

March 31, 1916. No meeting held.  
April 1, 1916. No meeting held.  
April 2, 1916. Sunday.  
April 3, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 4, 1916. - 11:30 A. M.

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

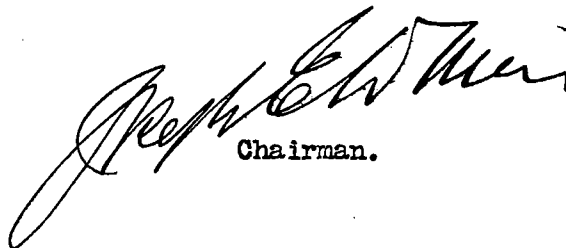
Dr. E. E. Pratt, Chief, Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce, attended the meeting of the Commission, and presented a draft of a proposed law on the subject of "Dumping." After discussion, and suggestions of additions and changes in the proposed bill, it was agreed that the matter should be further considered at a latter meeting.

The following resolution, introduced by Commissioner Parry and seconded by Vice-Chairman Hurley, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to increase the credit of \$20,000 and authorize the Auditor for the State and other Departments to honor requisitions for advance of public funds, drawn in favor of Mr. George Johannes as a Special Disbursing Agent for the Federal Trade Commission under his bond of \$10,000 dated March 25, 1915, in amounts the aggregate of which shall not exceed at any one time twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) instead of \$20,000 which is the present authorization.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, April 5, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 5, 1916. -- 11:00 A. M.

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

The applications of The Silk Association of America, and the Henry Myer Thread Manufacturing Company, for leave to intervene in the following cases, were heard:

Federal Trade Commission v. Goldin Brothers,  
Federal Trade Commission v. A. Theo. Abbott & Co.,  
Federal Trade Commission v. Circle Cilk Co.

Mr. Walter Gordon Merritt appeared for The Silk Association of America, and Mr. Frank H. Drury for the Henry Myer Thread Manufacturing Company.

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Mr. Drury also entered his appearance as an attorney for A. Theo. Abbott & Company.

The Chairman announced that the decision of the Commission on the applications to intervene would be announced within one week.

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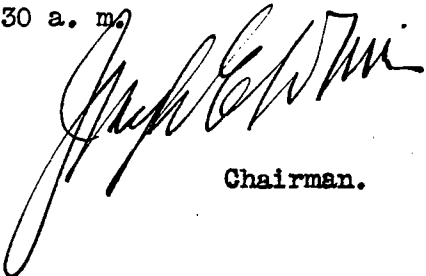
Report of Vice-Chairman Hurley, file 1-162, application of Bernard Rice's Sons v. Apollo Metal Works for issuance of a complaint, presented. Report approved, ruling adopted, and application denied.

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The application of John Skelton Williams for issuance of complaint against the Freeport Texas Co. et al (file 1-40), was called up by Vice Chairman Hurley, and after discussion by ~~unanimous~~ consent the matter was referred to the Law Board of Review for preparation of ruling, dismissing such application.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 11:00 a. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, April 6, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 6, 1916, 11:00 A. M.

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

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Dr. Walker and Professor Haney were called into the meeting, and a draft of the proposed preliminary report to the Senate and House of Representatives concerning the investigation of gasoline prices was called up by the Chairman, and discussed.

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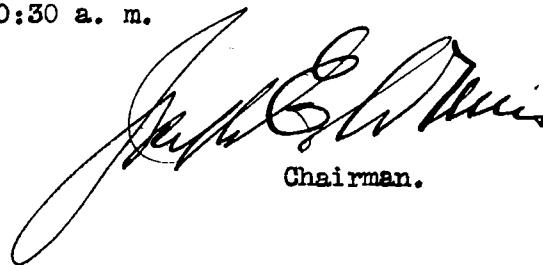
Commissioner Parry reported an interview with Mr. C. W. Lea, Treasurer of the Hewitt-Lea-Funck Company, and after discussion, by unanimous consent, the matter was referred to the Docket Division, to be filed as an application for a complaint.

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Commissioner Parry reported that he had conferred with Geo. S. Davison and George C. Greer, and that they would appear before the Commission on April 17 for the purpose of presenting their objections to the Commission's report on Pipe-Line Transportation of Petroleum.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 12:00 Noon, the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, April 7, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

April 10, 1916.

April 7, 1916. No meeting held.

April 8, 1916. No meeting held.

April 9, 1916. Sunday.

## MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 10, 1916, 3:30 P. M.

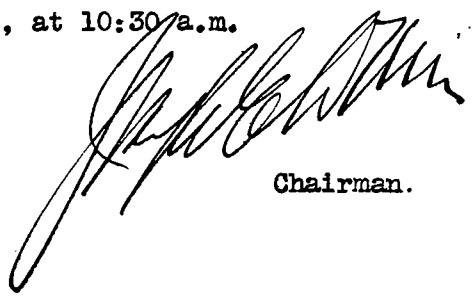
Joseph E. Davies, Chairman  
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman  
William J. Harris  
Will H. Parry  
George Rublee

The Commission entered upon the further consideration of the draft of a proposed bill permitting cooperation in American export trade, Mr. G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, being present and taking part in the discussion.

The following motion, offered by Vice Chairman Hurley, and seconded by Chairman Davies, was unanimously carried:

Moved that of the proposed forms of statute permitting cooperation in Foreign Trade, that Number Two hereto attached be adopted by the Commission as the form which it shall recommend, as embodying the principles most to be desired in legislation of this kind.

Thereupon, at the hour of 5:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 11, 1916, at 10:30 a.m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

April 11, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 12, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

The order permitting The Silk Association of America, and the Henry Myer Thread Manufacturing Company, to intervene in the following cases, was approved and entered of record (see order):

Federal Trade Commission v. A. Theo. Abbott & Company  
Federal Trade Commission v. Circle Gilk Company

ORDERED, That the hearings in the above case be set for May 8th, 1916, at 10:00 a. m.

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The matter of the Commission's approval of the proposed bill on the subject of "Dumping," as presented by Dr. E. E. Pratt, was called up by the Chairman, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that one week would be given for further consideration of the proposed bill by each Commissioner; and if not objected to, it would be considered to have the approval of the Commission.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, April 13, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

April 17, 1916.

April 13, 1916. No meeting held.  
April 14, 1916. No meeting held.  
April 15, 1916. No meeting held.  
April 16, 1916. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 17, 1916, 11:00 A. M.

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

Chairman Davies reported that Senator Joseph E. Ransdell had called to inquire whether or not the Commission could undertake the further investigation of certain aspects of the sisal hemp controversy, which is now before the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

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The following resolution, offered by Commissioner Parry and seconded by Commissioner Rublee, was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission has reason to believe that the Shredded Wheat Company of New York has violated, and is violating, the provisions of Section 5 of the Trade Commission Act, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Commission issue and serve upon said Shredded Wheat Company of New York its complaint, stating its charges in that respect in substantially the form hereunto annexed, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That notice be given to the said Shredded Wheat Company of New York, as required by law, that the charges of said complaint will be heard by the Commission at its office in the Commerce Building, in the City of Washington, D. C., on the first day of June, 1916, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached.

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The following resolution, offered by Commissioner Parry and seconded by Commissioner Rublee, was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission has reason to believe that the A. B. Dick Company of New Jersey, the A. B. Dick Company of Illinois, and the Neostyle Company have violated, and are violating, the provisions of Section 3 of the Clayton Act, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Commission issue and serve upon said A. B. Dick Company of New Jersey, said A. B. Dick Company of Illinois, and said Neostyle Company, its complaint, stating its charges in that respect in substantially the form hereunto annexed, and be it

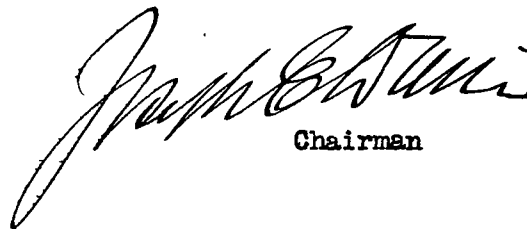
FURTHER RESOLVED: That notice be given to the said A. B. Dick Company of New Jersey, the said A. B. Dick Company of Illinois, and the said Neostyle Company, as required by law, that the charges of said complaint will be heard by the Commission at its office in the Commerce Building, in the City of Washington, D. C., on the 31st day of May, 1916, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached.

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Commissioner Rublee presented a letter from Ralph M. Shaw, of Chicago, dated April 12th, asking for a hearing before the Commission on the application of the Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corporation for a ruling, (file 2-102). After discussion the request was unanimously granted, and the Secretary directed to advise Mr. Shaw of the action of the Commission, and to arrange a date for the hearing.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 18, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

  
Chairman

Attest:

  
Secretary.

April 18, 1916.

## MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 18, 1916, 10:00 A. M.

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

The following gentlemen appeared before the Commission, and presented certain objections to the Letter of Submittal and Summary of Conclusions of the report of the Federal Trade Commission on Pipe-Line Transportation of Petroleum:

Mr. Geo. S. Davison, President, Gulf Pipe Line Co. of Oklahoma,

Mr. F. C. Proctor, General Counsel, Gulf Refining Co. of Louisiana,

Mr. George G. Greer, General Counsel, Magnolia Petroleum Co.,

Mr. E. R. Brown, General Manager, Magnolia Petroleum Co.,

Mr. S. L. Herold, representing Gulf Pipe Line Co., etc., and Magnolia Petroleum Co.

