

## MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 2, 1917, 11:00 A. M.

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

The matter of the investigation of the sisal situation, as suggested by letter from a sub-committee of the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry of the United States Senate, was called up, and after discussion, upon motion by Mr. Parry, seconded by Mr. Davies, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That a committee consisting of two members of the Commission be appointed to confer with the Secretary of State, to ascertain if there are any diplomatic or other reasons to prevent action on the part of the Commission; and

Further, That the Advisory Economic Board prepare a plan for investigation, as suggested by said letter.

By unanimous agreement, Messrs. Harris and Parry were directed to confer with the Secretary of State at once regarding the above matter.

Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, January 3, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

Attest:

*J. L. Bracher*  
Secretary.

*W. J. Harris*  
Acting Chairman.

January 3, 1917. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 4, 1917, 11:00 A. M.

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

A letter to the Attorney General, extending access to our files in connection with the paper investigation, was presented and approved.

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Messrs. Robertson and Merchant appeared before the Commission and explained the present status of the news print paper investigation.

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The matter of the Commission's participation in the sisal investigation, as requested by a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, was again considered, and the Chairman was directed to write a letter to such sub-committee explaining the position and activities of the Commission in regard to such matter.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, January 5, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

*Edward N. Hurley*  
 Chairman.

Attest:

*L. H. Bracken*  
 Secretary.

January 5, 1917. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 6, 1917, 11:00 A. M.

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

Hon. G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, and Hon. Mark Hyman, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Department of Justice, were present, and a plan for the cooperation of the Department of Justice and this Commission, in reference to further investigation into the print-paper situation, was discussed.

By unanimous consent it was agreed that Mr. Hyman be put in touch with Mr. Chantland, for the purpose of discussing in detail the data of importance to the Department of Justice; and that all material in the Commission's possession, which Mr. Hyman considered necessary in the investigation by the Department of Justice, be turned over to him.

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Memorandum prepared by Mr. Walter B. Wooden in re lumber investigation was presented to the Commission, whereupon the following resolution, introduced by Mr. Davies, was adopted:

RESOLVED, That Part V on Lumber be transmitted formally to the Forest Service, with the statement that it was prepared by the Bureau of Corporations as a part of the lumber investigation, that its value is now historical, and that it has not yet been approved by the Trade Commission; that it is transmitted for the purpose of placing before the Forest Service certain facts in connection with the retail distribution of lumber for their consideration in connection with their present report.

The Commission considered a number of applications for the issuance of complaints, and the following action was taken:

File 1-120: Joseph Kay v. The Fleischmann Co.  
File 1-16: Standard Compressed Yeast Co. v. The Fleischmann Co.  
File 1-134: The Corby Co. v. The Fleischmann Co.

ORDERED, That the Joint Board of Review be directed to secure additional facts, as recommended in their report of August 5, 1916, and then report to the Commission.

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File 1-313: The Silk Association of America v. S. M. Hexter & Co.

Because of similarity of this application with the application of The Silk Association of America v. A. Theo. Abbott & Co. et al (previously assigned to Mr. Davies), it was

ORDERED, that this application be assigned to Mr. Davies.

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File 1-223: Paul A. Pouppeville v. Mutual Chemical Co. of America et al.

Recommendation contained in the report of the Joint Board of Review approved.

Resolution adopted, That no further action be taken until ordered by the Commission.

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File 1-266: Golden & Company v. Ernest V. Owens.

Recommendation contained in the report of the Joint Board of Review approved.

Resolution adopted, denying the application.

File 1-272: Farmers Lumber Co. v. Plymouth Gypsum Co. et al.

Resolution adopted, directing that the complaint, and the data submitted in support thereof, be submitted to the Department of Justice.

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File 1-248: The B. V. D. Company v. The MacDougall-Southwick Co., et al.

Recommendation contained in report of the Joint Board of Review approved.

Resolution adopted, denying application on ground that Commission had no jurisdiction.

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File 1-254: Alex Hasler v. Larkin Co.

ORDERED, That this application be referred to the other Commissioners for further and separate consideration and recommendations.

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File 1-208: Murray & McLean v. Stacy-Bismarck Co. and Gamble-Robinson Fruit Co.

Resolution adopted, and application referred to the Department of Justice for such action as the circumstances may dictate.

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ORDERED, That the salary of Gerard C. Henderson be increased to \$1800.00 per annum, to become effective February 1, 1917.

