requested that a conference be had between the coal operators and the Commission at some date in the near future. He was advised that as soon as the Commission was organized and on a working basis, the Commission would have an informal conference with the coal operators.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

March 22, 1915.

March 20, 1915. No meeting held.

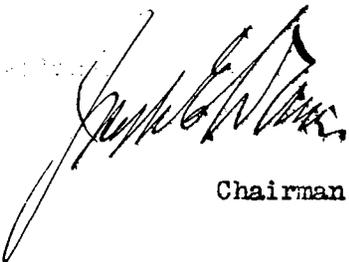
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MARCH 22, 1915.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

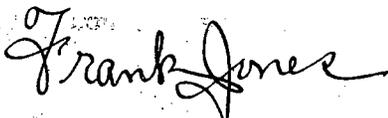
The Commission assembled at 10:15 a.m., Chairman Davies presiding.

The entire meeting was devoted to a discussion of matters of administrative detail.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

March 23, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

MARCH 23, 1915.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

The Commission assembled at 10:15 a.m., Chairman Davies presiding.

Upon motion, the matter of procuring designs for the seal of the Commission was referred to Commissioner Parry.

Upon motion, Commissioner Harris and Commissioner Parry were appointed a committee to have charge of the rearrangement of rooms.

Upon motion, Commissioner Rublee was appointed a special committee to consider the status of the appropriations for the Commission and to make a report thereon to the Commission.

By resolution, it was decided that the Commission would follow the procedure noted below at its meetings:

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. -- Executive session for the consideration of administrative and similar matters.

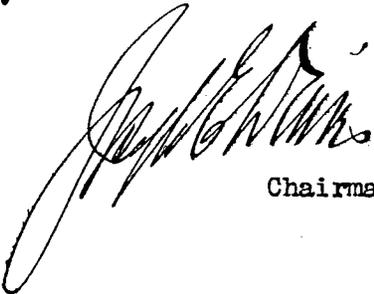
11:30 to 12:30 -- Reception of visitors and consideration of new business.

By motion, Commissioner Parry was appointed a special committee to suggest the form of journal for the minutes of the Commission.

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The Acting Secretary was directed to make an appointment with
 Mr. George Johannes, Disbursing Clerk of the Department of Commerce
 for 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Whereupon the Commission adjourned.


 Chairman.

Attest:


 Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

MARCH 24, 1915.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
 William J. Harris
 Will H. Parry
 George Rublee

The Commission assembled at 10:30 a.m., Chairman Davies pre-
 siding.

Commissioner Parry reported that progress had been made in the
 matter of procuring a design for the seal of the Commission.

A communication was received and read from Mr. Louis E. Van Norman, Editor of The Nation's Business, requesting an appointment with the Commission. The Acting Secretary was directed to arrange an appointment for 12:30 p.m.

The offers of the Luce Press Clipping Bureau, and Henry Romeike, Inc., for press clipping service to the Commission, were presented and referred to Commissioner Parry for consideration and report.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parry, seconded by Commissioner Harris, Commissioner Rublee was appointed as special committee to report on the procedure and rules of practice of the Commission.

Upon motion, Commissioner Parry and Commissioner Harris were appointed a committee on rooms and the selection of furniture.

Mr. James F. Callbreath, Secretary of the American Mining Congress, appeared before the Commission on behalf of the bituminous coal operators of Illinois and Indiana, and requested for the operators a meeting with the Commission for the informal discussion of the problems of that industry. Mr. Callbreath was informed that as soon as the organization of the Commission was completed, a time would be set for an informal conference of the Commission with representative operators.

Senator Shields, of Tennessee, appeared informally before the Commission and made certain suggestions relative to procedure.

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Mr. George Johannes, Disbursing Clerk of the Department of Commerce, appeared before the Commission and accepted the position of special disbursing agent for the Commission, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, whereupon the following resolution was offered by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Rublee, and adopted, with the instruction that it be transmitted to the Secretary of Commerce:

Be it resolved, That Mr. George Johannes is hereby designated as Special Disbursing Agent for the Federal Trade Commission, by and with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce.
Be it further resolved, That the penalty of his official bond be in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars.

Whereupon the Commission took a recess until 3:00 p.m.

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The Commission reconvened at 3:00 p.m. for the further consideration of business, Chairman Davies presiding and all members being present except Commissioner Hurley.

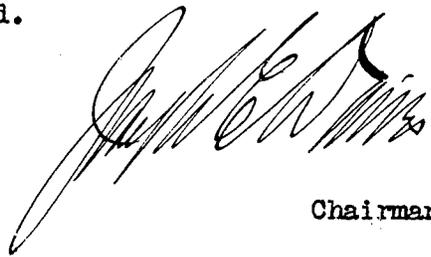
Mr. William A. Boykin, Jr., President of the Standard Compressed Yeast Company, of Baltimore, Md., and Mr. James Piper, 607 Calvert Building, Baltimore, Md., attorney for the company, appeared before the Commission and made an informal complaint as to certain alleged unfair methods of competition on the part of the Fleischmann Company.

Upon invitation of the Commission, Mr. George B. McGinty, Secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission, appeared before the

Commission and explained the duties of the Secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission and also the procedure and organization of that Commission. The thanks of the Commission were voted to Mr. McGinty for his courtesy in giving the Commission this information, and Mr. McGinty very kindly tendered his good offices at any time he could be of service to the Commission.

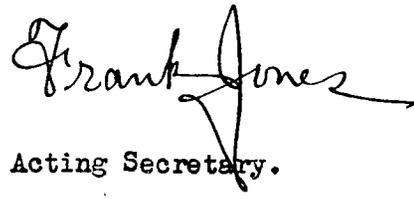
The Acting Secretary was directed to call upon the Secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission to examine the form of the journal in use by that Commission.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

March 25, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

MARCH 25, 1915.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

The Commission assembled at 10:30 a.m., Chairman Davies presiding.

Mr. Roland L. Morris, Attorney, 1617 Land Title Building, Philadelphia, Pa., representing the Borden Condensed Milk Co., and other manufacturers of condensed milk, appeared before the Commission and made an informal statement concerning conditions in that industry. Mr. Morris stated he would make a more formal statement to the Commission in the near future.

Mr. T. James Fernley, 505 Commerce St., Philadelphia, Pa., Advisory Secretary of the National Supply and Machinery Dealers Association, also representing the National Hardware Association, the National Wholesale Dry Goods Association, the National Button Manufacturing Association, The National Sheet Metal Club, and the National Jewelers Association, appeared informally before the Commission and made a statement concerning problems confronting the various associations represented by him.

Mr. L. E. Van Norman, editor of the "Nation's Business," discussed matters of general interest to the Commission in an informal way.

