

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.

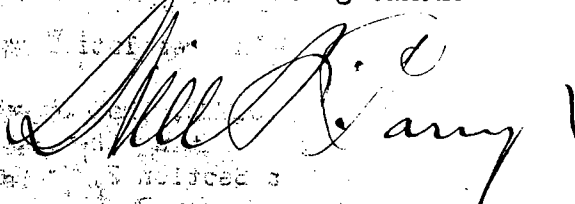
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MARCH 17, 1915.

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.

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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.

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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.

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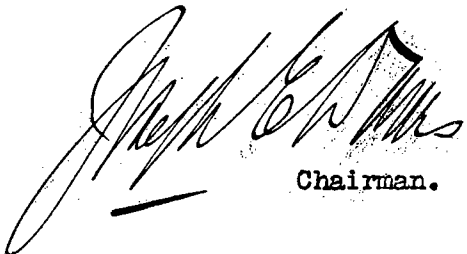
MARCH 19, 1915.

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 20, 1915. No meeting held.

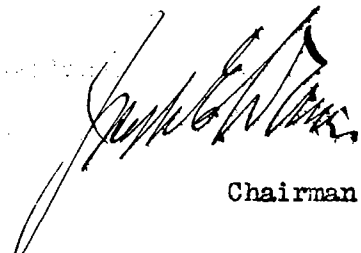
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MARCH 22, 1915.

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

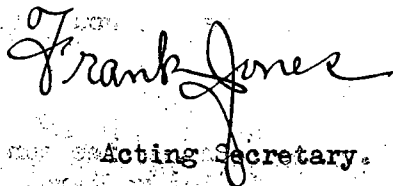
The Commission assembled at 10:15 a.m., Chairman Davies pre-
siding.

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



Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

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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.

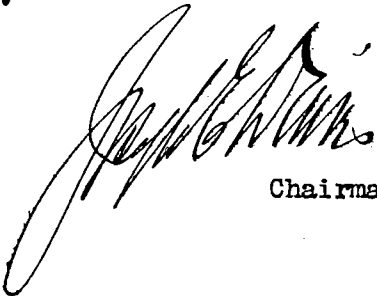
11:30 to 12:30 -- Reception of visitors and consideration of new business.

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

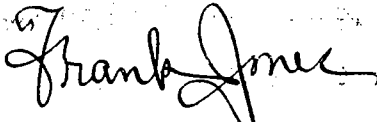
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The Acting Secretary was directed to make an appointment with
 Mr. George Johannes, Disbursing Clerk of the Department of Commerce
 for 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

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.

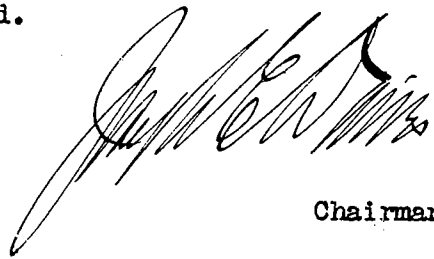
Mr. William A. Boykin, Jr., President of the Standard Compressed Yeast Company, of Baltimore, Md., and Mr. James Piper, 607 Calvert Building, Baltimore, Md., attorney for the company, appeared before the Commission and made an informal complaint as to certain alleged unfair methods of competition on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

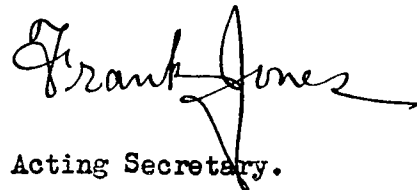
The Acting Secretary was directed to call upon the Secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission to examine the form of the journal in use by that Commission.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

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MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

MARCH 25, 1915.

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

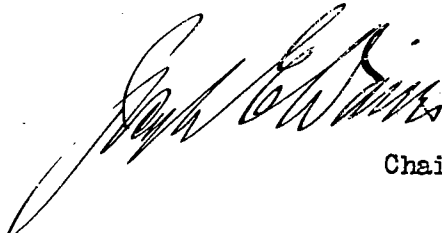
The Commission assembled at 10:30 a.m., Chairman Davies presiding.

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:

