

March 31, 1916. No meeting held.
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MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 4, 1916. - 11:30 A. M.

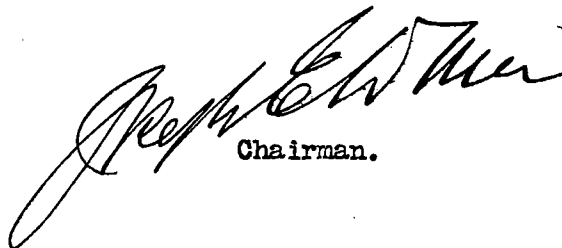
Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
Will H. Parry
George Rublee.

Dr. E. E. Pratt, Chief, Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce, attended the meeting of the Commission, and presented a draft of a proposed law on the subject of "Dumping." After discussion, and suggestions of additions and changes in the proposed bill, it was agreed that the matter should be further considered at a latter meeting.

The following resolution, introduced by Commissioner Parry and seconded by Vice-Chairman Hurley, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to increase the credit of \$20,000 and authorize the Auditor for the State and other Departments to honor requisitions for advance of public funds, drawn in favor of Mr. George Johannes as a Special Disbursing Agent for the Federal Trade Commission under his bond of \$10,000 dated March 25, 1915, in amounts the aggregate of which shall not exceed at any one time twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) instead of \$20,000 which is the present authorization.

Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, April 5, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 5, 1916. -- 11:00 A. M.

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

The applications of The Silk Association of America, and the Henry Myer Thread Manufacturing Company, for leave to intervene in the following cases, were heard:

Federal Trade Commission v. Goldin Brothers,
Federal Trade Commission v. A. Theo. Abbott & Co.,
Federal Trade Commission v. Circle Cilk Co.

Mr. Walter Gordon Merritt appeared for The Silk Association of America, and Mr. Frank H. Drury for the Henry Myer Thread Manufacturing Company.

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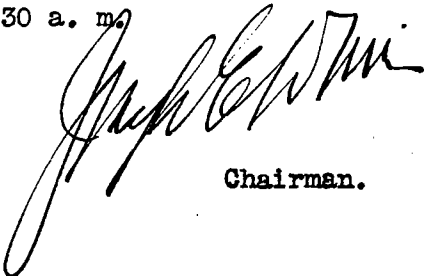
Mr. Drury also entered his appearance as an attorney for A. Theo. Abbott & Company.

The Chairman announced that the decision of the Commission on the applications to intervene would be announced within one week.

Report of Vice-Chairman Hurley, file 1-162, application of Bernard Rice's Sons v. Apollo Metal Works for issuance of a complaint, presented. Report approved, ruling adopted, and application denied.

The application of John Skelton Williams for issuance of complaint against the Freeport Texas Co. et al (file 1-40), was called up by Vice Chairman Hurley, and after discussion by ~~unanimous~~ consent the matter was referred to the Law Board of Review for preparation of ruling, dismissing such application.

Thereupon, at the hour of 11:00 a. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, April 6, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 6, 1916, 11:00 A. M.

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

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Dr. Walker and Professor Haney were called into the meeting, and a draft of the proposed preliminary report to the Senate and House of Representatives concerning the investigation of gasoline prices was called up by the Chairman, and discussed.

Commissioner Parry reported an interview with Mr. C. W. Lea, Treasurer of the Hewitt-Lea-Funck Company, and after discussion, by unanimous consent, the matter was referred to the Docket Division, to be filed as an application for a complaint.

Commissioner Parry reported that he had conferred with Geo. S. Davison and George C. Greer, and that they would appear before the Commission on April 17 for the purpose of presenting their objections to the Commission's report on Pipe-Line Transportation of Petroleum.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:00 Noon, the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, April 7, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

April 10, 1916.

April 7, 1916. No meeting held.

April 8, 1916. No meeting held.

April 9, 1916. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 10, 1916, 3:30 P. M.

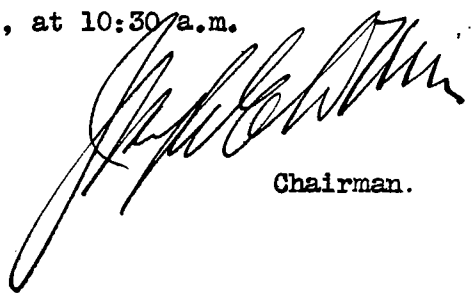
Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

The Commission entered upon the further consideration of the draft of a proposed bill permitting cooperation in American export trade, Mr. G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, being present and taking part in the discussion.

The following motion, offered by Vice Chairman Hurley, and seconded by Chairman Davies, was unanimously carried:

Moved that of the proposed forms of statute permitting cooperation in Foreign Trade, that Number Two hereto attached be adopted by the Commission as the form which it shall recommend, as embodying the principles most to be desired in legislation of this kind.

Thereupon, at the hour of 5:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 11, 1916, at 10:30 a.m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

April 12, 1916.

April 11, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 12, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

The order permitting The Silk Association of America, and the Henry Myer Thread Manufacturing Company, to intervene in the following cases, was approved and entered of record (see order):

Federal Trade Commission v. A. Theo. Abbott & Company
Federal Trade Commission v. Circle Silk Company

ORDERED, That the hearings in the above case be set for May 8th, 1916, at 10:00 a. m.

The matter of the Commission's approval of the proposed bill on the subject of "Dumping," as presented by Dr. E. E. Pratt, was called up by the Chairman, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that one week would be given for further consideration of the proposed bill by each Commissioner; and if not objected to, it would be considered to have the approval of the Commission.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, April 13, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

April 17, 1916.

April 13, 1916. No meeting held.
 April 14, 1916. No meeting held.
 April 15, 1916. No meeting held.
 April 16, 1916. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 17, 1916, 11:00 A. M.

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

Chairman Davies reported that Senator Joseph E. Ransdell had called to inquire whether or not the Commission could undertake the further investigation of certain aspects of the sisal hemp controversy, which is now before the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

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

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission has reason to believe that the Shredded Wheat Company of New York has violated, and is violating, the provisions of Section 5 of the Trade Commission Act, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Commission issue and serve upon said Shredded Wheat Company of New York its complaint, stating its charges in that respect in substantially the form hereunto annexed, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That notice be given to the said Shredded Wheat Company of New York, as required by law, that the charges of said complaint will be heard by the Commission at its office in the Commerce Building, in the City of Washington, D. C., on the first day of June, 1916, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached.

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

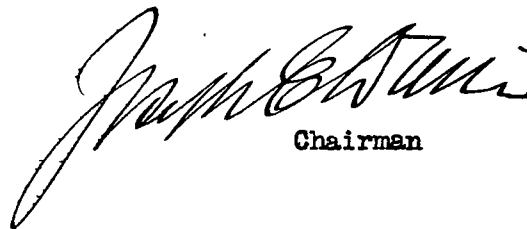
WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission has reason to believe that the A. B. Dick Company of New Jersey, the A. B. Dick Company of Illinois, and the Neostyle Company have violated, and are violating, the provisions of Section 3 of the Clayton Act, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Commission issue and serve upon said A. B. Dick Company of New Jersey, said A. B. Dick Company of Illinois, and said Neostyle Company, its complaint, stating its charges in that respect in substantially the form hereunto annexed, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That notice be given to the said A. B. Dick Company of New Jersey, the said A. B. Dick Company of Illinois, and the said Neostyle Company, as required by law, that the charges of said complaint will be heard by the Commission at its office in the Commerce Building, in the City of Washington, D. C., on the 31st day of May, 1916, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached.

Commissioner Rublee presented a letter from Ralph M. Shaw, of Chicago, dated April 12th, asking for a hearing before the Commission on the application of the Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corporation for a ruling, (file 2-102). After discussion the request was unanimously granted, and the Secretary directed to advise Mr. Shaw of the action of the Commission, and to arrange a date for the hearing.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 18, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman

Attest:


Secretary.

April 18, 1916.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 18, 1916, 10:00 A. M.

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

The following gentlemen appeared before the Commission, and presented certain objections to the Letter of Submittal and Summary of Conclusions of the report of the Federal Trade Commission on Pipe-Line Transportation of Petroleum:

Mr. Geo. S. Davison, President, Gulf Pipe Line Co. of Oklahoma,

Mr. F. C. Proctor, General Counsel, Gulf Refining Co. of Louisiana,

Mr. George G. Greer, General Counsel, Magnolia Petroleum Co.,

Mr. E. R. Brown, General Manager, Magnolia Petroleum Co.,

Mr. S. L. Herold, representing Gulf Pipe Line Co., etc., and Magnolia Petroleum Co.

At 1:00 o'clock p. m. a recess was taken until 2:00 p. m.

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

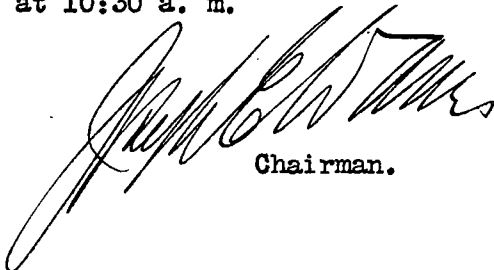
The Commission reassembled at the hour of 2:00 p. m., and hearing continued.

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

WHEREAS, the Senate of the United States has directed the Federal Trade Commission to act upon the proposition heretofore made by the Comision Reguladora del Mercado de Henequen in the place of the sub-committee of the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, and report thereon as soon as possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, That the Commission shall conduct an inquiry into the matters referred to in said resolution of the United States Senate, and conduct such investigation as may be necessary to carry into effect the intents and purposes of said resolution.

