

March 31, 1916. No meeting held.  
April 1, 1916. No meeting held.  
April 2, 1916. Sunday.  
April 3, 1916. No meeting held.

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.

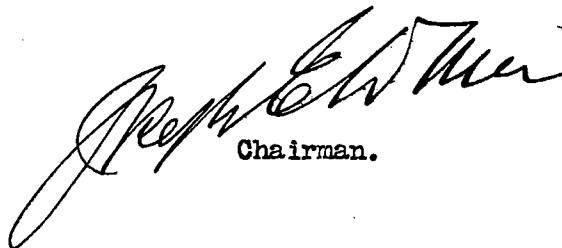
Dr. E. E. Pratt, Chief, Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce, attended the meeting of the Commission, and presented a draft of a proposed law on the subject of "Dumping." After discussion, and suggestions of additions and changes in the proposed bill, it was agreed that the matter should be further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

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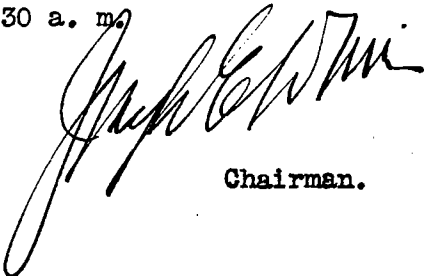
Mr. Drury also entered his appearance as an attorney for A. Theo. Abbott & Company.

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

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 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.

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 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.

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 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.

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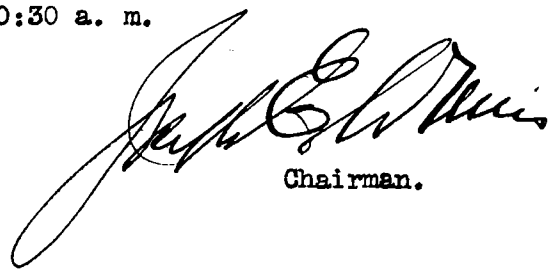
Commissioner Parry reported an interview with Mr. C. W. Lea, Treasurer of the Hewitt-Lea-Funck Company, and after discussion, by unanimous consent, the matter was referred to the Docket Division, to be filed as an application for a complaint.

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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.

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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.

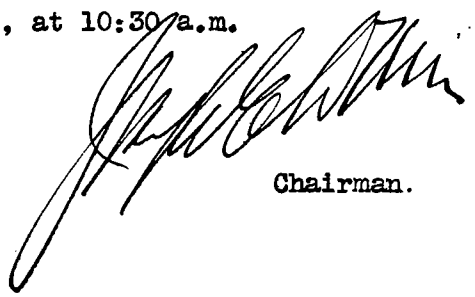
Joseph E. Davies, Chairman  
Edward N. Hurley, Vice Chairman  
William J. Harris  
Will H. Parry  
George Rublee

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

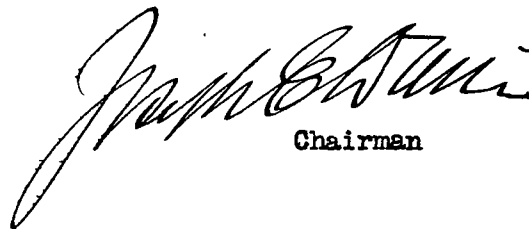
FURTHER RESOLVED: That notice be given to the said A. B. Dick Company of New Jersey, the said A. B. Dick Company of Illinois, and the said Neostyle Company, as required by law, that the charges of said complaint will be heard by the Commission at its office in the Commerce Building, in the City of Washington, 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.

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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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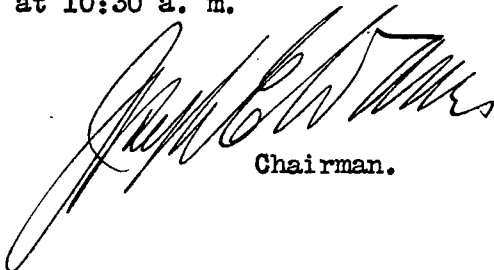
The following resolution, introduced by Commissioner Parry and seconded by Commissioner Harris, was unanimously adopted:

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.

