

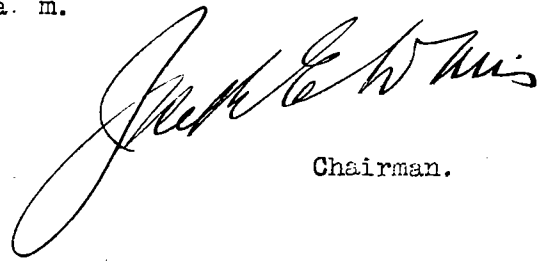
MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 3, 1916 - 3:30 P. M.

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


The Commission considered the report of the Chief Economist regarding a plan of investigation with reference to the recent advance in the price of gasoline. The report was referred to Commissioners Harris and Hurley for consideration, and to recommend a plan whereby the question of price discrimination, as well as price advance, could be investigated.

Thereupon, at the hour of 5:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet January 4, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 4, 1916 - 10:30 A. M.

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

Motion by Commissioner Parry, seconded by Vice Chairman Hurley, that hereafter in the order of business of the Commission in its meetings new matters shall be considered before committee reports. Unanimously adopted.

The Chairman presented a telegram from William J. Clark, advising that Ernest Thurnaeur would be pleased to appear before the Commission. The Secretary was directed to telegraph Mr. Clark, fixing the date for the appearance of Mr. Thurnaeur.

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The following communications, dealing with the price of oil and gasoline, were referred to Commissioners Harris and Hurley for consideration:

Letter, dated December 15, 1915, from Hon. G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, enclosing copies of letters from Charles B. Morrison. (File A 9443)

Letter dated December 14, 1915, from Congressman W. R. Smith, enclosing copy of letter of E. W. Adams. (File A 9432)

Letter dated December 29, 1915, from G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, enclosing copy from E. W. Adams. (File A 10029)

Two letters, each dated December 31, 1915, from Hon. G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, one enclosing communication from P. H. Callahan, President of the Louisville Varnish Company, and the other enclosing letter from H. L. Ruggles. (File 10089) (File 10088)

Telegram, dated December 27, 1915, from W. W. Ferish, of Houston, Texas.

Letter from Louis Hanitch, attorney at law, dated December 1, 1915, together with a statement of facts bearing date of December 9, 1915, complaining of certain existing conditions in the zinc smelting industry, were referred to the Docket Division.

Letter, dated December 9, 1915, from Beaumont, Smith & Harris, attorneys at law, Detroit, Michigan, asking advice as to whether or not a shipment from this country to Hawaii or the Philippines is export or domestic business, was referred to the Board of Review.

Letter, dated December 18, 1915, from Congressman Carl E. Mapes, of Michigan, calling attention to an alleged combination to control the sisal industry, was referred to the Docket Division.

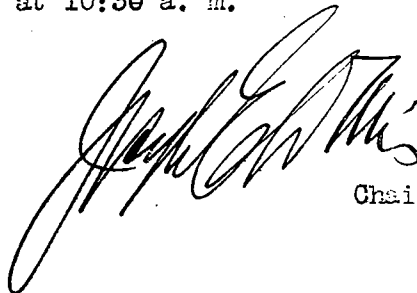
Resolutions directing the following action, with reference to the applications for issuance of complaints, as noted below, were

Applications for issuance of complaints:

- 1-9 W. H. Bellamy v. "Milling Trust," withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files.
- 1-61 Moses Bros. & Co. v. Scranton Dry Goods Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-70 Arthur Boyer v. Security Bridge Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-82 Harrisburg Retail Grocery Association v. an unnamed company. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-45 Boyd Lumber & Mill Co. v. two unnamed lumber companies. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-41 J. H. Revis v. certain merchants in Vernon, Ill. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-143 George F. Kelly v. Plumbers' Union (San Francisco, Cal.). Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-90 Home Lumber & Construction Co. v. two unnamed lumber companies. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-155 W. H. Millhollin v. Potosia Coal Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-141 Great Western Fisheries Co. v. banks in Seattle, Wash. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-87 O. C. Logan v. Tropico Mercantile Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-116 K. C. Auto Parts Co. v. Motor & Machinist Supply Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-85 Marx Brothers v. Hughs and Cleary. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-77 American Writing Machine Co. v. Typewriter Rebuilding Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-114 Western Laboratories, Inc., v. American Chicle Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-35 Application of John F. Nash for issuance of complaint against Fred Wyker Company. Report of Commissioner Parry adopted and application dismissed.
- 1-13 Application for complaint by Farmington Shoe Manufacturing Co. against United Shoe Machinery Co. Report of Commissioners Parry and Rublee, recommending that inasmuch as the Department of Justice has brought suit against the United Shoe Machinery Co., that it would be inadvisable for the Commission to issue a complaint. Adopted.
- 1-20 Application of Western Fuel Association for issuance of complaint against Wyoming Coal Co. and Lion Coal Co. - application denied.