Thereupon, at the hour of 6:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, April 19, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

April 19, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 20, 1916, 11:00 A. M.

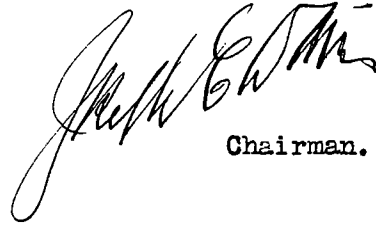
- Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
- Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
- William J. Harris
- Will H. Parry
- George Rublee

The Chairman reported that he had advised Dr. E. E. Pratt, Chief, Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce, that the Commission had approved the bill on the subject of "dumping," which he had presented to the Commission.

ORDERED, That the salary of R. E. Belt be increased from \$2,340.00 per annum to \$3,000.00 per annum, the same to become effective May 1st, 1916.

April 22, 1916.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:45 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, April 21, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

April 21, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 22, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

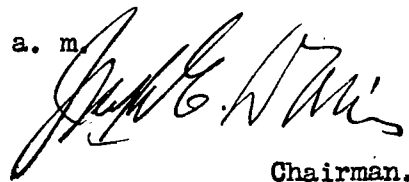
The matter of promotions of the employees of the Commission was called up by the Chairman, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that a committee, consisting of Commissioner Harris, Chairman Davies, and Commissioner Parry take charge of the matter, and after investigation report their recommendations to the entire Commission.

The matter of the employment of Mr. Dickson was called up, and after discussion the Chairman and Commissioner Rublee were unanimously appointed a committee to consider the matter, and report to the Commission.

Thereupon, at the hour of 11:30 a. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, April 24, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Attest:


Secretary.


Chairman.

April 23, 1916. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

April 24, 1916, 3:30 P. M.

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

Vice Chairman Hurley presented a draft of a proposed bill relating to the organization of associations engaged in export trade, and after consideration the bill, as presented, was unanimously approved, and ordered filed as a part of the record.

The draft of the proposed bill follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

The words "export trade" wherever used in this act mean solely trade or commerce in goods, wares or merchandise exported, or in the course of being exported from the United States or any territory thereof to any foreign Nation; but the words "export trade" shall not be deemed to include the production or manufacture of such goods, wares or merchandise or any act in the course of production or manufacture.

The words "trade within the United States" wherever used in this act mean trade or commerce among the several States or in any territory of the United States or of the District of Columbia or between any such territory and another or between any such territory or territories and any State or States or the District of Columbia or between the District of Columbia and any State or States.

The word "association" wherever used in this act means any corporation or combination by contract or otherwise of two or more persons.

Section 2. Nothing contained in the act entitled "An Act to Protect Trade and Commerce Against Unlawful Restraints and Monopolies," approved July second, eighteen hundred and ninety, shall be construed as declaring to be illegal an association entered into for the sole purpose of engaging in export trade and actually engaged solely in such trade, or an agreement made or act done in the course of export trade by such association, provided such agreement or act is not in restraint of trade within the United States.

Section 3. Nothing contained in Section 7 of the act entitled "An Act to Supplement Existing Laws against Unlawful Restraints and Monopolies and for Other Purposes," approved October fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, shall be construed to forbid the acquisition or ownership by any corporation of the whole or any part of the stock or other capital of any corporation organized solely for the purpose of engaging in export trade, and actually engaged solely in such export trade.

Section 4. The words "unfair methods of competition" wherever used in the act entitled "An Act to Create a Federal Trade Commission, to Define its Powers and Duties, and for other Purposes," approved September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, shall be construed as extending to unfair methods of competition used in export trade, even though the acts constituting such unfair methods are done without the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

Section 5. Every association now engaged solely in export trade, within sixty days after the passage of this act, and every association entered into hereafter for the sole purpose of engaging in export trade, within thirty days after its creation, shall file with the Federal Trade Commission a written statement setting forth the location of its offices or places of business, and the names and addresses of all its officers, and of all its stockholders, or members, and if a corporation, a copy of its Certificate or Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, and if unincorporated, a copy of its articles or contract of association. Any association which shall fail so to do shall not have the benefit of the provisions of Section 2 and Section 3 of this act, and it shall also forfeit to the United States the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every day of the continuance of such failure, which forfeiture shall be payable into the treasury of the United States, and shall be recoverable in a civil suit in the name of the United States brought in the district where the association has its principal office, or in any district in which it shall do business. It shall be the duty of the various District Attorneys, under the direction of the Attorney General of the United States, to prosecute for the recovery of the forfeiture. The costs and expenses of such prosecution shall be paid out of the appropriation for the expenses of the courts of the United States.

Several letters, calling the attention of the Commission to conditions in certain lines of industry, and referring particularly to the increase in price of various materials, were presented, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that the following letters be referred to the Economic Department for consideration:

Letter dated March 17th, 1916, from Hon. A. P. Gardner, together with letter dated March 16th, from Mr. H. A. Besse, of Newburyport, Mass., addressed to Mr. Gardner. (A-13752)

Letter from Senator Hoke Smith, dated April 3d, 1916, together with letter to him from Mr. Clyde King, of Atlanta, Ga., dated March 31.

Letter and correspondence from Dr. Marion McH. Hull, of Atlanta, Ga., dated April 4, 1916.

Letter dated April 21, 1916, from Congressman L. C. Dyer, asking for information on the subject of the excessive cost of paper,

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and also requesting to be informed as to the cause of the rise in the price of horse-shoers' supplies, was considered, and the Secretary directed to comply with the request so far as possible.

The Chairman presented a letter from Congressman James V. McClintic, with which he enclosed a proposed bill giving the Commission certain powers over the issue of securities by corporations. The same was discussed, but no action taken.

The motion of Commissioner Rublee that Thurlow M. Gordon be employed by the Commission as an attorney, at \$4500.00 per annum, such employment to take effect July 1, 1916, was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rublee asked to be excused, and retired from the meeting.

The following order was adopted, Vice Chairman Hurley and Commissioner Harris voting in the affirmative, and Chairman Davies in the negative:

ORDERED, That John Walsh, heretofore assigned to serve on the Joint Board of Review, and the Law Board of Review, be now assigned to the office of Mr. Gregory, and to serve as his assistant;

That W. S. Culbertson be assigned to serve on the Joint Board of Review, and Law Board of Review, in the place of John Walsh; and that W. T. Chantland be assigned to special work under the direction of Mr. Gregory.

The report of the Commission on Trade and Tariffs, in certain South American countries, was considered by the Commission, and the Secretary ordered to send the same to the Public Printer to be placed in galley.

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May 2, 1916.

The following order was unanimously adopted:

ORDERED, That Mr. B. W. Camp, of Atlanta, Ga., be employed by the Commission as an attorney, at a salary of \$2,000.00 per annum, the same to take effect on taking the oath of office and entering upon the discharge of his duties.

Thereupon, at the hour of 5:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 25, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Joseph E. Davies
Chairman.

Attest:

L. D. Bachman
Secretary.

- April 25, 1916. No meeting held.
- April 26, 1916. No meeting held.
- April 27, 1916. No meeting held.
- April 28, 1916. No meeting held.
- April 29, 1916. No meeting held.
- April 30, 1916. Sunday.
- May 1, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

May 2, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

The Letter of Submittal covering the Commission's report on Foreign Trade was presented by Vice-Chairman Hurley, and after discussion it was unanimously approved and ordered sent to both houses of the Congress.

The Chairman presented the resolution adopted by the Senate of the United States, requesting the Commission to inquire into the increase in the price of print paper, and after discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the United States did, on April 24, 1916, adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Trade Commission is hereby requested to inquire into the increase in the price of print paper during the last year and ascertain whether or not the newspapers of the United States are being subjected to unfair practices in the sale of print paper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, That the Commission shall conduct an inquiry into the matters referred to in said resolution of the United States Senate, and conduct such investigation as may be necessary to carry into effect the intents and purposes of said resolution; and further, that the Chief Economist forthwith prepare and submit to the Commission, for its approval, a plan concerning the conduct of said investigation.


The matter of increasing the salary of Charles H. Becker was called up by Vice-Chairman Hurley, and after discussion the following order was unanimously adopted:

ORDERED, That the salary of Charles H. Becker be increased from \$1440 to \$1800 per annum, the same to be effective from and after May 1, 1916.

Thereupon, at the hour of 11:30 a. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, May 3, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

May 3, 1916. No meeting held.

May 6, 1916.

May 4, 1916. No meeting held.

May 5, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

May 6, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

Chairman Davies reported a conference with Dr. Victor A. Rendon in New York, in reference to waiving the affidavit by manufacturers of binder twine who desire to participate in the distribution of sisal, inasmuch as the total orders do not take up the 125,000 bales offered by the Comision Reguladora del Mercado de Henequen; and that Dr. Rendon agreed that the distribution might be made without requiring the affidavit.

Commissioner Rublee reported regarding the employment of certain economists for summer work, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed to employ Messrs. George A. Stephens and Percy W. Bidwell, each at a salary of \$150.00 per month; and Mr. W. H. S. Stevens at \$225.00 per month.

The report on Trade and Tariffs in Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, and Peru, was called up and discussed, and laid on the table until the next meeting.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:00 o'clock, the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, May 8, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Attest:

L. S. Buchanan
Secretary.

Joseph E. Davies
Chairman.

