

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 3, 1916 - 3:30 P. M.

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

The Commission considered the report of the Chief Economist regarding a plan of investigation with reference to the recent advance in the price of gasoline. The report was referred to Commissioners Harris and Hurley for consideration, and to recommend a plan whereby the question of price discrimination, as well as price advance, could be investigated.

Thereupon, at the hour of 5:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet January 4, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.

Joseph E. Davies
Chairman.

Attest:

L. J. Backus
Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 4, 1916 - 10:30 A. M.

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

Motion by Commissioner Parry, seconded by Vice Chairman Hurley, that hereafter in the order of business of the Commission in its meetings new matters shall be considered before committee reports. Unanimously adopted.

The Chairman presented a telegram from William J. Clark, advising that Ernest Thurnaeur would be pleased to appear before the Commission. The Secretary was directed to telegraph Mr. Clark, fixing the date for the appearance of Mr. Thurnaeur.

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The following communications, dealing with the price of oil and gasoline, were referred to Commissioners Harris and Hurley for consideration:

Letter, dated December 15, 1915, from Hon. G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, enclosing copies of letters from Charles B. Morrison. (File A 9443)

Letter dated December 14, 1915, from Congressman W. R. Smith, enclosing copy of letter of E. W. Adams. (File A 9432)

Letter dated December 29, 1915, from G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, enclosing copy from E. W. Adams. (File A 10029)

Two letters, each dated December 31, 1915, from Hon. G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, one enclosing communication from P. H. Callahan, President of the Louisville Varnish Company, and the other enclosing letter from H. L. Ruggles. (File 10089) (File 10088)

Telegram, dated December 27, 1915, from W. W. Ferish, of Houston, Texas.

Letter from Louis Hanitch, attorney at law, dated December 1, 1915, together with a statement of facts bearing date of December 9, 1915, complaining of certain existing conditions in the zinc smelting industry, were referred to the Docket Division.

Letter, dated December 9, 1915, from Beaumont, Smith & Harris, attorneys at law, Detroit, Michigan, asking advice as to whether or not a shipment from this country to Hawaii or the Philippines is export or domestic business, was referred to the Board of Review.

Letter, dated December 18, 1915, from Congressman Carl E. Mapes, of Michigan, calling attention to an alleged combination to control the sisal industry, was referred to the Docket Division.

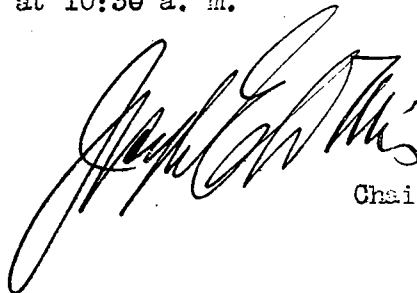
Resolutions directing the following action, with reference to the applications for issuance of complaints, as noted below, were

Applications for issuance of complaints:

- 1-9 W. H. Bellamy v. "Milling Trust," withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files.
- 1-61 Moses Bros. & Co. v. Scranton Dry Goods Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-70 Arthur Boyer v. Security Bridge Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-82 Harrisburg Retail Grocery Association v. an unnamed company. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-45 Boyd Lumber & Mill Co. v. two unnamed lumber companies. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-41 J. H. Revis v. certain merchants in Vernon, Ill. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-143 George F. Kelly v. Plumbers' Union (San Francisco, Cal.). Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-90 Home Lumber & Construction Co. v. two unnamed lumber companies. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-155 W. H. Millhollin v. Potosia Coal Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-141 Great Western Fisheries Co. v. banks in Seattle, Wash. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-87 O. C. Logan v. Tropico Mercantile Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-116 K. C. Auto Parts Co. v. Motor & Machinist Supply Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-85 Marx Brothers v. Hughs and Cleary. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-77 American Writing Machine Co. v. Typewriter Rebuilding Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-114 Western Laboratories, Inc., v. American Chicle Co. Application for issuance of complaint denied.
- 1-35 Application of John F. Nash for issuance of complaint against Fred Wyker Company. Report of Commissioner Parry adopted and application dismissed.
- 1-13 Application for complaint by Farmington Shoe Manufacturing Co. against United Shoe Machinery Co. Report of Commissioners Parry and Rublee, recommending that inasmuch as the Department of Justice has brought suit against the United Shoe Machinery Co., that it would be inadvisable for the Commission to issue a complaint. Adopted.
- 1-20 Application of Western Fuel Association for issuance of complaint against Wyoming Coal Co. and Lion Coal Co. - application denied.