- 1-160 Application of Frank A. Dussault for issuance of complaint against Peterson & Packer Coal Co., in re discrimination in price of coal. Report of Commissioner Parry, recommending that the application be denied, adopted.
- 1-131 Application of Tennessee Carbonating Syrup Co. v. Crown Cork & Seal Co., in re refusal to make up goods. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-111 Application of Mead Drug Co. et al against Carl P. Gunderson and certain newspaper publishers, in re exclusive agency and discrimination in price in distribution and sale of newspapers. Application dismissed.
- 1-69 Farmers Lumber Co., in re conditions in cement industry in Kansas. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-144 Stark Distillery Co. v. Bouvier Specialty Co., in re exclusive agency - refusal to sell gin. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-142 Robertson & Mittanck v. stove manufacturer and Macey Company, in re refusal to sell stoves and bookcases - exclusive agency. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-153 Gerhard Mennen Chemical Co. v. J. Nelson Clark, in re resale price maintenance; price cutting by retailer below wholesale cost of talcum powder. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-109 C. A. Remington v. Universal Portland Cement Company, in re refusal to sell cement - exclusive agency. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-121 Fred W. Bohlen v. Hanline Bros., in re refusal to sell goods. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-81 Heiser, Muhlfielder & Co. v. Boston Store, Albany, N.Y., in re unfair competition. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-37 Application of Star Packing Co. for issuance of complaint against Light House Packing Co. - application denied.

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



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 5, 1916 - 10:30 A. M.

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

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

RESOLVED, That hereafter all applications for the issuance of a complaint against one certain party be referred to the Commissioner to whom the first application against such party was assigned.

The Commission considered the matter of assigning certain attorneys to work specially for certain Commissioners, and M. Q. Macdonald was assigned to Commissioner Harris; Adrien F. Busick to Commissioner Parry, and M. Markham Flannery to Vice Chairman Hurley.

The Chairman presented a letter from Nathan B. Williams, asking for permission to examine the files in certain cases referred to in the Chairman's address before the American Manufacturers Export Association, at New York. Discussed, and held for further consideration.

By unanimous vote, Chairman Davies and Commissioner Parry were assigned, in conjunction with the General Counsel, to edit (as to form) the rulings of the Commission.

On recommendation of Commissioner Parry application of Imperial Sugar Company for issuance of complaint against American Sugar Refining Company, file 1-93, was dismissed by conference ruling.

On motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Vice Chairman Hurley, Commissioner Rublee was unanimously appointed a committee of one to ascertain the practice of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Department of Justice in regard to giving the public access to their files in cases on which they have not formally acted.

Report of Commissioner Parry, in re application for issuance of complaint 1-24, Yankton Brick & Tile Co. v. an unnamed Sioux City, Iowa, corporation, approved, resolution adopted, and in accordance therewith the application was dismissed.

Report of Commissioner Parry, in re application for issuance of complaint 1-176, New England Shoe & Leather Association v. New York Quebracho Extract Co., approved, resolution adopted, and in accordance therewith application was dismissed, and the application referred to the Department of Justice.

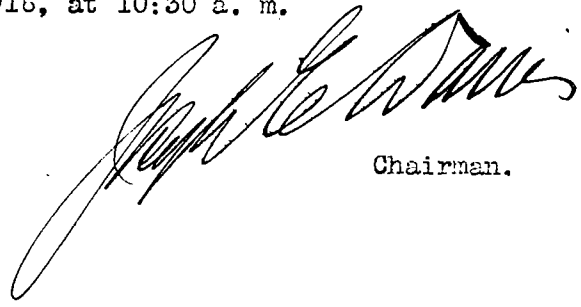
Report of Chairman Davies, in re application for issuance of complaint 1-126, Frank Holton & Co. v. C. G. Conn, Inc., approved, resolution adopted, and in accordance therewith the application was dismissed.

On recommendation of the Secretary, the appointment of five copyists, qualified as typewriters, at \$900 per annum, for temporary employment, and of two copyists, qualified as stenographers and typewriters, at \$900 per annum, for permanent employment, was ordered.