Matters of internal organization were also discussed by the Commission, whereupon the meeting adjourned.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

MARCH 26, 1915.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

The Commission assembled at 10:30 a.m., Chairman Davies presiding.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parry, seconded by Commissioner Harris, resolution concurring in the action of the Chairman in authorizing advance of funds to the credit of George Johannes, Special Disbursing Agent, in the sum of \$20,000, was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parry, seconded by Commissioner Rublee, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the rules and regulations heretofore governing the personnel of the Bureau of Corporations in the Department of Commerce, both as to internal matters and outside travel, be, and the same are, hereby adopted as the rules and regulations governing the personnel of the Federal Trade Commission, until otherwise ordered.

The Chief Clerk was directed to secure from the Civil Service Commission six copies of all rules and regulations applicable to employments under the classified civil service, as affecting the Federal Trade Commission.

Upon motion of Commissioner Parry, seconded by Commissioner Rublee, Mr. Walker was given the following directions:

First: To prepare a memorandum regarding pending investigations of the Bureau of Corporations at the time of its merger in the Federal Trade Commission, said memorandum to comprise a brief statement regarding each pending investigation by Mr. Walker, together with supplementary memoranda of the said investigations by the persons in immediate charge respectively.

Second: To prepare a memorandum regarding investigations completed immediately before the merger of the Bureau of Corporations in the Federal Trade Commission, and attach to the same copies of the letters of submittal for the reports on the said investigations.

Third: To prepare a memorandum regarding the functions of the Federal Trade Commission as provided in the law, and suggestions with respect to the method of organizing the staff of the Commission and conducting the work.

Mr. Herbert CantMarshall, Attorney at Law, New York City, appeared before the Commission and discussed informally the duties of a Secretary to the Commission.

Commissioner Parry made a preliminary report concerning the

form of journal of the Commission, and was authorized to make further investigations.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.


Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

March 27, 1915. No meeting held.

March 29, 1915. No meeting held.

March 30, 1915. No meeting held.

March 31, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

MARCH 31, 1915, 10:30 A. M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

The standardization of office forms, etc., was taken under consideration and referred to Commissioner Parry.

Directed that a copy of the memorandum on organization prepared by the Chief Clerk be furnished each Commissioner.

Letter of J. F. Callbreath, Secretary of the American Mining Congress, (File 8507-1), dated March 29, 1915, transmitting a letter addressed to Joseph E. Davies, Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, from a committee of Indiana coal operators claiming to represent 80 per cent of the coal production of Indiana, and signed by Mr. Carl Scholz, chairman of the said committee, referred to Commissioners Rublee and Parry for consideration and report.

At 1:00 p.m., recess was taken until 3:00 p.m.

The Commission reassembled at the hour of 3 o'clock, p.m.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

Commissioner Rublee reported a form of letter addressed to the

Whereupon recess was taken until 3:00 p.m.

The Commission reassembled at 3:00 o'clock, p.m.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

Hon. J. M. Dickinson, Ex-Secretary of War, appeared before the Commission and expressed his views upon the question of restraint of trade.

Mr. O. A. Conrad, 1123 Carnegie Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., presented a request for an expression from the Commission as to the legality of a proposed association of dealers in slag (the by-product of blast furnaces). He was advised that the Commission could not give advice on this question, but would be interested in receiving his statement of conditions affecting this trade.

A telegram from Mr. J. H. Bloedel (File 9508-2), a lumberman of the Pacific coast, asking for an appointment with the Commission for Saturday, April 3, 1915, was read. It was ordered that Mr. Bloedel be informed that the Commission would receive him at 11:00 a.m. on that date.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.



Chairman.

April 2, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 2, 1915, 11:00 A.M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

A letter of the Secretary of Commerce (File S510-1), dated April 1, 1915, suggesting the desirability of an extensive investigation on the subject of roofing and roofing materials, and requesting the assignment of Mr. T. M. Robertson, Special Examiner, to act in this inquiry under the general direction of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, was presented. The letter was referred to Mr. Robertson, with the direction that he report to the Commission as to the practicability of this work being taken up.

Upon motion, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Chief Clerk be and is hereby authorized to execute orders and requisitions for miscellaneous supplies from the schedule contractors on the General Supply Committee's schedule, and to prepare specifications and receive and open bids and make awards covering such supplies that do not appear on the schedule, and to carry on the correspondence connected therewith; all of his acts performed in pursuance of the above are required to have the approval of Commissioner Parry.

At 12:00 m. recess was taken until 3:00 p.m.

The Commission reassembled at 3:00 p.m.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward W. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

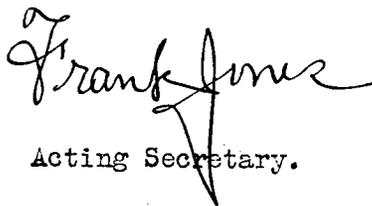
C. I. Millard, President, John L. Roper Lumber Co., Norfolk, Va., appeared before the Commission and made an informal statement as to a suggested plan of cooperative selling agencies proposed by a number of mills in North and South Carolina. He was requested to furnish the data in the form of a letter to the Commission, at his convenience.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

April 3, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 3, 1915, 11:00 A.M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

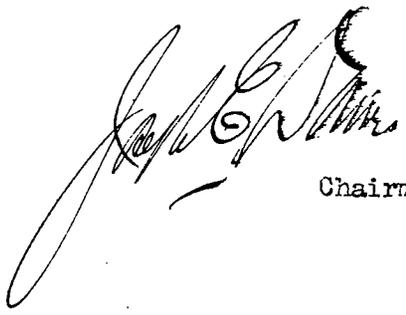
Col. Alden J. Blethen, editor and publisher, Seattle Daily Times, made an informal statement concerning trade conditions in the Pacific Northwest.

J. H. Bloedel, President, Bloedel-Donovan Lumber Mills, of Seattle, Washington, made an informal statement concerning conditions affecting the lumber industry in the Pacific Northwest, and also filed with the Commission a telegram from the Shingle Branch of West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association (dated April 2, 1915), concerning certain conditions affecting the lumber industry. Both matters were referred to Chief Economist Walker for the preparation of memoranda.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.


Chairman.

April 5, 1915. No meeting held.

April 6, 1915. No meeting held.

April 7, 1915. No meeting held.

April 8, 1915. No meeting held.

April 9, 1915. No meeting held.

April 10, 1915. No meeting held.

April 12, 1915. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 13, 1915, 10:00 A.M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
Will H. Parry

Gilbert H. Montague, Counsellor at Law, 40 Wall Street, New York, appeared before the Commission and upon invitation made verbal suggestions concerning rules of practice, etc. He was requested to submit his suggestions in writing, which he promised to do.

Isaac H. Taylor and H. B. Stewart, attorneys at law (associated as Taylor & Stewart), of Canton, Ohio, appeared before the Commission and informally presented a plan of organization proposed by a number of companies in and about Canton, Ohio, engaged in the sewer pipe, tile, and terra cotta industry. They stated the objects of the proposed association to be substantially as follows:

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

To promote publicity in the transaction of the business of the members of the Association.

To collect and disseminate information relating to the manufacture and sale of products.