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At 1:00 o'clock p. m. a recess was taken until 2:00 p. m.

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

The Commission reassembled at the hour of 2:00 p. m., and hearing continued.

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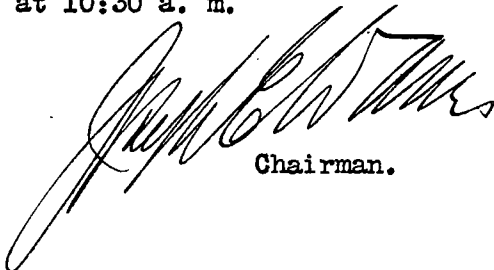
The following resolution, introduced by Commissioner Parry and seconded by Commissioner Harris, was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Senate of the United States has directed the Federal Trade Commission to act upon the proposition heretofore made by the Comision Reguladora del Mercado de Henequen in the place of the sub-committee of the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, and report thereon as soon as possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, That the Commission shall conduct an inquiry into the matters referred to in said resolution of the United States Senate, and conduct such investigation as may be necessary to carry into effect the intents and purposes of said resolution.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 6:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, April 19, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

April 19, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 20, 1916, 11:00 A. M.

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

The Chairman reported that he had advised Dr. E. E. Pratt, Chief, Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce, that the Commission had approved the bill on the subject of "dumping," which he had presented to the Commission.

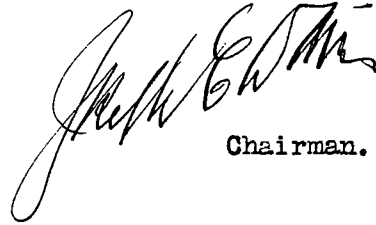
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ORDERED, That the salary of R. E. Belt be increased from \$2,340.00 per annum to \$3,000.00 per annum, the same to become effective May 1st, 1916.

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April 22, 1916.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:45 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, April 21, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

April 21, 1916. No meeting held.

## MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 22, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

The matter of promotions of the employees of the Commission was called up by the Chairman, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that a committee, consisting of Commissioner Harris, Chairman Davies, and Commissioner Parry take charge of the matter, and after investigation report their recommendations to the entire Commission.

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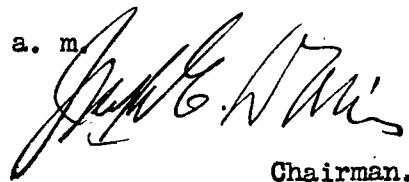
The matter of the employment of Mr. Dickson was called up, and after discussion the Chairman and Commissioner Rublee were unanimously appointed a committee to consider the matter, and report to the Commission.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 11:30 a. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, April 24, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

  
Chairman.

April 23, 1916. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 24, 1916, 3:30 P. M.

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

Vice Chairman Hurley presented a draft of a proposed bill relating to the organization of associations engaged in export trade, and after consideration the bill, as presented, was unanimously approved, and ordered filed as a part of the record.

The draft of the proposed bill follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

The words "export trade" wherever used in this act mean solely trade or commerce in goods, wares or merchandise exported, or in the course of being exported from the United States or any territory thereof to any foreign Nation; but the words "export trade" shall not be deemed to include the production or manufacture of such goods, wares or merchandise or any act in the course of production or manufacture.

The words "trade within the United States" wherever used in this act mean trade or commerce among the several States or in any territory of the United States or of the District of Columbia or between any such territory and another or between any such territory or territories and any State or States or the District of Columbia or between the District of Columbia and any State or States.

The word "association" wherever used in this act means any corporation or combination by contract or otherwise of two or more persons.

Section 2. Nothing contained in the act entitled "An Act to Protect Trade and Commerce Against Unlawful Restraints and Monopolies," approved July second, eighteen hundred and ninety, shall be construed as declaring to be illegal an association entered into for the sole purpose of engaging in export trade and actually engaged solely in such trade, or an agreement made or act done in the course of export trade by such association, provided such agreement or act is not in restraint of trade within the United States.

Section 3. Nothing contained in Section 7 of the act entitled "An Act to Supplement Existing Laws against Unlawful Restraints and Monopolies and for Other Purposes," approved October fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, shall be construed to forbid the acquisition or ownership by any corporation of the whole or any part of the stock or other capital of any corporation organized solely for the purpose of engaging in export trade, and actually engaged solely in such export trade.

