

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.

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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.

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

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.

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.

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:

