

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

November 1, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

The Chairman reported letter of E. E. Pratt, Chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce (File A6757) in re correspondence of Victor H. Beckman. Referred to Commissioner Parry.

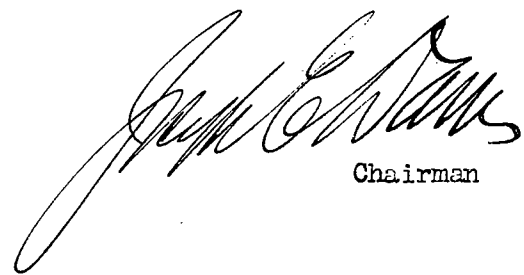
Commissioner Parry called the attention of the Commission to the oral complaint made by the Standard Compressed Yeast Co., of Baltimore, Md., at a conference had with the Commission on March 24, 1915, and moved that the matter be referred to Commissioner Hurley for further investigation as to the merits of the complaint. So ordered.

In the matter of the complaint of the Alpine Evaporated Cream Co. et al. (File A6171), requesting investigation and report by Commission as to the possible imposition of tariff rate on preserved and condensed milk products. Upon motion of Commissioner Parry, seconded by Commissioner Hurley, and unanimously carried, it was ordered that a hearing for argument as to the jurisdiction of the Commission over matters complained of be set for Wednesday, November 24, 1915, at the hour of 11 o'clock, a. m.

Commissioner Parry was instructed to hold a conference with the Attorney General in re Informal Complaint of Farmington Shoe Manufacturing Co. vs. United Shoe Machinery Co. (1-13-1), and Request for Ruling of F. Mayer Boot & Shoe Co. vs. United Shoe Machinery Co. (2-27-1).

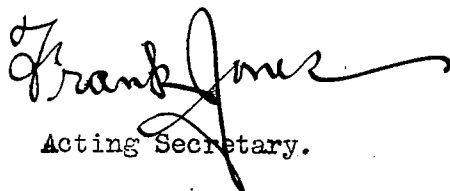
A conference was held with the Joint Board of Review.

At 12:45 p.m. the Commission adjourned to November 2, 1915, at 10:00 a. m.



Chairman

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

November 2, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

November 2, 1915.

It was directed that all copies of Rules of Practice on hand be amended by use of stickers to conform to amendment to paragraph 3 of Rule II, passed by the Commission October 29, 1915.

Report of Commissioner Parry in re Informal Complaint 1-139, recommending reference of complaint to Office of Markets and Rural Organization of the Department of Agriculture, adopted. (file 1-139 - Kenneth MacRae vs. California Citrus Industry)

Chairman reported recommending that William S. Gulbertson be appointed a Special Examiner and designated as Special Counsel, at \$4,000 per year, salary to take effect upon his taking the oath of office and entering upon duty, not later than November 27th. Report adopted.

Report of Commissioner Parry, as special committee on foreign trade schedules for (1) export commission houses, etc., (2) domestic merchants, exporters, etc., (3) publicists, economists, etc., was adopted.

Commissioner Parry moved the adoption of a resolution directing resumption of investigation of resale price maintenance, under the supervision of a Commissioner to be appointed by the Commission. Such investigation to be pressed to conclusion so the Commission might make its report to Congress as early as possible at the next session; and further directing that the Chief Economist assign as many men to this work as might be required. Upon motion of Commissioner Parry, seconded by Commissioner Harris, it was ordered that the resolution lie on the table, to be considered in connection with the report which the Chief Economist is directed to make concerning the present status of the resale price maintenance investigation, and the probable cost of completing said investigation.

Commissioner Parry submitted report covering amount and cost of supplies ordered during the month of October, 1915, which was ordered filed.

Resolutions ordering the actions noted below, with reference to the following complaints, were adopted:

- Informal Complaint 1-79 - B. Gilham, in re Conditions in Clay Mining and Marketing. Withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to Economic Department for consideration with foreign trade investigation.
- Informal Complaint 1-65 - Wilcox, Crittenden & Co., in re Price of Zinc. Ordered withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to Division of Mails and Files.
- Informal Complaint 1-115 - General Federation of Women's Clubs v. Moving Picture Film "Poison." Ordered withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to Division of Mails and Files.
- Informal Complaint 1-104 - Frank F. Casseday v. American Smelting and Refining Co. Ordered withdrawn from Docket Division and transferred to Division of Corporation Reports.
- Informal Complaint 1-100 - F. E. Cudell, in re Price of Zinc. Ordered referred to Department of Justice.
- Informal Complaint 1-58 - Samson Electric Co. vs. Western Electric Co. and New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. Ordered consolidated with Informal Complaint 1-137 and Informal Complaint 1-106.
- Informal Complaint 1-99 - Ross A. Collins, Attorney General of Mississippi v. Sons of Plato, et al. Ordered withdrawn from Docket Division and transferred to Division of Mails and Files.
- Informal Complaint 1-59 - Forstmann & Huffman Co. v. Textile Alliance. Ordered withdrawn from Docket Division and transferred to Mails and Files Division.
- Informal Complaint 1-128 - Fir Tree Lumber Co., in re Shipowning Lumber Brokers. Ordered withdrawn from Docket Division and referred to Economic Department for consideration with lumber hearings and reports.
- Informal Complaint 1-72 - A. N. Lantz v. Prune Buyers' Pool. Ordered withdrawn from Docket Division and referred to Division of Markets and Rural Organization of the Department of Agriculture.
- Informal Complaint 1-18 - J. H. Mink v. Boise-Payette River Power & Electric Co. Ordered withdrawn from Docket Division and transferred to Division of Corporation Reports.
- Informal Complaint 1-33 - H. J. Hammond v. Prairie Oil & Gas Co. and Regional Bond & Investment Co. Ordered withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to Division of Mails and Files.
- Informal Complaint 1-8 - Joe E. Price v. Theatrical Trust Exchanges. Ordered withdrawn from Docket Division and transferred to Division of Mails and Files.

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November 3, 1915.

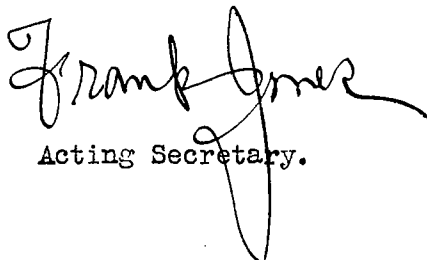
- Informal Complaint 1-2 - F. A. Partlow v. Bridge and Leonard. Ordered referred to Division of Markets and Rural Organization of the Department of Agriculture.
- Informal Complaint 1-60. - B. F. Bennett v. Wool Merchants. Ordered withdrawn from Docket Division and referred to Division of Mails and Files.
- Informal Complaint 1-55 - A. W. Thomas v. Ammonia Trust. Ordered withdrawn from Docket Division and referred to Division of Mails and Files.
- Informal Complaint 1-54 - Mercantile Printing Co., Ltd. v. American Paper & Pulp Association and Writing Paper Manufacturers' Association. Ordered withdrawn from Docket Division and referred to Division of Mails and Files.
- Informal Complaint 1-53 - N. O. Nelson, in re Wheat Speculation. Ordered withdrawn from Docket Division and transferred to Division of Mails and Files.
- Informal Complaint 1-51 - M. A. Whiting, in re Storage of Sugar, etc. Ordered withdrawn from Docket Division and transferred to Division of Mails and Files.
- Informal Complaint 1-49 - Harry B. Stilz v. Curtis Publishing Co. Ordered withdrawn from Docket Division and transferred to Division of Mails and Files.

At 1:00 o'clock, p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet November 3, 1915, at 10:00 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

November 3, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

Commissioner Harris orally reported that he had carefully examined the text of the Report on the Fertilizer Industry, and that he recommended the same be sent to the Public Printer to be put in galley. Report adopted.

Commissioner Harris orally reported his plans for conducting the investigation of the gasoline situation in the State of Georgia and the cotton buying situation in North and South Carolina and Georgia, heretofore referred to him. Report adopted.

Report of Commissioner Parry on messenger service adopted. Ordered that one additional messenger boy at \$480 be employed from the classified service, and assigned to the Economic Division.

Ordered that the hearings of Duane, Morris & Heckscher and A. Mitchell Palmer, counsel for the Alpine Evaporated Cream Co., et al., set for November 24, 1915, be deferred until some date to be hereafter decided upon.

Promotion of W. T. Roberts, Special Attorney, from a salary of \$2280 per annum to a salary of \$2460 per annum was ordered, effective upon taking the oath and entering upon duty.

At 12:15 p.m. the Commission adjourned to the hour of 2:30 p.m.

The Commission reassembled at the hour of 2:30 o'clock, p. m.

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

November 3, 1915.

An informal conference was held with Mr. H. O. Nelson, of the H. O. Nelson Manufacturing Co., St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. T. R. Barnes, of the Barnes Manufacturing Co. of Mansfield, Ohio, representing the Sanitary Enameled Ware Association, who presented a plan relating to their industry, as set forth in Stenographic Report File A-6931.