- 1-160 Application of Frank A. Dussault for issuance of complaint against Peterson & Packer Coal Co., in re discrimination in price of coal. Report of Commissioner Parry, recommending that the application be denied, adopted.
- 1-131 Application of Tennessee Carbonating Syrup Co. v. Crown Cork & Seal Co., in re refusal to make up goods. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-111 Application of Mead Drug Co. et al against Carl P. Gunderson and certain newspaper publishers, in re exclusive agency and discrimination in price in distribution and sale of newspapers. Application dismissed.
- 1-69 Farmers Lumber Co., in re conditions in cement industry in Kansas. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-144 Stark Distillery Co. v. Bouvier Specialty Co., in re exclusive agency - refusal to sell gin. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-142 Robertson & Mittanck v. stove manufacturer and Macey Company, in re refusal to sell stoves and bookcases - exclusive agency. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-153 Gerhard Mennen Chemical Co. v. J. Nelson Clark, in re resale price maintenance; price cutting by retailer below wholesale cost of talcum powder. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-109 C. A. Remington v. Universal Portland Cement Company, in re refusal to sell cement - exclusive agency. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-121 Fred W. Bohlen v. Hanline Bros., in re refusal to sell goods. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-81 Heiser, Muhlfielder & Co. v. Boston Store, Albany, N.Y., in re unfair competition. Application for issuance of complaint dismissed.
- 1-37 Application of Star Packing Co. for issuance of complaint against Light House Packing Co. - application denied.

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



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 5, 1916 - 10:30 A. M.

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

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

RESOLVED, That hereafter all applications for the issuance of a complaint against one certain party be referred to the Commissioner to whom the first application against such party was assigned.

The Commission considered the matter of assigning certain attorneys to work specially for certain Commissioners, and M. Q. Macdonald was assigned to Commissioner Harris; Adrien F. Busick to Commissioner Parry, and M. Markham Flannery to Vice Chairman Hurley.

The Chairman presented a letter from Nathan B. Williams, asking for permission to examine the files in certain cases referred to in the Chairman's address before the American Manufacturers Export Association, at New York. Discussed, and held for further consideration.

By unanimous vote, Chairman Davies and Commissioner Parry were assigned, in conjunction with the General Counsel, to edit (as to form) the rulings of the Commission.

On recommendation of Commissioner Parry application of Imperial Sugar Company for issuance of complaint against American Sugar Refining Company, file 1-93, was dismissed by conference ruling.

On motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Vice Chairman Hurley, Commissioner Rublee was unanimously appointed a committee of one to ascertain the practice of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Department of Justice in regard to giving the public access to their files in cases on which they have not formally acted.

Report of Commissioner Parry, in re application for issuance of complaint 1-24, Yankton Brick & Tile Co. v. an unnamed Sioux City, Iowa, corporation, approved, resolution adopted, and in accordance therewith the application was dismissed.

Report of Commissioner Parry, in re application for issuance of complaint 1-176, New England Shoe & Leather Association v. New York Quebracho Extract Co., approved, resolution adopted, and in accordance therewith application was dismissed, and the application referred to the Department of Justice.

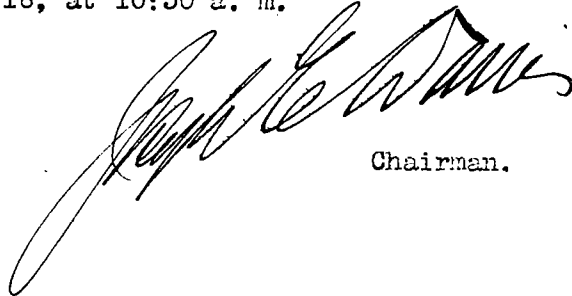
Report of Chairman Davies, in re application for issuance of complaint 1-126, Frank Holton & Co. v. C. G. Conn, Inc., approved, resolution adopted, and in accordance therewith the application was dismissed.

On recommendation of the Secretary, the appointment of five copyists, qualified as typewriters, at \$900 per annum, for temporary employment, and of two copyists, qualified as stenographers and typewriters, at \$900 per annum, for permanent employment, was ordered.