May 7, 1916. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

May 8, 1916, 3:00 P. M.

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

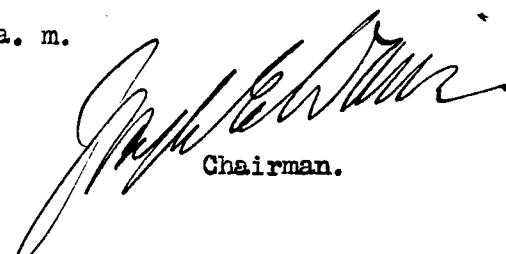
The Commission met and conferred generally in reference to the work of the Commission.

Chairman Davies filed a written report of a conference with Representative Steenerson on May 3d, regarding a bill which the Congressman had introduced giving the Commission power, under certain conditions, to fix the price of gasoline. Report received and placed on file.

On motion of Vice Chairman Hurley, it was unanimously agreed that the data collected by Messrs. Culbertson and Vorfeld, in connection with their investigation of South American tariffs, be turned over to Dr. E. E. Pratt.

The report of the Commission regarding the distribution of sisal, as directed by Senate resolution, was approved, and by unanimous consent it was agreed that a copy of such report be submitted to the Attorney General for his approval.

Thereupon, at the hour of 5:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 9, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

May 9, 1916.
MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

May 9, 1916, 11:00 A.M.

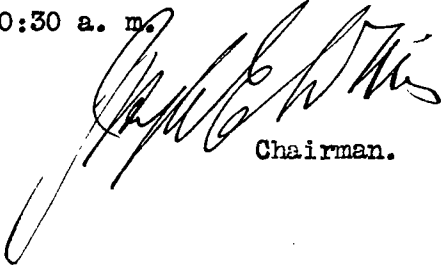
Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

The report of the Commission regarding the distribution of sisal, as directed by Senate Resolution, was again presented, together with the approval of the Attorney General, and the Secretary was directed to transmit such report to the Senate.

The Chairman presented a letter from Attorney General Gregory, calling attention to the expected increase in the price of anthracite coal, and asking the Commission to investigate the situation in the event such expected increase was carried into effect. After consideration it was unanimously agreed that a letter be sent to the Attorney General, stating that in the event such increase occurred an investigation would be instituted as the public interest may require.

A telegram from the Western Grocer Co. was presented, and referred to the Chairman and Commissioner Rublee for consideration and report.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, May 10, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

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MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

May 23, 1916, 10:30 a. m.

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

On motion of Commissioner Rublee, it was unanimously agreed that Alexander M. Hamburg, and Floyd L. Vaughan, be employed as economists during the summer months, each at a salary of \$100.00 per month.

ORDERED, That Mr. Haney prepare a preliminary report of the status of the Oil investigation, and present same to the Commission at the earliest possible date.

A conference was held with representatives of the Iowa-Nebraska Wholesale Grocers' Association (John Mehlhop, Jr.) (See file 8517-39).

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, May 24, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Attest: *W. A. Braeker*

Joseph E. Davies
 Chairman.

May 31, 1916.

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MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

May 31, 1916, 11:30 A. M.

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

The following resolution to amend a by-law heretofore adopted by the Commission, in reference to the term and tenure of the chairmanship of the Commission, was offered by Commissioner Harris:

RESOLVED: That the following by-law of the Commission, 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,"

be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

The chairmanship of the Commission shall pass in rotation to each member of the Commission for a term of one year, beginning July 1st, except that the term of the first chairman shall be from the organization of the Commission to July 1, 1916. The commissioners originally appointed by the President or their successors shall each serve as chairman in the order of the length of the terms for which they were appointed, the commissioner having the longest term serving first. In every year after each of the original commissioners or his successor shall have served as chairman, the commissioner then having the longest unexpired term of office shall become and be chairman as aforesaid.

In each year, beginning July 1st, the commissioner hereby designated to become chairman for the following year shall be vice-chairman of the Commission.

Any action heretofore taken by the Commission not in accordance with this by-law as now amended is hereby rescinded.

After reading the resolution Commissioner Harris moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hurley.

After some discussion Commissioner Parry made an oral motion that the resolution be amended so as to provide for the selection of a chairman each year, without reference to seniority or length of term. Motion to amend lost for want of a second. After further discussion Commissioner Parry moved that the resolution, as introduced by Commissioner Harris, be amended as follows:

"The chairman shall preside at meetings of the Commission, but shall have or exercise no further power as chairman."

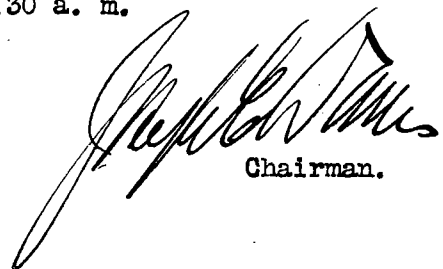
Seconded by Commissioner Harris.

The amendment was adopted, Commissioners Hurley, Harris, Parry, and Rublee voting in the affirmative, the Chairman not voting.


A vote on the resolution, as amended, was then called for by Commissioner Harris, and vote taken; Commissioners Hurley, Harris, and Rublee voting in the affirmative, and Commissioner Parry in the negative, the Chairman not voting.

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution, as amended, carried.

Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, June 1, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

June 2, 1916.

June 1, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

June 2, 1916, 3:00 P. M.

Edward N. Hurley, Acting Chairman
William J. Harris,
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

Mr. Hurley stated that Commissioners Harris, Rublee, and himself had conferred with Representative Webb, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, in regard to the scope and purpose of the proposed bill permitting cooperation of business concerns engaged solely in export trade.

Commissioner Harris presented a draft of a letter to be sent to concerns engaged in the oil business, inviting them to be represented at a hearing before the Commission to be held on June 12th and 13th, 1916. Letter approved, and ordered mailed.

Commissioner Rublee was authorized to employ Mr. D. P. Smelser as an economist for the Commission, at a salary not to exceed \$1500.00 per annum.

Thereupon, at the hour of 4:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, June 3, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Acting Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

- June 3, 1916. No meeting held.
- June 4, 1916. Sunday.
- June 5, 1916. No meeting held.
- June 6, 1916. No meeting held.
- June 7, 1916. No meeting held.
- June 8, 1916. No meeting held.
- June 9, 1916. No meeting held.
- June 10, 1916. No meeting held.
- June 11, 1916. Sunday.
- June 12, 1916. No meeting held.
- June 13, 1916. No meeting held.
- June 14, 1916. No meeting held.

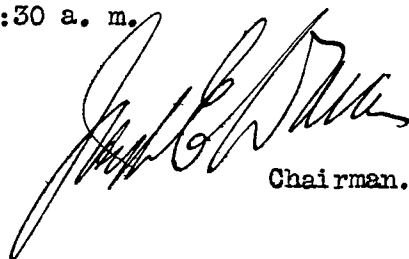
MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

June 15, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

ORDERED: That John H. Bradford, expert statistician, formerly employed by the Tariff Board and now in the employ of the Bureau of Applied Economics, be employed by the Federal Trade Commission as Examiner, at a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, said appointment to be effective upon his taking the oath of office and entering upon the discharge of his duties.

Thereupon, at the hour of 11:00 a. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, June 16, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

June 16, 1916.

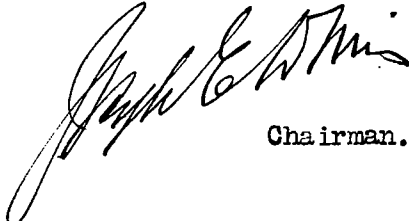
MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

June 16, 1916, 10:30 a. m.


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

ORDERED: That Wilson Compton, Ph. D., now instructor in economics, Dartmouth College, be employed by the Federal Trade Commission as an economist and special expert at a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars per annum, said appointment to be effective upon his taking the oath of office and entering upon the discharge of his duties.

Thereupon, at the hour of 11:00 a. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, June 17, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

- June 17, 1916. No meeting held.
- June 18, 1916. Sunday.
- June 19, 1916. No meeting held.
- June 20, 1916. No meeting held.
- June 21, 1916. No meeting held.
- June 22, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

June 23, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

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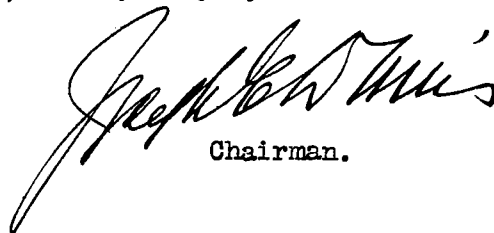
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Upon motion by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Rublee, the following order was adopted:

ORDERED, That Lewis H. Haney be employed by the Commission as a Special Expert, at a salary of \$5,000.00 per annum, such employment to take effect immediately following the expiration of his present term of employment, which will expire on September 8, 1916.

ORDERED, That the salary of E. O. Merchant be increased from \$2,340.00 per annum to \$3,000.00 per annum, the same to take effect July 1, 1916.

Thereupon, at the hour of 11:00 a. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, June 24, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

June 24, 1916. No meeting held.
June 25, 1916. Sunday.
June 26, 1916. No meeting held.
June 27, 1916. No meeting held.
June 28, 1916. No meeting held.
June 29, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

June 30, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

June 30, 1916.

Chairman Davies reported the following cases, on which action was taken as indicated below:

File 1-103, application of the Consolidated Electric Lamp Co. for the issuance of a complaint against the General Electric Co. Report approved, resolution adopted, and file ordered withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails & Files.