To devise ways and means for promoting and advertising the use of the different products.

To devise a scientific system of cost accounting, but without in any manner seeking to have disclosed the actual cost to any member of the Association.

To take up and carefully consider sanitary, hygienic and safety measures and appliances, and to cooperate with legislatures and other public bodies in the framing of laws along these lines.

To bring out into the open all competitive conditions and the introduction of the open price policy.

There shall be no penalties of any kind connected with the operation of the Association, and no assessments, except to cover actual fees and expenses.

There shall be nothing secret about either the meetings or the operation of the Association.

Members may invite competitors, who are not members, to attend its meetings.

Nothing in the plan or operation shall be understood or construed as directly or indirectly restraining the freedom of any member to at all times quote such prices and terms as he may please, each member being as free to compete for business as he would be if the Association did not exist.

No member shall enter into any agreement or understanding of any nature or kind whatsoever, the object of which is to restrain trade, limit competition, regulate prices, or do any act which is contrary to the spirit and letter of the law.

REPORTING PLAN:

The Reporting Plan is adopted for the sole purpose of bringing out into the open all competitive conditions, without in any manner seeking to restrict competition or control prices. Its principal object is to place purchasers and sellers upon a footing of equality, and the exchange of information under this plan is for the purpose of meeting the vicious practice that prevails with many private buyers of asking for prices with no intention of accepting the lowest in good faith, but with the intention of using the bids and prices received to pit the sellers, one against another, in a situation wherein the seller is kept in the dark as to what bids are actually in, while the purchaser has that information in his hands and unscrupulously uses it.

No formal action was taken on the matter. The Chairman called the attention of the attorneys to the provisions of law and to a let-

ter from F. W. Lehman, of St. Louis, Mo., to George K. Smith, of St. Louis, Mo., dated April 8, 1909, and published on pages 136, 137 and 138 of Part IV of the Report of the Commissioner of Corporations on the Lumber Industry.

The Chairman reported the text of an opinion rendered by the Comptroller of the Treasury under date of April 10, 1915, in reply to his (the Chairman's) request of April 2, 1915, for a decision upon questions affecting the status of the appropriations of the Commission.

Edward Wise, of New York, vice-president of the United Cigar Stores Company, appeared before the Commission informally, but presented no matter of business.

United States Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, and Joseph N. Teal, an attorney at law of Portland, Oregon, appeared informally before the Commission.

Commissioner Parry presented the following report upon the form of journal, which report was upon motion adopted:

RECOMMENDATION IN RE FORM OF JOURNAL OF
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

After investigation of the form of minutes used by the Civil Service Commission, the Federal Reserve Board, and the Interstate Commerce Commission, I would make the following recommendations:

(a) Procedure in taking minutes. -- Some employee of the Commission, who can absolutely be trusted and who is a man of considerable intelligence, should be present at all meetings of the Commission and report them. One of the Commissioners might do this, dictating the minutes of the meeting to a confidential stenographer, but this seems to be placing an unnecessary duty upon him. Immediately after the meeting the minutes should be written up and delivered to the Secretary for correction of style, etc. Upon approval by the Commission, the minutes should be entered in the permanent minute book. This rough draft is to be destroyed immediately after an engrossed copy thereof, with the corrections noted thereon,

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has been attested and entered in the minute book.

(b) Form of minutes. -- The minutes should be dated and the hour of the meeting given. The names of the Commissioners present should be entered at the head of the minutes, in order that the names of those responsible for any action would be a matter of record, and in order that in case the legality of any act should be questioned because of the fact that one of the Commissioners held office by recess appointment, and the action in question was due to his vote, this fact might be clearly set forth. All actions by the Commission, either formal or informal, should be noted very briefly, reference being made to the file number of the particular communication or paper mentioned, or to the docket number in case of formal papers. The minutes of the meeting should be signed by the Chairman, Acting Chairman, or some member of the Commission, and attested by the Secretary, with the seal of the Commission. A card index should be made from day to day, by name and subject, covering the content of each day's minutes, so that immediate reference could be made to any action taken by the Commission. At the close of the year, or when the size of the minutes is such as to fill the standard-size volume, the card index thus made should be copied and made a part of the permanent minutes for the year, which should be permanently bound. The card index for that period should then be merged into the card indexes of previous years. In this way a very effective card index can be built up which will cover every action, formal or informal, taken by the Commission, and which will give a direct reference to the particular file or docket in which the papers covering that action are filed. As years pass by this index will become constantly of increased value.

(c) Form of minute book. -- A strongly bound, loose-leaf book, which can be locked, should be purchased for the permanent minute book. The Secretary should be the sole custodian of the key to this book, and should be held personally liable for the verity of the records. He should be given express instructions not to give the custody of this key to any other employee of the Commission except one duly authorized to act in his absence.

Commissioner Hurley reported that he had appointed E. J. Davidson his clerk. The appointment was upon motion confirmed, and the salary fixed at \$1800 until otherwise ordered.

Henry H. Hunter, counsel for the Tobacco Jobbers' Association, made application for a hearing on some matter to be presented by him at the hour of 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15th, and upon motion said hour was fixed for such hearing.

Elliott H. Goodwin reported that the advisory committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce would appear before the Commission on Saturday, April 17th, at 11 o'clock a.m., and said hour was fixed as the time for a conference.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Parry and seconded by Commissioner Hurley, and was duly adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission be given a memorandum of all information of the Commission intended for the press, and that such information be made public through the Secretary's office in order that all correspondents and reporters may have the same opportunity to secure such information.

It is the intent of the above resolution that no information or statements concerning any action taken by the Commission shall be given to the press, or made public, other than through the Secretary's office, and with the O. K. of the Secretary placed thereon, and that arrangements be so made that all correspondents and reporters shall have equal opportunities for acquiring information.

By the above resolution I do not intend to limit the expression of matters of policy by the Chairman, who should be the mouthpiece of the Commission.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

April 14, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 14, 1915, 10:30 A. M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
 Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
 Will H. Parry
 George Rublee

E. B. Hatcher, Treasurer, The Columbus Collar Pad Company, manufacturers of collar sweat-pads, saddle blankets, etc., of Columbus, Ohio, and Mr. Alexis Cope, his attorney, appeared before the Commission and presented an informal complaint of unfair competition on the part of the American Pad & Textile Company, of Greenfield, Ohio, the particulars of which are more fully set forth in letters addressed to the President of the United States by E. B. Hatcher, Treasurer, dated January 16, 1915, and April 14, 1915. No formal action was taken, but Mr. Hatcher was advised by the Chairman to file with the Commission a statement giving full information concerning the alleged unfair competition.

Hon. Thomas Burke, of Seattle, Wash., appeared before the Commission and, upon invitation, made an informal statement covering his observation of trade conditions in the Orient.

Edward A. Filene, of Boston, President of the International Chamber of Commerce, appeared informally before the Commission.

Attest:

Frank Jones
 Acting Secretary.