The Chairman reported regarding the expenditures of the Commission for the first half of the fiscal year 1916, and also advised

concerning the amount of money to be available for the remainder of such fiscal year.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, January 6, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

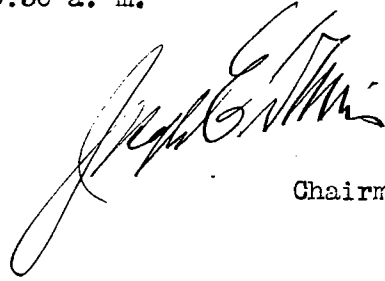
January 6, 1916 - 3:00 P. M.

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

The Chairman presented a letter from Hon. G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, together with copy of letter bearing date of January 6, 1916, from the Attorney General, addressed to Hon. E. Y. Webb, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, explaining the attitude of the Department of Justice in reference to prosecutions under the Sherman Anti-trust Law, and acknowledging receipt of House Resolution No. 74, introduced by Representative Steenerson.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 3:30 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, January 7, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 7, 1916 - 11:00 A. M.

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

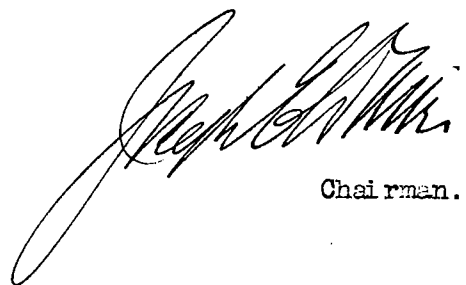
Nathan B. Williams, having requested a hearing, appeared in behalf of applicant in re J. L. Owens Company for issuance of complaint against the Fosston Manufacturing Company, and discussed the subject of the Commission's jurisdiction. (For stenographic report, see File 1-97.)

The Chairman presented a letter from Senator Francis G. Newlands, dated January 5, 1916, asking that M. F. Hudson be temporarily detailed to assist in organizing the work of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce. Requested granted, and the Secretary ordered to instruct Mr. Hudson to report at once to Senator Newlands.

Commissioner Parry requested, in writing, that he be relieved from certain administrative functions, including the supervision over all printing and the purchase of all supplies for the Commission, heretofore performed by him by direction of the Commission. Request granted, and all duties heretofore performed by Commissioner Parry, by order of the Commission, were transferred to the Secretary.

A vote of thanks was unanimously extended to Commissioner Parry.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 o'clock p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, January 8, 1916, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

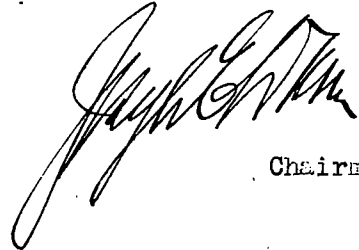
January 8, 1916 - 11:00 A. M.

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

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January 10, 1916

Mr. Ernest Thurnaeur and Mr. William Clark appeared before the Commission and gave information with reference to the effectiveness of combinations in Europe organized for the purpose of promoting foreign trade; also discussed the practicability of similar combinations in this country, (Stenographic File 8517).

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


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

January 9, 1916. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 10, 1916 - 3:00 P. M.

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

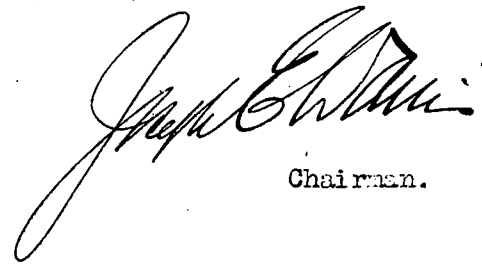
A plan of the conference with the representatives of the several fertilizer companies was called up by the Chairman, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that the conference should be in charge of Commissioners Parry and Harris.

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January 11, 1916.

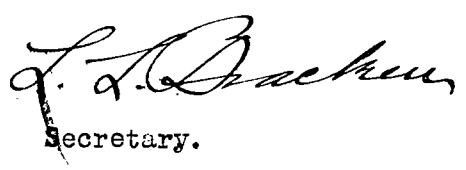
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Thereupon, at the hour of 3:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 11, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 11, 1916 - 11:00 A. M.

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

ORDERED: That Johann G. Onsol be employed as a Special Expert at the rate of \$1,800 per annum, such employment to commence from his taking the oath of office and entering upon the discharge of his duties, and that he be assigned to the Economic Department.