The Chairman reported regarding the expenditures of the Commission for the first half of the fiscal year 1916, and also advised

concerning the amount of money to be available for the remainder of such fiscal year.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, January 6, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

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Secretary.

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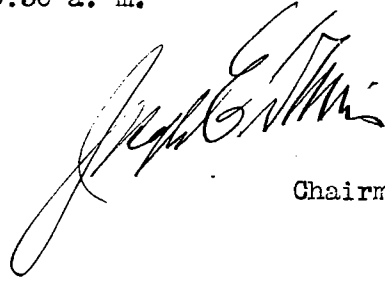
January 6, 1916 - 3:00 P. M.

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

The Chairman presented a letter from Hon. G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, together with copy of letter bearing date of January 6, 1916, from the Attorney General, addressed to Hon. E. Y. Webb, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, explaining the attitude of the Department of Justice in reference to prosecutions under the Sherman Anti-trust Law, and acknowledging receipt of House Resolution No. 74, introduced by Representative Steenerson.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 3:30 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, January 7, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 7, 1916 - 11:00 A. M.

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

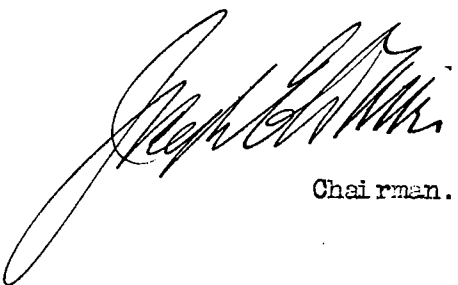
Nathan B. Williams, having requested a hearing, appeared in behalf of applicant in re J. L. Owens Company for issuance of complaint against the Fosston Manufacturing Company, and discussed the subject of the Commission's jurisdiction. (For stenographic report, see File 1-97.)

The Chairman presented a letter from Senator Francis G. Newlands, dated January 5, 1916, asking that M. F. Hudson be temporarily detailed to assist in organizing the work of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce. Requested granted, and the Secretary ordered to instruct Mr. Hudson to report at once to Senator Newlands.

Commissioner Parry requested, in writing, that he be relieved from certain administrative functions, including the supervision over all printing and the purchase of all supplies for the Commission, heretofore performed by him by direction of the Commission. Request granted, and all duties heretofore performed by Commissioner Parry, by order of the Commission, were transferred to the Secretary.

A vote of thanks was unanimously extended to Commissioner Parry.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 o'clock p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, January 8, 1916, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

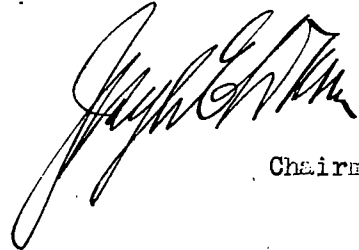
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- Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
- Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
- William J. Harris
- Will H. Parry
- George Rublee

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Mr. Ernest Thurnaeur and Mr. William Clark appeared before the Commission and gave information with reference to the effectiveness of combinations in Europe organized for the purpose of promoting foreign trade; also discussed the practicability of similar combinations in this country, (Stenographic File 8517).

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


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

January 9, 1916. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 10, 1916 - 3:00 P. M.

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

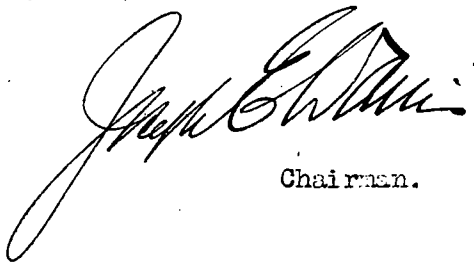
A plan of the conference with the representatives of the several fertilizer companies was called up by the Chairman, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that the conference should be in charge of Commissioners Parry and Harris.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 3:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 11, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 11, 1916 - 11:00 A. M.

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

ORDERED: That Johann G. Onsol be employed as a Special Expert at the rate of \$1,800 per annum, such employment to commence from his taking the oath of office and entering upon the discharge of his duties, and that he be assigned to the Economic Department.

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

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, in the handling of the various complaints by the respective Commissioners it appears necessary at times to have field investigation work done in different sections of the country; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be desirable that to as great a degree as possible this work shall be coordinated so that the work in different parts of the country shall be handled by as few men as possible; therefore