Joseph E. Davies
 Chairman.

April 15, 1915. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 16, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

- Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
- Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
- William J. Harris
- Will H. Parry
- George Rublee

W. H. S. Stevens, of Columbia University, appeared before the Commission, in re his application for the position of Secretary.

Frederick W. Herendeen, Secretary of the National Boiler and Radiator Manufacturers Association, appeared and submitted a proposed plan for the association. No formal action was taken.

The following resolution was presented by Commissioner Parry, seconded by Commissioner Hurley, and adopted:

RESOLVED: That until otherwise ordered the Commission shall meet at 10:30 o'clock, a.m., each business morning, and remain in executive session until 11 o'clock, a.m., or until all routine and administrative calendar of the day is disposed of, and that during that time no visitors shall be admitted to the Conference Room except upon vote of the Commission.

That after 11 o'clock, and until the hour of noon recess, informal complaints shall be considered and visitors received.

That afternoon sessions shall be held at such hours as may be designated at the morning conference and shall be devoted to the consideration of such special calendar as may be appointed by the Commission.

That until otherwise ordered, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of each week the Commission shall meet in executive session for the consideration of administrative matters, and such special subjects as shall be placed upon the calendar for such meetings, and that no visitors shall be admitted to such executive sessions except upon order of the Commission.

The Commission took a recess from the hour of 12:30 p.m. to the hour of 2 o'clock.

The Commission reassembled at the hour of 2 o'clock, p.m.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

S. Frederick Taylor, of 108 Hudson Street, New York City, president of the Borden Condensed Milk Co., appeared before the Commission and informally presented problems concerning his industry.

Commissioner Parry reported designs for the official seal of the Commission, submitted by Tiffany & Co., New York, and by the Division of General Investigation. Commissioner Parry was authorized to secure the making of a seal. This action does not officially designate or approve the form of the seal, but is advisory in character only. The official approval of the seal will be made at a later date, when a design is submitted.

The matter of purchasing duplicating machines and other office devices was referred to Commissioner Parry.

Suggestions made by Edwin A. Krauthoff, Esq., Attorney at Law, concerning rules of procedure, were referred to Commissioner Rublee as a special committee having charge of the preparation of such rules.

Commissioner Parry reported the result of his investigation into the subject of printing of forms of the Department, whereupon the following resolution, introduced by Commissioner Hurley and seconded by Commissioner Harris, was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That no order shall be executed for any printing or binding of any kind, nor shall any form for the same be adopted, until after the approval of the Commissioner having in charge the general subject of printing and binding; and until further notice Commissioner Parry is designated as having direction of this subject; and he is authorized to give all directions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Mr. C. D. Chamberlin, Secretary of the National Petroleum Association, accompanied by Messrs. Oliver and Butler, appeared before the Commission to make a statement concerning a proposed organization of independent petroleum refiners to lease and operate certain oil lands of the Osage Nation. At the suggestion of the Secretary of the Interior he desired to submit to the Federal Trade Commission the proposed plan of organization and operation in order to obtain the opinion of the Commission as to its legality or propriety. In this connection he submitted a copy of a letter to the Secretary of the Interior outlining the said plan. The Commission advised him that it had no authority to pass on the legality of the proposed plan under the powers conferred on it by its organic act or by the Clayton Act.

Commissioner Harris reported that the Secretary to the President had sent him a list of certain unused furniture of the Executive Offices which could be turned over to the Commission. Commissioner Harris was authorized to take whatever steps were necessary to secure the use of said furniture.

Commissioner Parry reported specifications and proposals received for furniture for the offices of the Commissioners and the Board Room. Commis-

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sioners Rublee and Parry were constituted a special committee to select the furniture, with full power to act.

Commissioner Harris made a preliminary report on the subject of official stenographic and reporting services, and was granted further time.

Commissioner Parry brought up the matter of the inquiry on Resale Price Maintenance, and suggested the importance of a continuation of the investigation and the completion of the report thereon under the direction of C. E. LaVigne, Special Agent. After a thorough discussion it was decided that the matter should be referred to the Chairman to be disposed of in accordance with his best judgment.

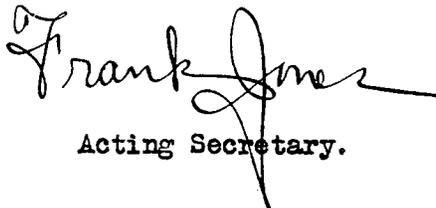
Commissioner Rublee was constituted a committee to make recommendations concerning a law library for the Commission.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 6 o'clock, p.m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

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MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 17, 1915, 10:30 A. M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

Memorandum of E. S. Bradford, of the Division of General Investigation, re compiling data on interlocking directorates and submitting form letter for the purpose of securing information to establish the identity of directors of the same, or similar names, etc., was considered and laid on the table for future consideration.

Mr. J. G. Weatherly, of Brunswick, Ga., candidate for the office of Secretary of the Commission, appeared before the Commission and made a statement concerning his qualifications for the office.

William Butterworth, Floyd R. Todd and C. W. Mansur, all of Moline, Ill., appeared before the Commission and made an informal statement concerning certain problems concerning the agricultural implement industry in reference to its Canadian trade. It appeared to the Commission that the matter did not properly come within the jurisdiction of the Commission, and arrangements were therefore made to secure a hearing for the gentlemen named from Dr. E. E. Pratt, Chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, of the Department of Commerce.

A letter from the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, dated April 13, 1915, stating that, appreciating the way in which the Federal Trade

Commission had taken up its work, and its attitude toward business interests, the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, in a spirit of cooperation, had named a committee the duty of which will be to keep in close touch with the Commission, with a view to being helpful in its work, was read. The committee named is as follows:

Charles Piez, Link-Belt Co., Chicago, Chairman,
 William Butterworth, Deere & Co., Moline, Ill.,
 U. G. Orendorff, Parlin & Orendorff Co., Canton, Ill.,
 Theodore W. Robinson, Illinois Steel Co., Chicago,
 Fritz Worm, German-American Portland Cement Co., LaSalle, Ill.,
 Arthur Meeker, Armour & Co., Chicago,
 A. H. Mulliken, Pettibone, Mulliken & Co., Chicago,
 H. G. Herget, Pekin Wagon Co., Pekin, Ill.,
 D. E. Felt, Felt & Tarrant Mfg. Co., Chicago,
 P. A. Peterson, Union Furniture Co., Rockford, Ill.,
 F. E. Nulsen, Missouri Malleable Iron Co., East St. Louis, Ill.

The Chairman was requested to express the appreciation of the Commission, and to assure the Illinois Manufacturers' Association that the Commission will be pleased to have the cooperation of the Association.