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

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, in the handling of the various complaints by the respective Commissioners it appears necessary at times to have field investigation work done in different sections of the country; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be desirable that to as great a degree as possible this work shall be coordinated so that the work in different parts of the country shall be handled by as few men as possible; therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Commission respectively shall file with the Secretary of the Commission a brief memorandum in any situation where field work is required to be done, giving the name of the complaint and the sections of the country where field work is required; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary shall thereupon so coordinate this work as to have the investigations conducted at the same time by the same agent or agents in the same territory, to as great a degree as is possible.

The following resolution, introduced by Chairman Davies, and seconded by Vice Chairman Hurley, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, That the Secretary and the Chief Examiner be directed to devise a system of checks on the work done by the members of the legal staff on complaints filed, whereby a time stamp shall be affixed to the record when assigned to the attorney by the Docket Division, and a time stamp affixed when returned; and so provide by these regulations that every report prepared by a special attorney shall be signed by the attorney doing the work, and shall in addition thereto show the number of hours spent by such attorney in its preparation, which number of hours shall be attested and checked by the records of the Docket Division and the time stamp, as above indicated.

Memorandum of Chief Economist, containing proposed outline of the Foreign Trade Report, was received, considered, and the Secretary directed to deliver a copy of such report to each Commissioner.

Thereupon, at 12:45 p. m. a recess was taken until 2:30 p.m.

The Commission reassembled at 2:30 p.m.

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

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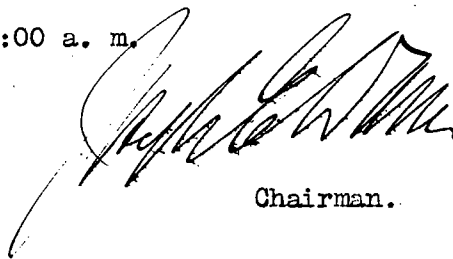
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The Commission held an informal conference with -

Charles Gibson, President, Walker & Gibson, Inc., Albany, N.Y.
also Vice President, Gibson Drug Co., Rochester, N.Y.
Wm. Leland Thompson, President, John L. Thompson Sons & Co., Inc.,
Troy, N. Y.
G. B. Hubbard (owner) Chas. Hubbard Son & Co.,
Syracuse, N. Y.
Henry J. Speck, Attorney, Representing John L. Thomp-
son Sons & Co., Troy, N. Y.
Albert Hessberg, Attorney, Representing Walker & Gibson
and Gibson Drug Co.

in reference to a proposed plan of consolidating several wholesale
druggist supply houses in a proposed merger. (For stenographic
report see File 8508-561-2.)

Thereupon, at 4:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet
Wednesday, January 12, 1916, at 11:00 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 12, 1916 - 11:00 A. M.

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

The Commission held an informal conference with -

Mr. W. S. Mallory, President, Edison Portland Cement Co.,
and a committee representing certain cement companies, in reference

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to a plan by which certain companies manufacturing cement propose to organize a corporation to carry on and promote foreign trade in that product.

The following gentlemen appeared and made statements:

W. S. Mallory, Stewartville, N. J., President, Edison Portland Cement Co.

Joseph Brobston, Nazareth, Pa., Vice President, Dexter Portland Cement Co.

R. W. Hilles, 4 Appleton Place, Glen Ridge, N. J.,
Manager of Sales, Dexter Portland Cement Co.,
Nazareth, Pa.

Albert Moyer, 8 West 40th St., New York, N. Y.;
Manager of Sales, Vulcanite Portland Cement Co.,
Philadelphia and New York.

Charles F. Conn, 603 Pennsylvania Building, Philadelphia, Pa.;
President, Giant Portland Cement Co.

(For stenographic report, see File 8508-546-2.)

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:45 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, January 13, 1916, at 11:00 A. M.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 13, 1916 - 11:00 A. M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
William J. Harris
Will H. Parry
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Letter, dated January 7, 1916, from A. Mitchell Palmer, requesting a hearing in re matter of Alphine Evaporated Cream Company et al., presented, and by consent laid over until the next meeting.

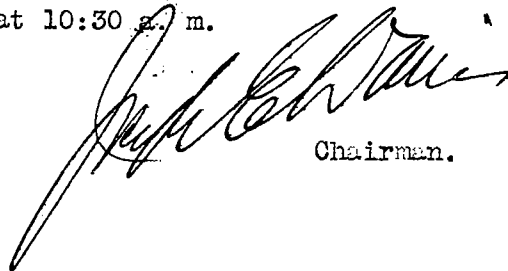
A motion of Commissioner Parry, seconded by Commissioner Harris, promoting Charles M. Brown from the position of Clerk at \$1,000 per annum to Clerk, Class 1, at \$1,200 per annum, was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Harris reported progress in the preparation of a plan for investigation into the recent increase in the price of gasoline.