File 1-172, Application of Millers' National Federation and National Association of Master Bakers for the issuance of a complaint against the Postum Cereal Co., Limited, and the Vital Remedies Co. Report approved, resolution adopted, and application dismissed.

File 1-214, Application of Anderson-Romsos-Aune Co. for the issuance of a complaint against The Seng Co. Report approved, resolution adopted, and application dismissed.

File 1-191, Application of Mellen Creamery (J. E. Minton, Proprietor) for the issuance of a complaint against Buss Creamery Co. Report approved, resolution adopted, and file ordered withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files.

File 1-14, Application of C. L. Davis Co. for the issuance of a complaint against Taylor-Lowenstein & Co. Report approved, resolution adopted, and application dismissed.

File 1-76, application of U. S. Lightning Conductor Co. for the issuance of a complaint against Reyburn, Hunter & Co. Report approved, ruling adopted, and application dismissed.

The Chairman called up the matter of Commissioner Rublee's salary, and it was unanimously agreed that Congress be asked to pass a special appropriation bill authorizing the payment of Commissioner Rublee's salary.

The appointment of David L. Wing as Special Examiner, at a salary of \$2,460 per annum, effective April 7, 1916, by change from previous appointment as Special Examiner at \$4,000 per annum was, on motion of Commissioner Parry, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hurley, confirmed.

ORDERED, That the salary of David L. Wing be increased from \$2,460 per annum to \$3,500 per annum, the same to take effect July 1, 1916.

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Report of Commissioner Harris, File 1-188, Application of Stark Brothers Nurseries & Orchards Company for the issuance of a complaint against William P. Stark Nurseries, approved, further action in the case suspended, and certain documentary evidence submitted by the applicant ordered returned, if requested.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, July 1, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Edward N. Hurley
Chairman.

Attest:

L. L. Baehner
Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 1, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

The matter of renting quarters in the Munsey Building, for the use of the Commission during the present fiscal year, was called up by Chairman Hurley and discussed, and by unanimous consent Vice-Chairman Harris and Commissioner Parry were appointed a committee to investigate and determine whether or not it would be advisable for the Commission to accept the proposition of the Munsey Trust Company for quarters in the Munsey Building.

Thereupon, at the hour of 11:00 a. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, July 3, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Attest: *L. L. Baehner*
Secretary

Edward N. Hurley
Chairman.

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July 2, 1916. Sunday.
July 3, 1916. No meeting held.
July 4, 1916. No meeting held.
July 5, 1916. No meeting held.
July 6, 1916. No meeting held.
July 7, 1916. No meeting held.
July 8, 1916. No meeting held.
July 9, 1916. Sunday.
July 10, 1916. No meeting held.
July 11, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 12, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

Vice-Chairman Harris reported that Commissioner Parry and he had further considered the matter of renting quarters for the Commission in the Munsey Building, and had concluded that the space offered would not be adequate for the Commission.

Vice-Chairman Harris and Commissioner Parry were continued as a committee to consider the matter of quarters.

Letter from Representative George Holden Tinkham, dated June 29, 1916, asking the Commission to undertake an investigation into the alleged increase in the price of horse-shoes, was presented and considered, and the Secretary instructed to advise Mr. Tinkham that it would be necessary for the Commission to give the matter further consideration before a definite reply to his request could be made.

A motion by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner Rublee, that a committee be appointed to prepare a budget for the Commission for

the fiscal year 1917-1918, was carried unanimously. The Chairman designated Vice-Chairman Harris, Commissioner Davies, and Commissioner Parry to serve on such committee.

The correspondence with the Attorney General of the United States, with reference to the proposed investigation into the anthracite coal industry, and a resolution adopted by the Senate of the United States, calling upon the Commission to institute such investigation, was called up, and by unanimous consent the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

A plan for preparing a revised and adequate mailing list for the Commission was called up, considered, and approved, and an expenditure not to exceed \$1,000 was authorized for the purchase of necessary equipment and appliances incident to perfecting such mailing list.

The matter of appointing Joseph Loeffler, temporary copyist, to a position as Examiner, in order to retain his services, was considered, and by unanimous consent such action was deemed inadvisable.

The following resolution, introduced by Vice-Chairman Harris, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: That no order for printing, which shall exceed in cost the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), shall be placed without the authority of the Commission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That no order for printing, carrying with it a provision for the payment of 20 per cent in addition to the regular cost for the purpose of having the printing expedited, shall be placed without the authority of the Commission.

The following resolution, introduced by Vice-Chairman Harris, was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Chief Economist and the Chief Examiner shall hereafter, at the end of each month, make

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reports to the Secretary of all field work done by employees in their respective departments, including the Examiners assigned to Commissioners, which reports shall show the names of such employees, the dates on which engaged in field work, the nature of work done, and the particular case or investigation on which engaged, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Examiner assigned to each Commissioner, upon the completion of any field work done by him, shall promptly submit to the Chief Examiner a similar statement as to such field work; and that such reports, together with the expense of each item of work therein contained, shall be promptly submitted by the Secretary to each Commissioner.

A letter from Nathan B. Williams, requesting permission to examine the records, papers, and memoranda in the matter of the application of the J. L. Owens Company for the issuance of complaint against the Fosston Manufacturing Company, (File 1-97), was presented, and the Secretary instructed to advise Mr. Williams that his request would not be granted.


The Secretary called the attention of the Commission to the application of The Shredded Wheat Company for the issuance of complaint against The Ross Food Company, and by unanimous consent the matter was referred to Commissioner Parry.

The following resolution was presented by the Secretary, and upon consideration unanimously adopted:

In view of the fact that two employees of the Federal Trade Commission, Gregory J. Kessenich and Luke S. Nicholson, at nine hundred dollars per annum, have been called for service on the Mexican border as privates in the National Guard of the District of Columbia,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED: That the rule granting but two and one-half days of annual leave with pay for each month served be waived in their cases, and that they be granted the full annual leave with pay allowed by law -- thirty days -- from which will be deducted the annual leave already given them to June 30, inclusive, namely, 11 days 0 hours 45 minutes in the case of Mr. Kessenich, and 19 days 6 hours 15 minutes in the case of Mr. Nicholson.

Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, July 13, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 13, 1916, 11:00 A. M.

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

Vice-Chairman Harris presented a telegram from R. W. Stewart, attorney for the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, expressing a desire to appear before the Commission and present certain facts relating to the Oil Investigation. The Vice-Chairman was directed to advise Mr. Stewart that the Commission would be glad to hear him at 10:30 a. m., July 15th.

The following motion made by Vice-Chairman Harris, and seconded by Commissioner Parry, was carried unanimously:

That all general economic investigations, hereafter initiated by the Commission, or directed by Congress, shall be conducted by the Commissioner or Commissioners selected by the Commission in regular session.

On motion by Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Rublee, the investigation directed by Congress because of the increase in the price of news-print paper, was assigned to Commissioner Parry

July 13, 1916.

The matter of selecting the employees of the Commission was called up, and after discussion, on motion by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Vice Chairman Harris, Messrs. Davies and Harris were appointed a committee to prepare a plan by which the employees of the Commission shall be selected through the assistance of the Civil Service Commission, either from the classified civil service, or through the Civil Service Commission, and to report said plan to the Board for consideration.

At 1:00 p. m. a recess was taken until 2:30 p. m.

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

The Commission reassembled at the hour of 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Robertson was called into the meeting, and, after consideration, certain changes in the Report on Trade and Tariffs in Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, and Peru, were authorized, and the Secretary directed to see that the printing of the report was completed at the earliest possible date.

The following resolution, introduced by Vice Chairman Harris, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED:

- (1) That there be established an advisory economic board.
- (2) That this advisory board has as its functions:
 - (a) To advise the Commission on questions of economic policy;
 - (b) To advise the Commission concerning the de-

sirability of undertaking investigations of an economic or statistical character, and give estimates of expense of same;

(c) To recommend the assignment of investigators, including ~~accountants~~ and clerks, to the Secretary of the Commission;

(d) To discuss the results of investigations and to advise the Commission concerning the importance and validity of such results.

(3) That any member of this board may, upon the request of the Commission or upon the decision of the board with the consent of the Commission, be assigned to the conduct of a particular investigation; but that the board jointly shall be charged with the responsibility of conducting all economic and statistical investigations, subject to the direction only of the Commission; and that all investigations now pending shall be so conducted.

(4) That this advisory board be composed of not more than five members, who shall be the chief economist now in the service of the Commission together with any economists of similar standing who may be later added to the staff. The initial membership of the board shall be composed of Messrs. Walker, Robertson, and Haney, whose salaries shall be \$5000 annually, each, and that Dr. Walker shall be chairman of the board.

(5) The duties of the chairman shall be to call meetings of the board and to preside at such meetings.

(6) That a decision or opinion of the board shall be one favored by a majority of the board. In case of a difference of opinion concerning a matter of interest or importance to the Commission, it shall be the duty of the board to furnish the Commission with concise majority and minority reports.

(7) That the positions of Chief Economist and Assistant Chief Economist be abolished, and that the duties of these positions devolve upon said Board of Chief Economists.

(8) That this resolution shall supersede and repeal any resolutions now in force, with which it may conflict.

The Chairman reported a plan by which all accounting work of the Commission would be under the direction of one head. After discussion the report was referred to the Advisory Economic Board for consideration, and report.

ORDERED, That the salary of Thomas M. Robertson be increased from \$4,000 per annum to \$5,000 per annum, the same to take effect July 15, 1916.