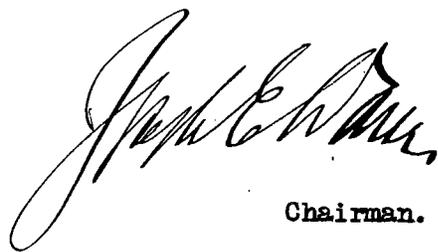
At the hour of 11 o'clock, a.m., the Commission went into conference with the Advisory Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, and remained in session with said committee until the hour of 2:30 o'clock, p.m. Those present at the conference were:

Harry A. Wheeler, Chairman of the committee, former president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, Chicago, Ill.
 Guy E. Tripp, Chairman of the Board, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., New York, N. Y.
 Alfred B. Koch, President, National Retail Dry Goods Association, Toledo, Ohio,
 Rush C. Butler, Lawyer, Chicago, Ill.,
 W. L. Saunders, President, Ingersoll-Rand Co., New York, N. Y.,
 Alexander W. Smith, Lawyer, Smith, Hammond & Smith, Atlanta, Ga.,
 Dr. I. C. White, Mining Conservationist and State Geologist of West Virginia, University of West Virginia,
 Elliott H. Goodwin, General Secretary, Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America,
 John M. Redpath, Chief, Information Division, Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America.

Members of the committee who were not present were:

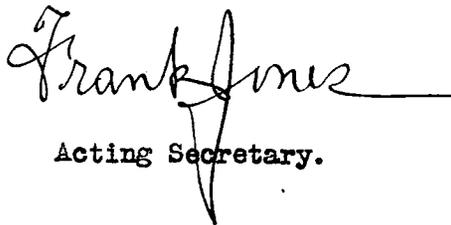
Joseph P. Cotton, Attorney, Spooner & Cotton, New York, N. Y.,
Prof. Henry R. Seager, Professor of Economics, Columbia
University, New York, N. Y.

At the conclusion of the conference the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, April 19th, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock, a.m., and Mr. Raymond B. Stevens, of the legal staff, was invited to appear before the Commission at that hour to make suggestions concerning rules of procedure.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 19, 1915, 10:30 A. M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

Commissioner Hurley presented the idea of the Commission being constructively helpful to the manufacturers and merchants of the country by working out standardized plans of accounting, to be offered to them as a suggested means of making it possible for them to more accurately ascertain the cost of doing business and of determining their actual financial condition and also enabling them to present their claims for bank credits in a proper manner. Mr. Hurley explained that it was not his idea that the proposed system of accounting should be a compulsory one but that it should be offered only by way of suggestion and in the spirit of helpfulness to men of business, both large and small. He stated that the Federal Reserve Board and the Department of Commerce were both working on this same matter and suggested that the Federal Trade Commission should work in harmony with these other bodies. The suggestion made by Commissioner Hurley met with the unanimous approval of the Commission, and upon motion of Commissioner Rublee, seconded by Commissioner Parry, Commissioner Hurley was appointed a special committee to devise bookkeeping plans along the lines suggested, to confer with the Federal Reserve Board and the Department of Commerce, and to report the results of his efforts and conferences to the Commission for approval.

Raymond B. Stevens, Special Attorney, appeared before the Commission and made suggestions concerning the disposal of informal complaints, and also concerning rules of procedure.

Mr. W. L. Petrikin, of Denver, Colo., Vice President of the Great Western Sugar Co., appeared before the Commission and briefly outlined a plan for a Beet Sugar Information Bureau, as follows:

The country is to be divided into zones; the brokers representing beet sugar manufacturers in each zone shall report to the Bureau daily the quantities of sugar sold with the prices and terms of sale, and the quantities offered firm with prices and terms. These prices are to be for a base point in each zone. To be of much value all or nearly all beet sugar manufacturers must be affiliated with the Bureau. The Bureau will furnish this information to anyone subscribing and paying for it regardless of whether they are in any branch of the sugar business or not. Mr. Petrikin expressly stated it would not be the purpose of the Information Bureau to fix prices, or perform any function that might result in restraint of trade, but that the sole object of the Bureau would be to advise all persons interested in the industry concerning conditions affecting it.

No official action was taken.

Dean Gay, of the School of Business Administration, of Harvard University, and A. M. Shaw, editor of "System," appeared before the Commission and upon invitation made informal statements in which they expressed the view that they deemed the chief function of the Commission to be that of helpfulness to business.

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A committee, composed of:

Carl Scholz, Chairman,
 Vice Pres., Consolidated Indiana Coal Co.,
 39 W. Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.
 Walter S. Bogle, Pres., Walter S. Bogle Co. (Inc.),
 Fisher Building,
 Chicago, Ill.
 Hugh Shirkie,
 Shirkie Coal Mining Co.,
 Terre Haute, Ind.
 M. L. Gould,
 Gould Coal Washing and Mining Co.,
 Indianapolis, Ind.
 John T. Connery,
 Miami Coal Co.,
 McCormick Building, Chicago, Ill.
 J. F. Callbreath,
 Secy., American Mining Congress,
 Munsey Building, Washington, D. C.

Also present: Michael Gallagher, (Mr. Bogle's personal attorney; not member of committee), Chicago, Ill.,

and claiming to represent 80 per cent of the coal operators of the State of Indiana, appeared before the Commission for the purpose of holding an informal conference, and explained a proposed plan of cooperation among the Indiana operators, which plan is more fully set forth in File 8508-10-1. They asked from the Commissioners assurances of freedom from criminal prosecution if they put their plan into effect, provided they conducted their business openly and immediately ceased cooperating or performing any function under their plan of cooperation, if so ordered by the Commission. They were informed that the Commission had no authority to grant such assurances, or to authorize such combination. Upon their request the Commission arranged an appointment between them and Hon. George Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, of the Department of Justice, for 9:30 a.m., April 20th.

At the hour of 1:00 o'clock, p.m., the Commission took a recess until 2 p.m.

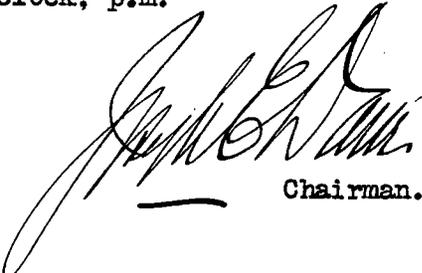
The Commission reassembled at 2 o'clock, p.m.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

The committee representing the Indiana Coal Operators continued its statement.

Commissioner Parry was authorized to arrange, if possible, the removal of the Division of Accounts and Supplies from its present quarters in order that the space now occupied by it might be given over to the legal department.

The Commission adjourned at 5 o'clock, p.m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

April 20, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 20, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Parry, seconded by Commissioner Hurley, and unanimously adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED: That all informal complaints and requests for opinions now pending before the Commission be referred to a temporary board of review, which shall consist of three special attorneys, to be appointed by the Chairman of this Commission.

Said board of review is constituted to serve for the purpose above named, and to perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to it by the Commission. Upon the creation of the board of review contemplated in the plan of permanent organization, this temporary board of review shall cease to exist.

The temporary board of review shall elect its own chairman, and shall make its reports and recommendations on each complaint or other matter referred to it in writing.