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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.

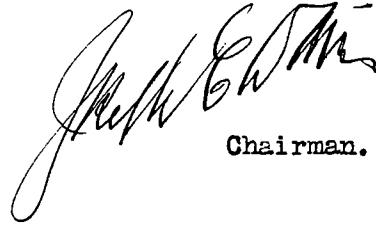
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ORDERED, That the salary of R. E. Belt be increased from \$2,340.00 per annum to \$3,000.00 per annum, the same to become effective May 1st, 1916.

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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.

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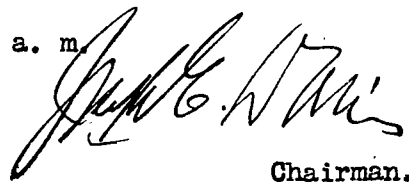
The matter of the employment of Mr. Dickson was called up, and after discussion the Chairman and Commissioner Rublee were unanimously appointed a committee to consider the matter, and report to the Commission.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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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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April 24, 1916.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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. Brachman*  
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.

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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.

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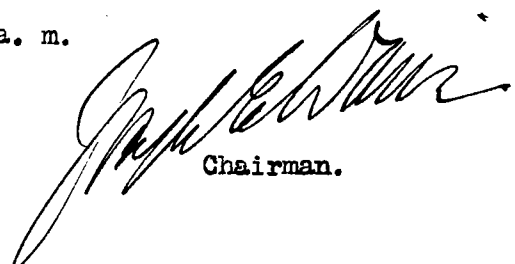
On motion of Vice Chairman Hurley, it was unanimously agreed that the data collected by Messrs. Culbertson and Vorfeld, in connection with their investigation of South American tariffs, be turned over to Dr. E. E. Pratt.

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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.

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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.

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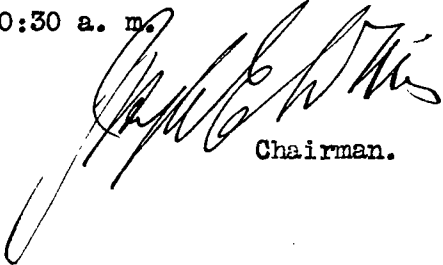
The Chairman presented a letter from Attorney General Gregory, calling attention to the expected increase in the price of anthracite coal, and asking the Commission to investigate the situation in the event such expected increase was carried into effect. After consideration it was unanimously agreed 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.

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

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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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May 23, 1916.

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- May 20, 1916. No meeting held.
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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.

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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.

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

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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.

May 24, 1916. No meeting held.  
 May 25, 1916. No meeting held.  
 May 26, 1916. No meeting held.  
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 May 30, 1916. No meeting held.

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.

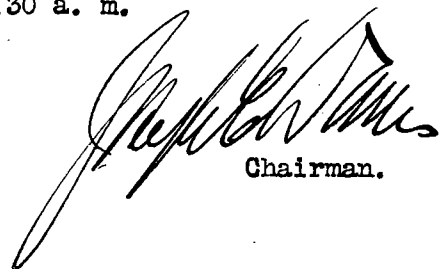
The amendment was adopted, Commissioners Hurley, Harris, Parry, and Rublee voting in the affirmative, the Chairman not voting.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

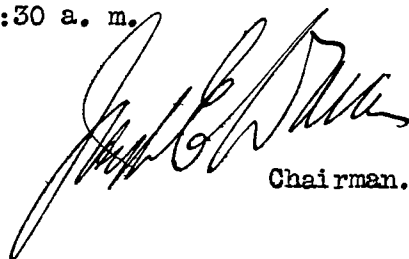
June 15, 1916, 10:30 A. M.

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.

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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

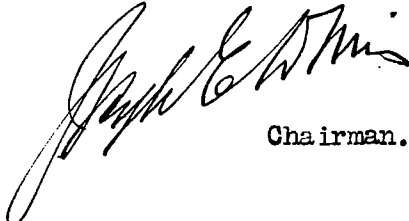
June 16, 1916, 10:30 a. m.

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.

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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