July 14, 1916.

Thereupon, at the hour of 4:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, July 14, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Edward Hurley
Chairman.

Attest:

F. A. Brachman
Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 14, 1916, 2:30 p. m.

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

The matter of obtaining quarters in the building to be constructed by Harry Wardman, for the Department of Justice, was called up, and after discussion Mr. Davies moved that Messrs. Harris and Parry be appointed a committee to consider the proposition of Mr. Wardman, with full power to act, which motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Hurley reported in writing that the report on Pipe-Line Transportation of Petroleum had been corrected in certain particulars, and recommended that the corrected page-proof be accepted by the Commission and sent to the Public Printer for printing. Report adopted, and Secretary directed to see that the printing of the report was completed as soon as possible.

Thereupon, at the hour of 4:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, July 15, at 10:30 a. m.

F. A. Brachman *Edward Hurley*

July 15, 17, 1916.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 15, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

Messrs. L. J. Drake and R. W. Stewart, representing the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, appeared before the Commission and discussed certain matters connected with the Oil Investigation.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, July 17, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Edward N. Hurley
Chairman.

Attest:

L. J. Drake
Secretary.

July 16, 1916. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 17, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

The report of the Advisory Economic Board, dated July 14, 1916, on the memorandum of Mr. D. A. Morrow, of the same date, in re itinerary for conferences with coal operators in connection with the proposed investigation of the bituminous coal industry, was placed before the Commission and discussed, whereupon it was

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ORDERED, That the conferences with bituminous coal operators proposed in the memorandum of D. A. Morrow, dated July 14, 1916, at Charlestown, W. Va., Kansas City, Mo., and Denver, Colo., be and the same are authorized; provided, however, that this authorization does not commit the Commission to the continuation of the investigation or further expenditures mentioned in said memorandum; but that said continuation of the investigation and further expenditures shall depend upon future action by the Commission.

Report and resolution of Mr. Parry, in re file 1-195, application of Wartikoff Cigar Stores for the issuance of a complaint against Cumberland News Co. Report approved, resolution adopted, application dismissed, and the papers ordered withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files.

Messrs. Davies, Harris, and Parry, members of the budget committee, presented a written report, which was ordered placed on file.

At 1:00 o'clock p. m. a recess was taken until 2:45 p. m.

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

The Commission reassembled at the hour of 2:45 p. m.

Letter dated July 17, 1916, from Arthur C. Schenck, an employee of the Commission, was considered, and referred to the Secretary for attention.

The matter of paying a fee to Don Eliseo Gutierrez for an opinion on the commercial laws of Chile, was considered, and the Secretary directed to write the attorney, and also the Bank of Chile for an explanation of the alleged charge.

Mr. Parry reported that he had brought to the attention of the Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce the desirability of sending representatives of that Bureau to the war zones of Europe, for the purpose of investigating the probable market for American lumber at the conclusion of the war.

He further reported that he had agreed, subject to approval by the Commission, to serve as a member of a committee representing the Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Forest Service, to devise plans for conducting such investigation, it being understood that the Commission would not be called upon to bear any part of the expense of the same.

Upon motion Mr. Parry was authorized to represent the Commission on said committee.

Thereupon, at the hour of 4:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, July 19, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Edward N. Hurley
Chairman.

Attest:

W. A. Baker
Secretary.

July 18, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 19, 1916, 11:00 A. M.

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

The Report on Cooperation in American Export Trade was called up by the Chairman, and after consideration, by unanimous consent, it was agreed that Part I be held for further consideration, and

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that Part II be approved and published.

In connection with the investigation into the increase in the price of news-print paper, it was unanimously agreed to hold a hearing at 10:00 a. m., on August 1, 1916, and to invite all newspaper publishers, paper manufacturers, and others interested in such matter to attend and state their views.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, July 20, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

E. A. H. Huley
Chairman.

Attest:

S. A. Brachner

Secretary.

July 20, 1916. No meeting held.
 July 21, 1916. No meeting held.
 July 22, 1916. No meeting held.
 July 23, 1916. Sunday.
 July 24, 1916. No meeting held.
 July 25, 1916. No meeting held.
 July 26, 1916. No meeting held.
 July 27, 1916. No meeting held.
 July 28, 1916. No meeting held.
 July 29, 1916. No meeting held.
 July 30, 1916. Sunday.
 July 31, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 1, 1916, 11:30 A. M.

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

The Commission conducted a hearing in the matter of its investigation of the news-print paper situation, at which a number of persons appeared and expressed their views (see file 8508-580).

Assistant Counsel Walsh submitted for the approval of the Commission an amended complaint in the Shredded Wheat case. Mr. Parry objected to the form of complaint on account of the repeated allegations therein of the "purpose and intent of preventing or stifling competition and of perpetuating a monopoly," which objections are fully set forth in a report by him dated July 26, 1916. (Docket file 5-C.) After discussion it was decided to adopt the amended complaint in this particular case with the understanding that such action should not be taken as a precedent in other cases and that the questions raised in Mr. Parry's report should be considered and acted upon before the adoption of a complaint in any subsequent proceeding wherein the expressions objected to are used. Whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission did on the 17th day of April, A. D., 1916, issue its complaint in the above-entitled proceedings; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission has reason to believe that said Shredded Wheat Co. have been or are using other unfair methods of competition in commerce than are charged in said complaint, and that said original complaint should be amended in some particulars;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Commission issue and serve upon said Shredded Wheat Co. its amended complaint, stating all of its charges in that respect in substantially the form hereunto annexed.

At 1:00 o'clock p. m. a recess was taken until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

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

The Commission reassembled at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

The hearing of persons interested in the news-print paper situation was continued.

Thereupon, at the hour of 6:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, August 2, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Edward N. Hurley
Chairman.

Attest:

A. L. Baker
Secretary.

August 2, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

August 3, 1916, 11:00 A. M.

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

Mr. Parry presented the application of the Lumbermen's Club of Memphis, Tennessee, as expressed by its resolution of July 25, 1916, and of the Southern Hardwood Traffic Association, and other hardwood manufacturers, for a hearing before the Commission regarding the conditions in the hardwood lumber industry, whereupon it was

ORDERED, That Mr. Parry be authorized to arrange for, and hold such hearings as he may deem necessary and advisable to ascertain the pertinent facts concerning conditions in the hardwood industry.

On motion of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Davies, it was

ORDERED, That Mr. Parry be authorized to visit the lumber districts of the Pacific Coast, for the purpose of making further inquiry into the conditions of the lumber industry, and related matters.

The time that the several Commissioners would take their vacations was considered, and by unanimous consent it was agreed that each Commissioner should take, if he so desired, sixty days' vacation, with the privilege of taking with him his private secretary, or personal attorney.

Letter from Secretary Redfield, dated July 31, asking that the Commission vacate the space now occupied by it in the Commerce Building as soon as practicable, was presented, and considered, and the Secretary directed to prepare a letter advising Mr. Redfield that the Commission would make every possible effort to surrender the space now occupied by it at the earliest possible moment.

Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, August 4, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Edwin Huley
Chairman.

Attest:

F. A. Bucken
Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 4, 1916, 11:00 A. M.

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

Memorandum of the Economic Advisory Board, in re recommendations of Robert E. Belt, regarding the accounting work of the Commission, presented, and after consideration the Secretary was directed to refer the memorandum to Mr. Belt for a statement of his views.

Report of the Economic Advisory Board, regarding H. R. 13917, known as the Steenerson bill, was considered, and the draft of a letter accompanying such report was approved and directed mailed to Hon. William C. Adamson, Chairman, House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

The Secretary was authorized to negotiate with the Sidney C. Ormsby Company, New York City, with the view of employing such firm as official reporter for the Commission, and directed to prepare draft of contract for consideration by the Commission.

Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, August 5, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 5, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

Chairman Hurley presented a report on the work of the Commission regarding Uniform Accounting and Cost Educational Work accomplished to date; also the work contemplated during the present year, together with the cost thereof. Report received and held for consideration in connection with the budget for the present fiscal year.

The matter of issuing a statement for publicity on the forthcoming report on Gasoline was authorized, and referred to Messrs. Haney and Corrigan, and the Secretary, for preparation.

It was unanimously agreed that the report on Cooperation in American Export Trade bear the date of June 30, 1916, and the letter of submittal the date on which the report is actually sent to Congress.

The report on Cooperation in American Export Trade was further considered by the Commission, and after discussion was referred to the Economic Advisory Board for review and completion, with the understanding that the chapter containing conclusions would be the only one rewritten; and that additional field work would not be required.

The Secretary submitted a list of all the employees of the Commission, except the private secretaries to the Commissioners, showing the present salary of each and a suggested salary, based on information received from heads of the various departments and from other employees who have had an opportunity to learn the value of the services of certain men through direct contact and observation. The Commission thereupon increased the salaries of the employees

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hereinafter named to the amounts set opposite their respective names and in some cases changed the designation of employees as indicated. These salaries and changes in titles of employees are to become effective August 16, 1916:

ECONOMIC.