An informal conference was held with Mr. John R. McKnight, of Elkins Park, Pa.; Mr. R. A. Patton, President Abram Cox Stove Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. H. E. Campbell, Treasurer, Reading Stove Works, Reading, Pa., a committee representing the Keystone Association, who appeared before the Commission (see Stenographic Report File A-6952).

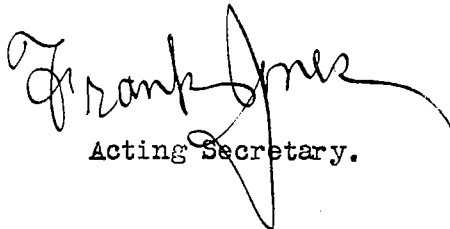
An informal conference was held with Mr. Louis W. Army, Secretary, The Leather Belting Exchange, 918 LaFayette Building, Philadelphia, Pa., also President, National Association of Leather Belting Manufacturers, in re plan for operation of The Leather Belting Exchange, (see Stenographic File No. A 6994).

At the hour of 6 o'clock, p.m., the Commission adjourned to November 5, 1915, at 10:00 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

November 4, 1915. No meeting held.

November 5, 1915. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

November 6, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

Joseph E. Davis, Chairman
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

Report of Commissioners Parry and Rublee on conference with Attorney General, in re Informal Complaint 1-13, Farmington Shoe Manufacturing Co. v. United Shoe Machinery Co., adopted.

The Chairman reported that he had notified A. Mitchell Palmer, counsel for Alpine Evaporated Cream Co. et al., of postponement of hearing.

Assignments of informal complaints were made by lot to Commissioners as noted below:

Chairman Davies:

Informal Complaint 1-14: C. L. Davis v. Taylor-Lowenstein & Co.

Informal Complaint 1-75: United States Acoustical Correction Co. v. H. W. Johns-Manville Co.

Informal Complaint 1-76: United States Lightning Conductor Co. v. Reyburn, Hunter & Co.

Informal Complaint 1-88: C. M. Barnes-Wilcox Co. v. State School Textbook Depositories.

Informal Complaint 1-91: C. A. Waldron v. Eastman Kodak Co.

Informal Complaint 1-106: R. B. Swayne, Inc., v. Western Electric Co.

Informal Complaint 1-126: Frank Holton & Co. v. C. G. Conn, Inc.

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Informal Complaint 1-134: Corby Company v. Fleischmann Co.

Informal Complaint 1-136: J. R. Hartline v. Coca-Cola Co.

Informal Complaint 1-151: J. A. Stewart v. Kelly Axe Manufacturing Co.

Informal Complaint 1-157: Hamberger-Polhemus Co. v. W. R. Grace & Co.

Commissioner Hurley:

Informal Complaint 1-10: J. M. Anderson Grocer Co. v. Cudahy Packing Co.

Informal Complaint 1-11: J. M. Anderson Grocer Co. v. Proctor & Gamble Co. and Proctor & Gamble Distributing Co.

Informal Complaint 1-12: J. M. Anderson Grocer Co. v. Corn Products Co., National Starch Co. and St. Louis Syrup and Preserving Co.

Informal Complaint 1-16: Standard Compressed Yeast Co. v. The Fleischmann Co.

Informal Complaint 1-39: General Roofing Manufacturing Co. v. General Roofing Co.

Informal Complaint 1-43: Seeman Brothers v. American Grocers Society, Inc.

Informal Complaint 1-56: American Stone Co. v. Rhodes & Co.

Informal Complaint 1-120: Joseph Kay v. Fleischmann Co.

Informal Complaint 1-129: W. W. Turner & Co. v. Mishawaka Woolen Manufacturing Co.

Informal Complaint 1-139: New Bedford Textile Co. v. Competitors.

Informal Complaint 1-147: Beckwith Railway Fog Signal Co. v. J. L. & D. S. Riker, Inc.

Informal Complaint 1-152: Van Emon Elevator Co. v. Elevator Supply & Repair Co.

Informal Complaint 1-154: C. E. Hoffman v. Standard Oil Co.

Commissioner Parry:

Informal Complaint 1-13: Farmington Shoe Manufacturing Co. v. United Shoe Machinery Co.

- Informal Complaint 1-20: Western Fuel Association
v. Wyoming Coal Co. and Lion Coal Co.
- Informal Complaint 1-46: Pacific Sanitary Manufac-
turing Co. v. Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.
- Informal Complaint 1-63: Northwestern Brokerage Co.
v. Ryan-Newton-Virden Interests.
- Informal Complaint 1-67: Department of Agriculture,
Office of Markets and Rural Organization, v. Charles
Weinberger, Secretary, Louisiana Strawberry Dis-
tributing Co.
- Informal Complaint 1-78: American Fair Trade League
v. Lit Brothers.
- Informal Complaint 1-93: Imperial Sugar Co. v.
American Sugar Refining Co. and Great Western Sugar
Co.
- Informal Complaint 1-95: Louis Klein v. Chester Kent
& Co.
- Informal Complaint 1-98: S. C. Peirce & Sons v.
Standard Oil Co.
- Informal Complaint 1-130: Star Candy Works v. Beech
Nut Packing Co.
- Informal Complaint 1-156: E. W. Wing and L. J. Per-
kins v. Continental Oil Co.
- Informal Complaint 1-159: National Enameling and
Manufacturing Co. v. National Tube Co.
- Informal Complaint 1-160: Frank A. Dussault v.
Peterson & Packer Coal Co.
- Request for Ruling 2-27: F. Mayer Boot & Shoe Co.

Commissioner Rublee:

- Informal Complaint 1-1: Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc.,
v. National Binding Machine Co.
- Informal Complaint 1-4: Belle City Incubator Co. v.
Rayo Incubator Co.
- Informal Complaint 1-23: New York Bank Note Co. v.
New York Stock Exchange.
- Informal Complaint 1-74: Interstate Electric Co. v.
Benjamin Electric Manufacturing Co.
- Informal Complaint 1-86: A. H. Phillips v. Procter
& Gamble Co. and Procter & Gamble Distributing Co.
- Informal Complaint 1-89: C. J. Rainear & Co. v.
National Tube Co. and Crane Company

Informal Complaint 1-96: Fosston Manufacturing Co.
v. J. L. Owens Co.

Informal Complaint 1-97: J. L. Owens Co. v. Fosston
Manufacturing Co.

Informal Complaint 1-101: Edwin P. Corbett v.
Jobbers, etc.

Informal Complaint 1-124: S. D. Sejler and S. DeSayda
v. "Another Party."

Informal Complaint 1-145: Pyramid Mercantile Co. v.
J. S. Brown Mercantile Co. et al.

Informal Complaint 1-146: Electric Corporation v.
Holabird-Reynolds Electric Co.

Informal Complaint 1-150: C. W. Degnan v. Purington
Paving Brick Co.

In conformity with the above action, the action of the Commission on October 30, 1915, directing the Joint Board of Review to make report upon the following pending complaints was rescinded:

Informal Complaint 1-10: J. M. Anderson Grocer Co.
v. Cudahy Packing Co.

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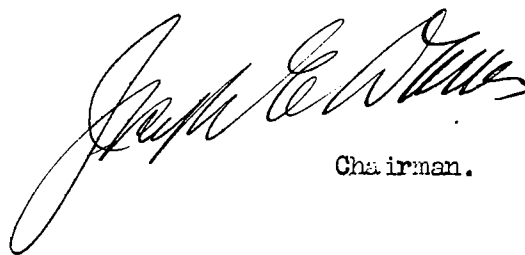
Informal Complaint 1-97: J. L. Owens Co. v. Fosston
Manufacturing Co.

Mr. James W. Nichol was appointed Clerk to the Chairman, effective upon taking the oath of office and entering upon duty, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum until otherwise ordered.

In the absence of Commissioner Harris, Commissioner Parry was appointed a committee for recommendations for promotions on the statutory roll.

November 6, 1915.
November 8, 1915.

At 11:30 a. m. the Commission adjourned to meet November 8, 1915,
at 10:00 o'clock a.m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

November 7, 1915. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

November 8, 1915, 11:00 A. M.

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

Resolutions directing the following action with refer-
ence to complaints noted below were adopted:

Informal Complaints.

- 1-7 Farmers and Producers Association of Montana v.
Great Western Sugar Co. Withdrawn from Docket
Division and transferred to Economic Department.
- 1-25 William H. Richmond v. Windstacker Manufacturers.
Withdrawn from the Docket Division and trans-
ferred to Mails and Files Division.
- 1-29 National Petroleum Association v. South Penn Oil
Co. Withdrawn from Docket Division and trans-
ferred to Chief Economist.
- 1-6 Toch Bros. Withdrawn from Docket Division and
transferred to Economic Department for considera-
tion in connection with foreign trade investi-
gation.