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Mr. Davies moved that the salaries of Messrs. Frank Jones, Adrien F. Busick, and M. Q. Macdonald be increased from \$2750.00 to \$3000.00 per annum, to become effective February 1, 1917.

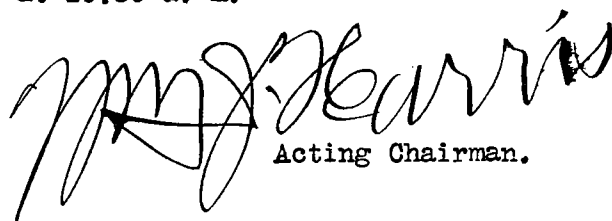
Motion carried, Messrs. Davies and Parry voting in the affirmative, and Mr. Harris in the negative.

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The matter of increasing the salary of Carlos C. Houghton was discussed, and the matter referred to the Advisory Economic Board for report and recommendations.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, January 8, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

January 7, 1917. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 8, 1917, 2:30 P. M.

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

The Commission entered upon the consideration of the preliminary report in the news print paper investigation, the members of the Advisory Economic Board, and Dr. Merchant, being present.

After the report, as prepared by Dr. Merchant and the Advisory Economic Board, was read, Mr. Davies presented an incomplete draft of recommendations in regard to possible remedial legislation. The substance of the report of the Advisory Economic Board was generally approved, but the report of Mr. Davies was laid on the table for future consideration.

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The matter of preparing a reply to the letter of Senator Joseph E. Ransdell, chairman of the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry in re sisal investigation was again called up, and the Chairman stated that he would prepare a reply at once, setting forth fully the reasons why it was not deemed expedient for the Commission to send representatives to Yucatan, as requested by Senator Ransdell.

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Thereupon, at the hour 3:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 9, at 10:30 a. m.

Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 9, 1917, 3:00 P. M.

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

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Davies, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the matter of reorganizing the Board of Review, and matters appertaining to the Advisory Economic Board, and the duties of the Chief Examiner, be referred to the Advisory Economic Board, to the Joint Board of Review, and to the Secretary, for them to report with recommendations.

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Letter from Mr. Thurlow M. Gordon, recommending Mr. Robert Szold, of the Department of Justice, for a position in the legal department of the Commission, was presented.

Mr. Davies was directed to confer with Mr. Szold, and report to the Commission.

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ORDERED, That Ralph W. Adamson be employed by the Commission as examiner, at a salary of \$2400.00 per annum, to become effective on his taking the oath of office and entering upon the discharge of his duties.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 4:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, January 10, 1917, at 10:30 a. M.

*W. J. Harris*  
Acting Chairman.

Attest: *J. E. Davies*  
Secretary.

January 10, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 11, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 12, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 13, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 14, 1917. Sunday.  
 January 15, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 16, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 17, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 18, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 19, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 20, 1917. No meeting held.  
 January 21, 1917. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 22, 1917, 3:00 P. M.

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

The news print paper report, as revised by the Advisory Economic Board, was read sentence by sentence, and discussed and criticised in detail.

The members of the Advisory Economic Board, and Messrs. Merchant, Chantland, Daly, Hawley and Stevens, were present.

It was agreed that consideration of the report be resumed at 10:30 a. m., January 23d.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 5:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 23, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

*Edward Hurley*  
 Chairman.

Attest:

*J. L. B. Fisher*  
 Secretary.

## MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 23, 1917, 10:30 A. M.

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

The invitation of Mr. George H. Mead, and Mr. L. B. Palmer, representatives of the newspaper manufacturers, and publishers, respectively, to attend a meeting of the news-print manufacturers and publishers, to be held in Chicago on January 26, 1917, was discussed, and upon motion of Mr. Harris it was unanimously agreed that the Commission attend such meeting; and further, that Messrs. Harris and Parry go to Canada and ascertain the situation existing between the Canadian Government and the manufacturers of paper before attending the meeting in Chicago.

The Secretary was instructed to advise Messrs. Mead and Palmer by wire that the Commission had accepted their invitation.

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In connection with the news-print situation, Mr. Parry presented a letter from Mr. George H. Mead, concerning the hearing to be held in Chicago, which was received and ordered filed.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, January 24, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.

*Edward N. Hurley*  
Chairman.

Attest:

*J. A. Dineen*  
Secretary.

January 24, 1917. No meeting held.  
January 25, 1917. No meeting held.  
January 26, 1917. No meeting held.  
January 27, 1917. No meeting held.  
January 28, 1917. Sunday.  
January 29, 1917. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 30, 1917, 11:00 A. M.

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

The matter of presenting an estimate, to be a part of the general deficiency appropriation bill, was presented, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed to file such estimate through the usual channels, in the amount of \$50,000.

It was also decided to include in such deficiency estimate the sum of \$94.65, the amount paid out by Special Disbursing Agent George Johannes for books and periodicals, which are held by the Auditor to be not allowable.

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At 11:30 a. m. a recess was taken until 3:30 p. m.

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

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The Commission reassembled at 3:30 p. m.

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The matter of accepting a proposition of certain paper manufacturers for a quantity of paper to be distributed to publishers in urgent need of paper, under direction of the Commission, was called up and discussed,

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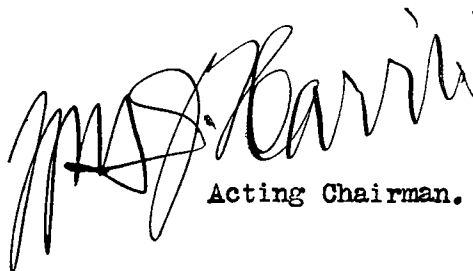
and by unanimous consent the ~~matter~~ was laid on the table until the next meeting.

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The matter of employing Francis J. Heney, of San Francisco, Cal., as special counsel to take charge of certain features developed by the Commission's investigation into the news-print paper situation, and other matters, was called up and discussed at length. It was decided to defer action until a future meeting.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 6:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, January 31, 1917.

  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

January 31, 1917. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 1, 1917, 11:00 a. m.

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

ORDERED, That the Commission meet each morning at ten thirty o'clock, in executive session, and that during such session, or sessions, the members of the Commission shall not be accessible to anyone, and that the entire

time of such meetings be devoted to official matters.

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Mr. Harris' motion, that the matter of cost accounting, and reports on industries, now being carried on by the Commission, be referred to the Department of Commerce, was laid on the table for future consideration.

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The matter of distributing the reports on industries, prepared by the Commission, was called up, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that it would be inadvisable to distribute such reports, or give publicity to any parts thereof.

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Mr. Davies filed a report of a conference with Mr. Frank L. Brown, Secretary of the Mirror Manufacturers' Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, in reference to conditions obtaining in the manufacture of plate mirrors. (See file 8517-88.)

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ORDERED, That W. T. Chantland be appointed Chief Examiner of the Commission, but not to serve on the Joint Board of Review.

Mr. Culbertson, whose place as Chief Examiner is taken by Mr. Chantland, is to continue as Special Counsel, and as a member of the Joint Board of Review.

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ORDERED, That Francis J. Heney, of California, be employed by the Commission as Special Attorney, at a salary of \$5,000 per annum, such employment to take effect from this date.

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At 1:00 p. m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 3:00 p. m.

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

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February 1, 1916.  
February 2, 1916.

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

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Parry, was unanimously adopted:

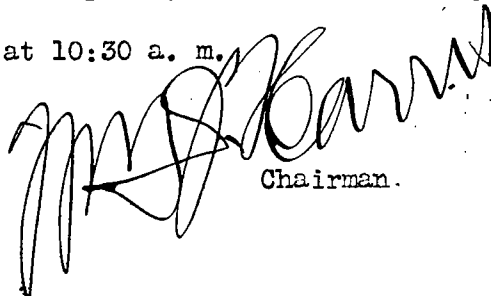
WHEREAS, Information has been given to the Federal Trade Commission that practically all of the manufacturers of nails, tacks and eyelets used in the manufacture of shoes have been, or are about to be, consolidated into an organization known as the Diamond Tack & Nail Company; and

WHEREAS, It is reported that this consolidation will so control the market in its line of commerce that it will have the power to shut off supplies of nails, tacks and eyelets from certain independent shoe manufacturers.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordered that the Chief Examiner be instructed to assign an examiner of the Commission to make such investigation of the facts as will enable the Commission to arrive at a conclusion concerning the steps it should take in the matter.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 4:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, February 2, 1917, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 2, 1917, 10:00 a. m.

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

Congressmen Borland, Doolittle, and Kent, together with Mr. Walter Fisher, an attorney of Chicago, appeared before the Commission, and