D. A. Morrow,	\$3500.00	
W. Y. Durand,	3000.00	
W. H. England,	3000.00	
R. W. Gardiner,	3000.00	
Harry C. McCarty,	2640.00	
T. A. Carroll,	2750.00	
William F. Notz,	3000.00	
Walter B. Wooden,	2280.00	
Walter M. Twombly,	2000.00	(Special Agent, transferred to Lump-Sum Roll.)
J. K. Arnold,	2160.00	
F. L. Hawes,	2160.00	
C. G. Farwell,	2160.00	
H. L. Anderson,	1920.00	
William Saulsbury,	2100.00	
W. W. Bays,	1860.00	
Alvin R. Peterson,	1800.00	
C. C. Houghton,	1800.00	
W. R. Bendz,	1800.00	
James B. Peat,	1800.00	
M. J. Dunsworth,	1800.00	
Leroy C. Floyd,	1800.00	
S. S. Kalisher,	1740.00	
W. P. Fickett,	1680.00	
C. F. Fuller,	1680.00	
C. T. Windle,	1680.00	
G. T. Dalton,	1560.00	
Anderson H. Tackett,	1500.00	
J. T. Graves, Jr.,	1500.00	
E. B. Gordon,	1500.00	
J. F. Hauck,	1500.00	
J. C. Ballou,	1500.00	
Thos. A. Thibodeau,	1440.00	
W. W. Childs,	1440.00	
Walter D. Waugh,	1380.00	
Arne S. Solem,	1380.00	
Arthur L. Lyddane,	1380.00	
Randell J. Larson,	1320.00	(Special Agent, transferred from from statutory to Lump-Sum roll.)
Edward Fischer,	1320.00	(Special Agent, transferred from statutory to Lump-Sum roll.)
J. O. Hoover,	1320.00	
Thomas H. Claffey,	\$2000.00	(Examiner.)
Byrbn P. Parry,	2000.00	(Examiner.)

LEGAL.

M. Markham Flannery,	\$3000.00
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J. J. Dunham,	2580.00	
W. T. Roberts,	2580.00	
William C. Reeves,	2750.00	(Attorney and Examiner.)
Geo. McCorkle,	2580.00	
B. W. Camp,	2580.00	
Everett M. Hawley,	2100.00	
Eugene H. Hickok,	2100.00	
Wayne Johnson,	1920.00	
William T. Kelley,	2100.00	
Charles S. Moore,	2100.00	
John M. Burkett,	1800.00	
Harold V. Amberg,	3000.00	(Attorney and Examiner.)
Frank Jones,	2750.00	(Attorney and Examiner.)
Adrien F. Busick,	2750.00	(Attorney and Examiner.)
Millard F. Hudson,	2750.00	(Attorney and Examiner.)
Morten Q. Macdonald,	2750.00	(Attorney and Examiner.)

STATUTORY ROLL.

Warren R. Choate,	\$2500.00	Special Agent
L. F. Caswell,	2500.00	
Charles H. Rodgers,	2000.00	Chief Clerk.
F. X. Patterson,	1800.00	Clerk, Class 4.
L. A. Spiess,	1800.00	" " "
W. M. Mason,	1600.00	" " 3.
S. F. Shrout,	1600.00	" " "
Otto E. Woerner,	1600.00	" " "
Leon S. Gibson,	1600.00	" " "
G. Edwin Rowland,	1600.00	(Transferred to Lump-Sum roll.)
Otis B. Johnson,	1400.00	Clerk, Class 2.
H. J. Huebsch,	1400.00	" " "
W. H. Galbraith,	1400.00	" " "
William L. Mayo,	1400.00	" " "
Frank Erwin, Jr.,	1400.00	" " "
Charles M. Brown,	1400.00	" " "
Charles F. Rougeou,	1400.00	" " "
A. N. Ross,	1200.00	Clerk, Class 1.
Edward J. Owen,	1200.00	" " "
J. W. Karsner,	1200.00	" " "
J. S. Coombs,	1200.00	" " "
Geo. H. G. Reges, Jr.	1200.00	" " "
J. H. Grabtree,	1200.00	" " "
C. C. Davis,	1200.00	" " "
Jason B. Caukin,	1200.00	" " "
W. R. Clardy,	1200.00	" " "
H. S. Cutts,	1200.00	" " "
Robert C. Dalrymple,	1200.00	" " "
Oliver T. Lawman,	1000.00	Clerk.
William Dubois,	1000.00	"
Helmer J. Kallio,	1000.00	"
Leo Manville,	1000.00	"
Walter C. Cheely,	1000.00	"
Ray Kellogg,	1000.00	"
Edward C. Richardson,	1000.00	"
Clarence E. Lambrecht,	1000.00	"

August 5, 10, 1916.

ORDERED: That W. H. S. Stevens be employed as a Special Expert, at an annual salary of \$4800.00, such employment to take effect on September 1st, 1916.

Upon motion by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Parry, Mr. D. A. Morrow, now Examiner, was unanimously designated as Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

ORDERED: That Homer B. Marcum be employed as an Examiner, at a salary of \$1200.00 per annum.

Thereupon, at the hour of 1:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, August 7, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Edward N. Hurley
Chairman.

Attest:

J. L. Baehner
Secretary.

- August 6, 1916. Sunday.
- August 7, 1916. No meeting held.
- August 8, 1916. No meeting held.
- August 9, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 10, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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

The importance of coming to a definite conclusion regarding certain phases of the Gasoline report was discussed, and it was

unanimously agreed that the consideration of such report be made a special order of business for August 18th and 19th.

The Secretary was directed to send the Gasoline report, except the chapter containing Conclusions, to the Public Printer to be placed in galley.

Chairman Hurley presented a report, in re 1-40, application of John Skelton Williams for the issuance of a complaint against Freeport Texas Co. and others, together with a ruling, and after discussion the report was approved and the application ordered dismissed. It was agreed, however, that a resolution be substituted for the ruling.

Report of Mr. Parry, in re 1-232, application of Hon. George F. O'Shaunessy for issuance of complaint against Coal Dealers of Providence, R. I. Report approved, resolution adopted, and papers transferred from the Docket Division to the Division of Mails and Files.

Mr. Parry also presented a draft of a letter to Mr. O'Shaunessy, which was approved.

ORDERED, That James Osborne Hoover be transferred from the temporary roll to the roll of permanent employees of the Commission, at a salary of \$1320.00 per annum, same to be effective August 16, 1916.

The investigation into the print-paper situation on the Pacific Coast was discussed, and Mr. Parry was authorized to conduct that part of the investigation while in the West, and to take with him two accountants, if necessary, to assist him.

Chairman Hurley was authorized to inquire into the proposed increase in price of bread, while in Chicago, and report to the Commission.

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The fact that certain employees had been assigned to preliminary work on the investigation into the bituminous coal industry was called to the attention of the Commission by the Secretary, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that such preliminary work be continued, but that the general investigation would not be undertaken until further action by the Commission.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, August 11, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Edward N. Hurley
Chairman.

Attest:

L. A. Buckley

Secretary.

August 11, 1916. No meeting held.
August 12, 1916. No meeting held.
August 13, 1916. Sunday.
August 14, 1916. No meeting held.
August 15, 1916. No meeting held.
August 16, 1916. No meeting held.
August 17, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 18, 1916, 11:00 A. M.

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

The Economic Advisory Board was called into the meeting, and the Gasoline report carefully considered and extensively discussed.

At 1:00 p. m. a recess was taken until 2:30 p. m.

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

The Commission reassembled at the hour of 2:30 p. m., and continued meeting.

The Commission entered upon the further consideration of the Gasoline report, Mr. G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, being present, and giving the Commission the benefit of his views regarding the legal aspect of the report, particularly in reference to its bearing upon the dissolution decree of the Standard Oil Company. Mr. Todd afterward retired from the meeting.

Members of the Economic Advisory Board, (with the exception of Dr. Walker), and Messrs. Gordon and Wing, were called into the meeting, and after further consideration and discussion of the report it was agreed that Mr. Gordon should review the same, and offer criticisms and suggestions concerning the legal questions involved; and that Mr. Wing also read the report and assist the Economic Advisory Board in revising the text to conform with the ideas suggested by the Commission.

Thereupon, at the hour of 6:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, August 19, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Edward N. Hurley
Chairman.

Attest:

L. A. Baker
Secretary.

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MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 19, 1916, 9:00 A. M.

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

Letter of Submittal of the Commission's Report on the Fertilizer Industry was presented by Mr. Parry, and after discussion the same was approved and ordered published.

Mr. Davies was authorized by the Commission to attend the lumber hearing in Chicago on August 21 and to cooperate with Mr. Parry in representing the Commission at such meeting.

The Commission then took up and spent the entire morning in a further consideration of the Gasoline report.

At 1:00 o'clock p. m. a recess was taken until 2:30 p. m.

The Commission reassembled at 2:30 p. m.

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

The Commission resumed further consideration of the Gasoline report.

Mr. Davies presented report recommending dismissal of the case of the Commission against Goldin Brothers, Complaint No. 1, which after discussion was approved.

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Mr. Davies presented report in re case of the Commission against Clarence N. Yagle, et al., Complaint No. 3, recommending final disposition of same, which after discussion was approved and the case disposed of by a consent finding and order.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, All the members of the Federal Trade Commission will find it necessary to be absent from the city of Washington at various times, and while so absent it will be necessary to designate some one to sign and execute official papers; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That Leonidas L. Bracken, Secretary of the Commission, is hereby authorized to execute all such official papers, including vouchers, payrolls, travel orders, requisitions, etc., as Secretary, for and on behalf of the Federal Trade Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That DeLorma A. Morrow, in the absence from the city of Washington of the Commissioners and the said Leonidas L. Bracken, Secretary of the Commission, be and is hereby authorized to execute all such official papers and documents above referred to in his name as Acting Secretary, for and on behalf of the Federal Trade Commission, and when such papers above described have been executed accordingly the same shall have all the force and validity as if signed by the Chairman or any member of the Federal Trade Commission.