The Chairman thereupon named Special Attorneys McDonald, Walsh and Stevens as said temporary Board of Review.

Commissioner Harris submitted a letter from C. R. Bartlett, of the Census Bureau, in reference to equipment of multigraphs, etc. Referred to Commissioner Parry, who has the matter of equipment in charge.

A letter was read from Dr. E. E. Pratt, Acting Secretary, Department of Commerce, stating that the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce desires to begin a study of roofing and roofing materials, and

particularly the competition between shingles and other roofing, under the direction of Mr. T. M. Robertson, Special Examiner, of this Commission, on or about May 5th. The matter was referred to Commissioner Parry for the purpose of holding a conference with Dr. Pratt.

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After a general discussion concerning the plan of organization, and numerous matters of administrative detail, upon which no definite action was taken, at 1 o'clock, p.m., the Commission took a recess until the hour of 2 o'clock, p.m.

The Commission reassembled at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry

Mr. James O'Donnell, proprietor of retail drug stores at 904 F Street, and at 901 F Street and 13th and G Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., and Mr. M. G. Gibbs, proprietor of retail drug stores at 7th and K Streets, and 7th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C., appeared informally before the Commission. Mr. O'Donnell stated that he was doing the largest strictly drug business in any one store in the United States. Mr. O'Donnell was spokesman in presenting informal complaints with particular reference to laxative bromo quinine and Pluto water, two commodities that it was claimed Mr. Gibbs and Mr. O'Donnell find great trouble in buying because they refuse to maintain the resale price. Mr. O'Donnell stated that they were known as price cutters and desired to make their complaint jointly. These gentlemen were advised that if they made a written complaint to the Com-

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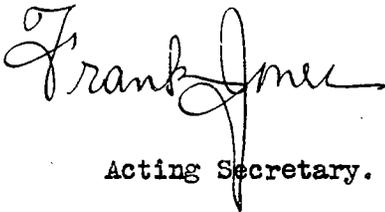
mission, submitting evidence of prima facie proof, that the same would receive due consideration.

The Commission adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 21, 1915, 10:30 A. M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

The Commission took up for consideration matters of internal organization until the hour of 11 o'clock, a.m., when Joseph P. Cotton, Esq., of the New York bar appeared before the Commission, upon its invitation, and informally discussed the future work and policy of the Commission with reference particularly to procedure under Section 5 of the Act, and also as to the general powers of the Commission and their exercise, and also as to a possible investigation and report on combinations in export trade.

The Commission took under consideration the advisability of holding informal hearings in a number of commercial centers, with a view to ascertaining views of manufacturers and exporters as to the effective methods of developing American export trade; the advisability of calling upon commercial and industrial organizations to submit such information and recommendations as they may desire to make as to the consolidation of selling agencies, and the development of credit and exchange facilities, with a view to working out in a constructive way an effective plan for the successful competition of American manufacturers in the markets of the world, was also discussed. The matter was laid on the table for further discussion.

At the hour of 1:30 p.m. the Commission went into conference with Hon. George Carroll Todd, Assistant Attorney General, for the purpose of discussing phases of the Commission's work closely allied to those of the Department of Justice, with a view to bringing about coordination of effort and policy between the Department of Justice and the Commission. The conference was continued until the hour of 4:30 o'clock, p.m., and many of the possible relations between the Commission and the Department of Justice were discussed, with the result that a mutual understanding of cooperation and coordination of effort was reached. At the conclusion of the conference, upon motion unanimously adopted by the Commission, the Chairman was requested to express to the Attorney General of the United States, and to Mr. Todd, the thanks of the Commission for the very satisfactory assurances given by them of the spirit of cooperation, on the part of the Department of Justice, with the pledge of reciprocal coordination of effort on the part of

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the Commission.

At the hour of 4:30 p.m. the Commission took a recess until the hour of 5 o'clock, p.m.

At the hour of 5 o'clock, p.m., the Commission reassembled.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
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The Commission held an informal conference with Edward Wise, Vice President, United Cigar Stores Co., of 44 West 18th Street, New York City, who was accompanied by and introduced to the Commission by Hon. Charles C. Carlin, Member of Congress from Virginia. Mr. Wise made the statement that the United Cigar Stores Co. has been discussing the desirability of acquiring stock of the Riker Hegeman Drug Co., and merging the stocks of the two corporations into a holding company. (See File 8501-20-1.) On behalf of the United Cigar Stores Co. he desired to ascertain the attitude of the Commission as to such merger. He stated that the two companies were in no sense competing corporations, except for the fact that the Riker Hegeman Co. sells cigars and cigarettes in its stores as an incident to the drug business, and as one of its many departments. He stated that during the year 1914 the total sales of the United Cigar Stores Co. amounted to approximately \$29,000,000, and that the total cigar and tobacco sales of the Riker Hegeman Co. amounted to approximately \$2,000,000 out of a total of approximately \$15,000,000 of all sales of said drug company. He claimed

that by reason of the fact that the cigar business of the drug company constitutes a very small percentage of its total business that the proposed acquisition and merger would not tend to create a monopoly, and that such acquisition, if effected, would effect a great saving to both corporations. Congressman Carlin, expressly stating that he did not appear as attorney for Mr. Wise, or either of the corporations affected by the proposed merger, urged upon the Commission that it had power under the Act to give affirmative relief in such matters, and that as a member of the legislative body creating the Commission he was of the opinion that it should take jurisdiction in such matters. He said that otherwise the Commission would fail of the purpose for which it was created, and that instead of affording relief to the business world, it would simply mark time and be a menace rather than a help to business.

The Commission decided that with the inadequate statement of facts presented by Mr. Wise it could not reach a decision, and that it would not at this time decide whether it had jurisdiction in the premises, but that if Mr. Wise would furnish a full statement of facts that the same would receive careful consideration. Members of the Commission informally expressed the opinion to Mr. Wise that the Commission did not have jurisdiction, and that it could not put the seal of approval upon any plan of merger or other form of combination, and that it could not decide moot questions. Thereupon, on motion made by Commissioner Rublee, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the whole matter was taken under advisement pending the submission by Mr. Wise of additional facts and statements concerning the proposed plan of organization, the volume of business done by both companies, and the degree of competition between the companies, etc., with the distinct understanding that there

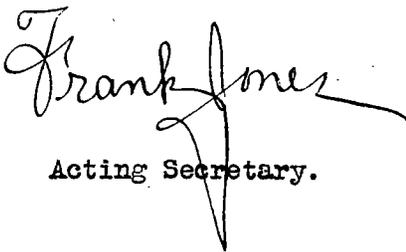
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was no implied promise on the part of the Commission that it would give a definite answer after such additional facts were presented.

At the hour of 6:15 p.m., the meeting adjourned.


Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 22, 1915, 10:30 A. M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

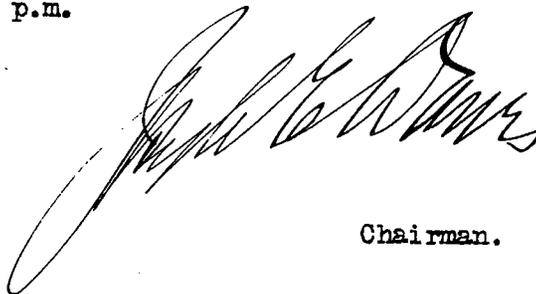
The following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That Frank D. Jones be and is hereby appointed Special Examiner, to be temporarily assigned to the office of the Secretary, at a salary of \$2400 per annum.

The monthly report of the Chief Clerk on personnel and work performed, for the month of March, 1915, was read.

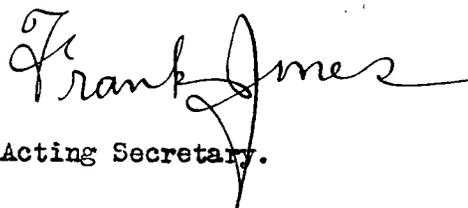
The Commission then went into executive session for the consideration of matters of internal organization. The whole day's session was given to these matters.

Adjournment was had at 6:00 p.m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 23, 1915, 10:30 A.M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

Letter of Hon. E. F. Sweet, Acting Secretary of Commerce, suggesting the appointment of an official of the Federal Trade Commission to confer with a representative of the Bureau of the Census relative to furnishing of information as to the personnel of the Commission for the Official Register (see File All62), was referred to Commissioner Harris.

Letter of the Secretary of Agriculture, Hon. David F. Houston, suggesting cooperation between the Department of Agriculture and the Commis-

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sion in the marketing and distribution of agricultural commodities, and suggesting conferences between Messrs. Caffey and Brand, of the Department, and the Commission, was read. It was directed that an appointment be made subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture. (See File All59)

The matter of proposed hearings on export trade was referred to Commissioner Hurley for further investigation and report as to time, place and form of such hearings.

The following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That temporarily all informal complaints made to the Commission be carded to the Acting Secretary and assigned by him for preliminary briefs to such members of the legal force whose services are available; that one copy each of such briefs be handed to each Commissioner, and all papers with reference to such complaints then turned over to the Board of Review, in accordance with resolution of the Commission dated April 20, 1915.

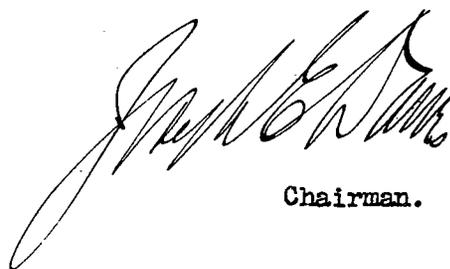
Letter of Mr. W. H. Paulhamus, president of the Puyallup and Summer Fruit Growers' Association, of Puyallup, Wash., submitting proposed plan of Fruit Growers' Council of Pacific Northwestern States for marketing their apples by mutual cooperation through an association operated without profit (see File All97), was read. The Acting Secretary was ordered to refer this communication to the legal division and the economic division, and to submit their report to the Board of Review.

The matter of taking the necessary steps to secure for the Commissioners the privileges of the Congressional Library was re-

ferred to Commissioner Harris.

A telegram was read from Robert Newton Lynch, Vice President and Manager of San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, advising the Commission that on May 3d a party of prominent Chinese merchants, appointed by Board of Commerce of China, would arrive in the United States to make a seventy-day tour in the interest of increased commercial intercourse. Several of the Departments have delegated representatives to accompany the party, and Mr. Lynch invites the Trade Commission to delegate a representative to accompany the party on the entire trip. Commissioner Parry was directed to express the regrets of the Commission that it could not accept the invitation to accompany the party.

The Commission thereupon adjourned, to meet Monday morning, April 26, 1915, at 10:30 a.m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

April 24, 1915. No meeting held.

April 26, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 26, 1915, 10:30 A.M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

The Commission was engaged in a discussion of the plan of organization until 1:00 p.m.

At the hour of 1:00 o'clock, p.m., the Commission took a recess until 3:00 p.m.

At the hour of 1:00 o'clock, p.m., the Commission reassembled.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

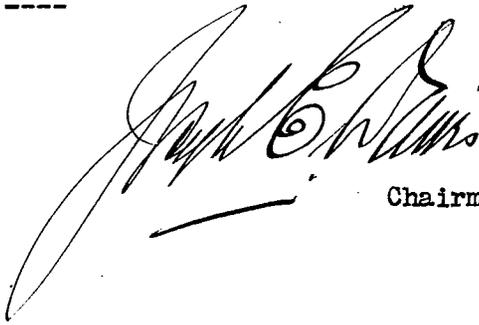
Commissioner Parry announced that an appointment had been made for Friday, April 30th, at 10:30 a.m., for a conference with Messrs. Caffey and Brand, of the Department of Agriculture, in accordance with the directions of the Commission at the meeting of April 24th.

The following members of the Economic Division were called before the Commission and requested to make suggestions as to the proper plan of organizing the economic work of the Commission:

Mr. Robertson
Mr. Bradford
Mr. Wing
Mr. Morrow
Mr. Durand
Mr. Edgerton
Mr. Notz

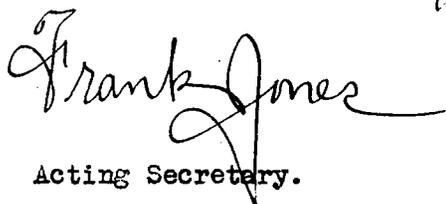
Dr. Walker was invited, but was unable to attend because of illness.

The Commission adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 27, 1915, 10:30 A.M.

- Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
- Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
- William J. Harris
- Will H. Parry
- George Rublee

Appointment was made with Mr. J. Wilson Howe, Coal Freight Agent, The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, of Richmond, Va., and Mr. R. H. Gross, President of the White Oak Coal Company (See File A 1326), for a conference with the Commission on April 28th at 10:30 a.m.

Letter of William A. Marble, President of The Merchants' Association of New York, dated April 23rd (File No. A 1328), offering the assembly room of the Association for hearings on foreign trade, was

referred to Commissioner Hurley.

Letter of B. M. Ralston, of Indianapolis, Ind., dated April 22nd (File A 1272), with reference to The Pan American Trades Association, was referred to Commissioner Hurley.

Letter of F. D. Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Hardware Manufacturers' Association, dated April 22nd (File A 1265), transmitting resolution of the American Hardware Manufacturers' Association, was referred to the Acting Secretary for the preparation of a letter of reply.

Letter of W. C. Culkins, Executive Secretary of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, dated April 21, 1915 (File A 1223), transmitting resolution of the Chamber of Commerce urging the amendment of the Clayton Act and the Sherman Anti-Trust Act to permit the cooperation of exporters in foreign trade, was referred to Commissioner Hurley.

Letter of Frank W. Connor, dated April 24th (File A 1327), making application for a position with the Federal Trade Commission, was referred to the Acting Secretary for acknowledgment and file.