All other authorizations in conflict with this are hereby revoked, and this shall continue in force until otherwise ordered.

At the hour of 6:00 o'clock p. m. the Commission adjourned until Monday, August 21, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Earl H. ...

Chairman.

Attest:

L. L. Bracken
Secretary.

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August 20, 1916. Sunday.
August 21, 1916. No meeting held.
August 22, 1916. No meeting held.
August 23, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 24, 1916, 3:00 P. M.

Edward N. Hurley, Chairman
William J. Harris, Vice Chairman
George Rublee

The question of the status of Raymond B. Stevens with the Commission was called up, and after discussion the Secretary was directed to communicate with Mr. Stevens with a view of ascertaining his desire in reference to his future connection with the Commission.

ORDERED, That Thurlow M. Gordon be assigned to serve on the Joint Board of Review in the absence of Raymond B. Stevens.

ORDERED, That William S. Culbertson be designated to serve as Chief Examiner in the absence of Mr. Stevens.

ORDERED, That William H. S. Stevens be assigned to serve on the Joint Board of Review in the absence of Dr. Walker.

The matter of H. R. 9409, known as the Mixed Flour Repeal Bill, which was called to the attention of the Commission by Representative Rainey orally, was considered and referred to Mr. Culbertson for consideration and report.

The Commission acted on a number of applications for the issuance of complaints as noted below:

- File 1-5: Western Meat Company v. Swift & Co. et al.
Report of Joint Board of Review, May 22,
1916, approved.
Resolution denying and dismissing applica-
tion approved.
- File 1-164 Iowa State Retail Merchants Association v.
B. J. Johnson Soap Co.
Report of Joint Board of Review, June 7,
1916, approved.
Resolution denying application approved.
- File 1-26 Joplin Mercantile Co. v. Milwaukee Beer Co. et al.
Report of Joint Board of Review, June 21,
1916, approved.
Resolution denying and dismissing appli-
cation approved. Applicant to be advised
of this action.
- File 1-192 Western Retail Lumbermen's Association et al.
v. W. P. Fuller & Co. et al.
Report of Joint Board of Review, May 19,
1916, approved.
Resolution denying and dismissing appli-
cation approved.
- File 1-110 United Typothetae and Franklin Clubs of
America, respecting conditions in the print-
ing industry.
Report of Joint Board of Review, February
11, 1916, approved.
Ruling holding that practice is not an un-
fair method of competition, adopted.
- File 1-138 New Bedford Textile Co. v. Certain Competitors.
Report of Joint Board of Review, February
21, 1916, approved.
Resolution withdrawing papers from the
Docket Division and transferring same to
the Division of Mails and Files, approved.
- File 1-73 Hardy Bros. Tire & Rubber Co. v. Bertram
Motor Supply Co.
Report of Joint Board of Review, February
21, 1916, approved.
Resolution withdrawing papers from the
Docket Division and transferring same to
the Division of Mails and Files, approved.
- File 1-56: American Stone Co. v. James H. Rhodes & Co.
Report of Joint Board of Review, May 11,
1916, approved.
Resolution withdrawing papers from the
Docket Division and transferring same to
the Division of Mails and Files, approved.

At the hour of 5:30 p. m. the Commission adjourned until Friday,

August 25, 1916.

August 25, 1916, at 3:30 p. m.

Edward N. Hurley
Chairman.

Attest:

L. H. Backus
Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 25, 1916, 3:30 P. M.

Edward N. Hurley, Chairman
William J. Harris, Vice Chairman
George Rublee

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Senate Resolution No. 217, a copy of which is attached hereto, requests the Federal Trade Commission to make an immediate investigation into the anthracite coal industry with respect to the recent increase in anthracite prices; and House Resolution No. 352, a copy of which is also attached hereto, directs the Commission to make an immediate investigation into the conditions of production and distribution of bituminous coal; and

WHEREAS, The Commission wishes to respond fully to the requests embodied in these resolutions; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That two separate investigations in response to these resolutions be undertaken and carried on with equal vigor and dispatch; that the Advisory Economic Board is hereby directed to prepare plans for the conduct of these investigations, and that the conduct of the bituminous coal investigation should accord with the work already initiated for a study of conditions in the bituminous coal industry.

The Commission then took up the question of applications for issuance of complaints and requests for rulings, and acted upon a number of cases as indicated below:

Applications for Complaints.

File 1-190: Patent and Enameled Leather Manufacturers Association v. Boston Artificial Leather Co. et al.
Supplementary report of Joint Board of Review, July 31, 1916, approved.

Resolution dismissing application adopted.
Letters advising respondents of this action
to be sent.

- File 1-112 Ben Franklin Club of Cleveland in re conditions in printing business.
Report of Joint Board of Review, February 11, 1916, approved.
Ruling adopted.
- File 1-84 J. M. Thayer v. American Telegraphone Co.
Ruling prepared by Mr. Gregory adopted.
- File 1-91 C. A. Waldron v. Eastman Kodak Co.
Ruling prepared by Mr. Gregory adopted.
- File 1-201 The Arco Co. v. the Trussed Concrete Steel Co.
Report of Joint Board of Review, June 6, 1916, adopted.
Application dismissed. Ruling adopted.
- File 1-39 General Roofing Mfg. Co. v. General Roofing Co.
Report of Joint Board of Review, December 27, 1915, approved.
Application dismissed. Ruling approved.
- File 1-140 E. V. C. Hawkes v. International Steam Pump Co.
Report of Joint Board of Review, May 25, 1916, adopted.
Application denied. Resolution adopted.
- File 1-217 E. E. Vrooman & Co. against Unnamed patent attorneys.
Report of Law Board of Review, May 18, 1916, adopted.
Application dismissed. Ruling adopted, but not to be published.
- File 1-102 Laclède-Christy Clay Products Co. v. Manufacturers of Sewer Pipe.
Report of Joint Board of Review, June 30, 1916, adopted.
Resolution transferring papers to the Division of Mails and Files adopted.
- File 1-63 Northwestern Brokerage Co. v. Ryan-Newton-Virden Interests.
Resolution transferring papers to the Division of Mails and Files adopted.
- File 1-40 John Skelton Williams v. Freeport Texas Co.
Report of Joint Board of Review, June 1, 1916, adopted.
Resolution denying and dismissing application adopted.
Applicant to be advised of Commission's action by letter.
- File 1-193 Texas Warehouse and Marketing Department v. Unnamed Cotton Ginners and Cottonseed Oil Mills.

- Report of Joint Board of Review, July 6, 1916, adopted.
Resolution that no further action be taken, and that a letter be written to the applicant expressing the Commission's reasons for not proceeding further in this case, adopted.
- File 1-32 Columbus Collar Pad Co. v. American Pad and Textile Co.
Report of Joint Board of Review, September 23, 1915, approved.
Ruling denying application adopted, but not to be published.
- File 1-169 J. D. Tower & Sons Co. v. Montgomery Ward & Co.
Resolution dismissing application and transferring papers to Division of Mails and Files, adopted.
- File 1-209 Retail Shoe Dealers' Association of New York v. Dunn & McCarthy, Inc.
Report of Joint Board of Review, April 10, 1916, adopted.
Resolution denying application adopted.
- File 1-184 Koken Barbers' Supply Co. v. Unnamed firms manufacturing hair tonic.
Report of Joint Board of Review, May 25, 1916, finding it unnecessary to make another ruling in this case since conference ruling No. 46 covers the exact point raised, adopted.
Applicant to be advised by letter in accordance with this report.
- File 1-79 B. Gilham (Macon, Ga., Chamber of Commerce) in re conditions in clay mining and marketing.
Report of Joint Board of Review, May 25, 1916, adopted.
Resolution withdrawing files from the Docket Division and transferring them to Division of Mails and Files, adopted.
- File 1-92 Edmund A. Condon v. Welsbach Gas Lamp Co.
Supplementary report of Joint Board of Review, June 21, 1916, adopted.
Resolution denying application adopted.
- File 1-212 The Motion Picture Exhibitors League of America, New York Local No. 1, v. Paramount Pictures Corporation.
Report of Joint Board of Review, July 6, 1916, adopted.
Resolution denying application adopted.
- File 1-235 E. T. Robards v. Henderson Publishing Co.
Report of Joint Board of Review, June 17, 1916, adopted.
Resolution denying and dismissing application adopted.
Applicant herein to be advised of this action.
- File 1-204 Frederick D. Hall v. The Eastern Agency. Report of Joint Board of Review, June 13, 1916, adopted.
Ruling adopted

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File 1-10 J. M. Anderson Grocer Co. v. Cudahy Packing Co.
Resolution in the form as annexed hereto,
directing issuance of a formal complaint against
Cudahy Packing Co., adopted. Matter referred
to assistant counsel for preparation of such
complaint.

The resolution reads:

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission has
reason to believe that the Cudahy Packing Company,
a corporation having its principal office and place
of business in the City of Chicago, in the State of
Illinois, has violated and is violating the provis-
ions of Section 2 of the Act of Congress approved
October 15, 1914, and it appearing to the Commission
that a proceeding by it in respect thereof would be
to the interest of the public, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Commission issue and serve
upon said Cudahy Packing Company, a corporation hav-
ing its principal office and place of business in
the City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, its
complaint stating its charges in that respect in
substantially the form hereunto annexed, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That notice be given to the
said Cudahy Packing Company, a corporation, as re-
quired by law, that the charges of the said complaint will
be heard by the Commission at its office in the Com-
merce Building, in the City of Washington, D. C., on
the _____ day of _____, A. D., 1916,
at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, or as
soon thereafter as the same may be reached. Dated,
August 25th, 1916.

File 1-58 Samson Electric Co. v. Western Electric Co. et al.
Report of Joint Board of Review, May 16, 1916,
adopted.
Resolution dismissing application and transfer-
ring files to Division of Mails and Files adopted.

File 1-62 Wm. A. Robson v. John W. Grubbs and the Champion
Roller Mills Co.
Report of Commissioner Parry, July 25, 1916,
adopted.
Resolution transferring files to Division of
Mails and Files adopted.

File 1-213 Typewriter Emporium v. Dearborn Typewriter Exchange.
Report of Joint Board of Review, June 21, 1916,
adopted.
Form of ruling prepared by Joint Board of Review
adopted.
Application denied.

File 1-226 Wm. H. Hand, Jr. v. Motor Boat & Auto Supply Co.
Report of Joint Board of Review, July 12, 1916,
adopted.
Form of ruling prepared by Joint Board of Review
adopted.
Application denied.

- File 1-233 Red Jacket Mfg. Co. v. Ives Manufacturing Co.
Report of Joint Board of Review, June 7, 1916,
adopted.
Application denied on authority of Conference
Ruling No. 46.

Requests for Rulings.

- File 2-47 American Tobacco Co. (Junius Parker).
Matter referred to the Department of Justice
for consideration in connection with an in-
vestigation now being conducted by the At-
torney General as to the manner in which the
defendants in the Government suit against the
American Tobacco Co. are complying with the
decree entered in that case, with proviso
that papers are to be returned to the Com-
mission if nothing is found therein which the
Department of Justice desires to consider in
connection with above suit.
- File 2-83 Michigan Washing Machine Co.
Ruling holding that this request for ruling
is covered by conference rulings Nos. 13
and 15, adopted.
- File 2-90 Eden Telephone Co.
Ruling adopted. Letter advising applicant
of Commission's action herein adopted.
- File 2-59 L. L. Kimes & Bro.
Conference ruling adopted in connection with
application for complaint 1-91 adopted as
applicable to this request for ruling. Letter
to applicant advising of this action and
enclosing a copy of said ruling approved.
- File 2-114 Baltimore Coal Exchange.
Report of Law Board of Review, March 9, 1916,
adopted.
Letter to applicant advising that Federal
Trade Commission Act or Clayton Act are not
applicable to plan as submitted, adopted.
- File 2-112 Icy-Hot Bottle Co.
Report of Law Board of Review, March 1, 1916,
adopted.
Letter advising applicant that nothing in
the statement of facts presented making the
Federal Trade Commission Act or the Clayton
Act applicable thereto, approved.
- File 2-87 Keystone Association.
Report of Law Board of Review, May 1, 1916,
adopted.
Letter to applicant advising that matter pre-
sented does not involve a construction or
operation of any law enforceable by the
Commission, adopted.
- File 2-53 Goldens' Foundry and Machine Co.
Report of Law Board of Review, May 1, 1916,

Letter to applicant advising in accordance with above report, adopted. Commission unable to make ex parte determination as to the validity of contract submitted by applicant.

- File 2-116 Travis Glass Co.
Report of Law Board of Review, April 17, 1916, adopted.
Letter to applicant advising that plan presented does not involve Federal Trade Commission Act or Clayton Act, adopted.
- File 2-67 Carton Belting Co.
Report of Law Board of Review of May 4, 1916, adopted.
Letter to applicant advising in accordance with above report, adopted.
- File 2-98 Corrugated Fibre Co.
Opinion dated April 24, 1916, by Wm. T. Chantland, concurred in by S. S. Gregory, in the form of a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, suggesting that letter be sent to applicant advising him that the Commission deems it unnecessary to take any action in the matter submitted, adopted.
- File 2-97 J. K. Mullen.
Form of ruling submitted by Mr. Gregory adopted.
Letter prepared by Mr. Gregory advising applicant of ruling by the Commission, approved.
- File 2-93 Payne and Becker.
Form of ruling approved by Mr. Gregory adopted.
Letter to applicant advising that the question submitted is one which relates to that part of Section 7 of the Clayton Act which Section 11 thereof gives jurisdiction, if any, to the Interstate Commerce Commission, approved.
- File 2-14 Green, Webb & Tate.
Report of Joint Board of Review, January 31, 1916, adopted.
Form of ruling adopted. Letter advising applicant in accordance with above report of Joint Board of Review, adopted.
- File 2-22 Wm. Randall & Sons.
Form of ruling approved by Mr. Gregory, adopted.
- File 2-70 Ahler Plumbing Co.
Ruling approved by Mr. Gregory adopted.
Letter to applicant in accordance with above ruling, adopted.

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- File 2-15 Castle Craig Coal Co.
Ruling approved by Mr. Gregory adopted.
Letter to applicant advising in accordance with this ruling, adopted.
- File 2-129 Levi Mayer (Mayer, Meyer, Austrian and Platt, Attorneys).
Letter prepared by Joint Board of Review, approved by Mr. Gregory, advising applicant of Commission's opinion as to the matter submitted, adopted.
- File 2-69 Kenaz Huffman.
Report of Law Board of Review, January 25, 1916, adopted.
Ruling adopted. Letter to applicant with changes as indicated indicated in Mr. Gregory's letter of February 1, 1916, addressed to the Secretary, adopted.
- File A-8962 Letter from The Atlas Portland Cement Co. dated December 3, 1915,
Report of Law Board of Review, January 25, 1916, adopted.
Form of ruling presented by Mr. Gregory adopted.
Letter prepared by Joint Board of Review, advising applicant of Commission's findings, adopted.
- File A-8525 Letter from Bentley, Burling & Swan, Attorneys at Law, Chicago, Ill., dated November 22, 1915.
Form of ruling submitted by Mr. Gregory adopted.
Letter prepared by Mr. Gregory advising applicant in accordance with such ruling, adopted.

At the hour of 6:00 p. m. the Commission adjourned until Saturday,
August 26, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 26, 1916, 10:00 A. M.

Edward N. Hurley, Chairman
William J. Harris, Vice Chairman
George Rublee

ORDERED, That Alexander M. Hamburg be employed permanently at a salary of \$1,380 per annum, the same to take effect on September 1, 1916.

ORDERED, That Carl M. Burke, who was employed for the summer months, be continued as a permanent employee of the Commission at a salary of \$1,380 per annum.

At the hour of 10:30 a. m. the Commission adjourned.

Edward N. Hurley
Chairman.

Attest:

T. A. Baker
Secretary.

September 4, 1916. No meeting held.
September 5, 1916. No meeting held.
September 6, 1916. No meeting held.
September 7, 1916. No meeting held.
September 8, 1916. No meeting held.
September 9, 1916. No meeting held.
September 10, 1916. Sunday.
September 11, 1916. No meeting held.
September 12, 1916. No meeting held.
September 13, 1916. No meeting held.
September 14, 1916. No meeting held.
September 15, 1916. No meeting held.
September 16, 1916. No meeting held.
September 17, 1916. Sunday.
September 18, 1916. No meeting held.
September 19, 1916. No meeting held.
September 20, 1916. No meeting held.
September 21, 1916. No meeting held.
September 22, 1916. No meeting held.
September 23, 1916. No meeting held.
September 24, 1916. Sunday.
September 25, 1916. No meeting held.
September 26, 1916. No meeting held.
September 27, 1916. No meeting held.
September 28, 1916. No meeting held.
September 29, 1916. No meeting held.
September 30, 1916. No meeting held.
October 1, 1916. Sunday.
October 2, 1916. No meeting held.
October 3, 1916. No meeting held.

October 4, 1916. No meeting held.

October 5, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

October 6, 1916, 3:00 P. M.

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

The Secretary called attention to the fact that the Department of Commerce had renewed its request for the space now occupied by the Commission; and also presented a report stating that the building, known as the Builders & Manufacturers Exchange Building, 711 Thirteenth Street, N.W., and the apartment house adjacent thereto on the South, were available for the use of the Commission. No action taken.

The Secretary also called attention to the necessity of preparing the estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year 1918, and having the same approved by the President and in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury on or before October 15th. The Secretary was instructed to consult with the heads of the different divisions and prepare such estimates.

Thereupon, at the hour of 4:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, October 7, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

October 7, 1916. No meeting held.
 October 8, 1916. Sunday.
 October 9, 1916. No meeting held.
 October 10, 1916. No meeting held.
 October 11, 1916. No meeting held.
 October 12, 1916. No meeting held.
 October 13, 1916. No meeting held.
 October 14, 1916. No meeting held.
 October 15, 1916. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

October 16, 1916, 3:30 P. M.

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

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

WHEREAS, Certain employees of the Commission desire to go home to vote on November 7th next, and while there may be official business that might be incidentally attended to on such a trip, or public business so arranged as to make the private matter incidental thereto, it is the sense of the Commission that such procedure is subject to grave criticism.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Secretary of the Commission is hereby directed to grant such necessary and allowable annual leave to all employees who desire to vote on November 7th as may be required to visit their respective voting places and return to Washington and not to permit the same to be any part of a trip made on official business.

Thereupon, at the hour of 4:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 17, at 10:30 a. m.

Attest:

L. A. Buckner
 Secretary.

W. J. Harris
 Acting Chairman.