Letter of W. H. S. Stevens, dated April 22nd (File A 1230), was referred to Dr. Walker, to report as to the advisability of making him an offer of a position as Assistant Economist.

Report of Commissioner Parry transmitting memorandum of the Chief Clerk with reference to the desirability of the appointment of an employee to have charge of printing and binding for the Commission was presented, and the matter was referred to Commissioner Parry.

Commissioner Parry reported that telephone service for the Commission up to 6:00 p.m. had been arranged for. He was authorized to arrange for an additional trunk line.

Dr. Francis Walker appeared before the Commission and made recommendations regarding the form of organization of the Commission.

Commissioner Parry made report as to various administrative blank forms, and also as to the question of payment of salaries by check or in cash. He was authorized to act in the matter of the approval of forms. It was decided that payment of salaries should be by check.

Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer appeared before the Commission, and recommended the appointment of Norman B. Dreher as chief official stenographer or reporter.

Mr. William R. Barnes, President, C. M. Barnes-Wilcox Co., (Wholesale school books), 323 So. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., appeared before the Commission and made a statement in re an informal complaint (File 5435-110). The matter was referred to the Board of Review for further investigation.

At the hour of 1:00 p.m. the Commission took a recess until the

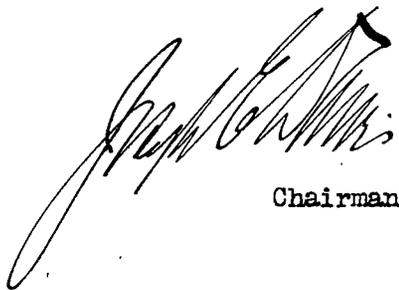
hour of 3:00 p.m.

The Commission reassembled at the hour of 3:00 p.m.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
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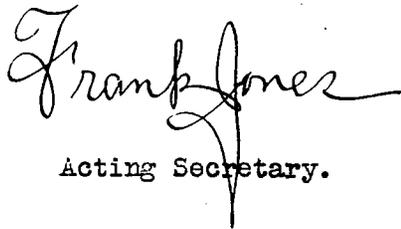
The afternoon session was devoted to a consideration of organization.

The Commission adjourned at the hour of 5:00 o'clock, p.m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

APRIL 28, 1915, 10:30 A.M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

J. Wilson Howe, Coal Freight Agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, Richmond, Va., and Mr. R. H. Gross, of Boston, Mass., President of the White Oak Coal Company (a subsidiary of

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the New River Company), appeared before the Commission and informally discussed proposed methods of cooperation among the coal operators of the New River field to increase the exports of New River coal. (For correspondence see File A 1326). The Chairman asked Mr. Gross to submit a written statement of the reasons for such cooperation, together with an outline of the plan contemplated for the further consideration of the Commission.

Letter of Mr. Ralph Crews, dated April 26th (File A 1346), requesting a hearing for the Franklin County Coal Operators' Association, was referred to Commissioner Parry, who made appointment for hearing at 11:30 a.m., Friday, May 7th.

Letter of A. J. Eddy, of Chicago, Ill., (File A 1281) was read, and it was directed that an invitation be extended Mr. Eddy to appear before the Commission.

Memorandum of T. M. Robertson (File 8008) re address of Mr. Austin Cary, of the Forest Service, before West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association, February 27, 1915, and accompanying papers, ordered referred to Commissioners in turn for consideration.

Letter of Dean Edwin F. Gay, dated April 26, 1915 (File A 1359), was referred to Commissioner Hurley.

Dr. Walker continued his discussion of the proposed organization of the Commission.

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Mr. Edward Wise, Vice President of the United Cigar Stores Company, accompanied by S. M. Stroock and Hon. C. C. Carlin, presented a brief entitled "In the Matter of the Power of the Federal Trade Commission to give 'Advice, Definite Guidance, and Information' to Business men Concerning Proposed Business Projects in so far as they are or may be Affected by Existing Law." He also submitted a tabulated list showing the following: (a) Sales of United Cigar Stores Company by cities for the year 1914; (b) Sales of the Various Tobacco Products by the Riker-Hegeman Company for the year 1914; (c) The total sales of all kinds of merchandise of the Riker-Hegeman Company for the year 1914 (Receiving No. A 1384).

At 5 o'clock, p.m., the Commission adjourned.

Edward M. Hurley

Vice Chairman.

Attest:

Frank Jones

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Commissioner Hurley was authorized to go to Boston at such time as he may find convenient for the purpose of discussing a proposed system of uniform accounting with Dean Gay, of Harvard School of Business Administration, and to take with him such clerks and other employees of the Commission as he may deem necessary. He was also authorized to arrange for compilation of a classified list of corporations from the records of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, for use by the Commission in connection with the proposed system of uniform accounting.

The Commission took under further consideration the matter of organization.

At 1 o'clock, p.m., the Commission took a recess until the hour of 3 o'clock, p.m.

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The Commission reassembled at 3 o'clock, p.m.

Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
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Commissioner Rublee reported that he had made an appointment with Louis D. Brandeis, Esq., of Boston, to appear before the Commission at 9 o'clock, a.m., April 30th.

The Commission then continued the consideration of the form of organization.

At the hour of 5 o'clock, p.m., the Commission adjourned to the hour of 9 o'clock, a.m., April 30th.

Edward N. Hurley
Vice Chairman.

Attest:

Frank Jones
Acting Secretary.

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Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

Louis D. Brandeis, Esq., of Boston, Mass., upon invitation, appeared before the Commission and made several suggestions as to the functions and powers of the Commission, and also as to rules of practice and procedure.

(See stenographic report - File A 1591)

At the hour of 10:30 o'clock, a.m., the Commission had a conference with Mr. Francis G. Caffey, Solicitor of the Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Charles J. Brand, Chief of the Office of Markets and Rural Organization, Department of Agriculture, concerning the activities of the said Office of Markets with respect to cooperative organizations among farmers and the relation of the activities of the Department of Agriculture in this connection with the activities of the Federal Trade Commission. Mr. Brand, in addition to his statement to the Commission, agreed to furnish certain additional data from the files of the Department and to cooperate in any way that might be desired by the Commission. (See stenographic report, File A 1594).

Commissioner Parry reported in re memorandum of T. M. Robertson (File 8008) re address of Mr. Austin Cary, of the Forest Service, before the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association, February 27, 1915, recommending that the suggestions made by Mr. Robertson be approved. The report was adopted.

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The Acting Chairman was authorized to request the Department of Justice to furnish to the legal department of the Commission access to the report made by the Department of Justice in an investigation of the facts applying to a complaint filed by the Columbus Collar Pad Co. against the American Pad & Textile Co., a complaint similar to that heretofore filed with the Department of Justice having been informally filed with the Commission.

At the hour of 1:30 o'clock, p.m., the Commission adjourned to Monday, May 3rd, at the hour of 10:30 a.m.


Vice Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.