By unanimous vote, Chairman Davies and Commissioner Rublee were directed to attend a conference with Secretary Redfield, Henry Wigglesworth and Arthur H. Weed, to be held at the office of the Secretary of Commerce at 2 p. m., this date, for the purpose of discussing proposed legislation on the subject of "dumping."

The status of the Commission's request to Congress for an appropriation covering the fiscal year, 1917, was called up by the Chairman and discussed.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:00 M, the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, January 14, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

January 14, 1916.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 14, 1916 - 11:00 A. M.

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

Vice Chairman Hurley reported orally that, while in New York, he had conferred with certain public accountants, credit men, and other business men, and all expressed approval of the work of the Commission in encouraging standard forms of accounting and in collecting statistical data concerning industries in this country.

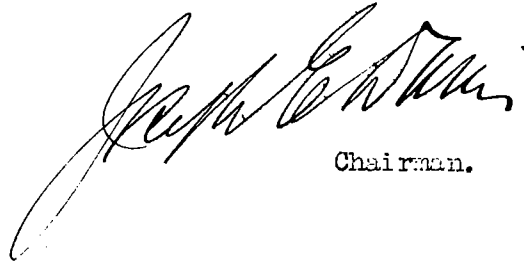
Vice Chairman Hurley presented a ruling in 2-64 request by John Church Company for advice in re consignment agreement of above company. Considered, and on motion the same was unanimously approved and adopted.

Commissioner Rublee reported orally in reference to his conference with Secretary Redfield, Solicitor Thurman of the Department of Commerce, Henry Wigglesworth and Arthur H. Weed, on the subject of "dumping."

On motion of Vice Chairman Hurley, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the Chairman and Commissioner Parry were directed to edit all rulings of the Commission, and issue the more important of such rulings in the form of bulletins.

Commissioner Parry presented report of Law Board of Review and conference rulings in re file 2-101 request for ruling by American Pad and Textile Company. After consideration and on motion the same were unanimously approved and adopted.

Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, January 15, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

- January 15, 1916. No meeting held.
- January 16, 1916. Sunday.
- January 17, 1916. No meeting held.
- January 18, 1916. No meeting held.
- January 19, 1916. No meeting held.
- January 20, 1916. No meeting held.
- January 21, 1916. No meeting held.
- January 22, 1916. No meeting held.
- January 23, 1916. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 24, 1916 - 11:30 A. M.

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

ORDERED: That Special Examiner Frank Jones be assigned temporarily to legal work, under the direction of the Chairman.

January 24, 1916.

ORDERED: That James W. Nichol, clerk, be appointed examiner and designated Chief of the Docket Division, without increase in his present salary.

By unanimous consent, the Chairman was authorized to employ Marian L. Davies as his personal clerk.

The matter of increasing the number of employees of the several departments of the Commission was called up by the Chairman, and after discussion the Secretary was authorized to employ a sufficient number of stenographers and clerks to carry on the work of the Commission.

The following resolution, offered by Vice Chairman Hurley, and seconded by Commissioner Harris, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: That C. C. Huntington be employed as a Special Expert, at a salary of \$1800 per annum, such employment to commence from his taking the oath of office and entering upon the discharge of his duties, and that he be assigned to the Economic Department.

and be it further

RESOLVED: That the transfer of David S. Brooks, from the Interstate Commerce Commission to this Commission, to serve as Clerk, Class 1, at a salary of \$1200 per annum, shall be effected, and that he shall be assigned to the Economic Department.

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The report of Commissioner Rublee, with reference to his conference with the Department of Justice and the Interstate Commerce Commission, in reference to the practice of such departments in regard to giving the public access to their files in cases where no formal action has been taken, was presented, and approved.

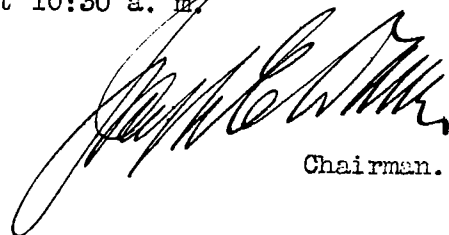
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The report of Commissioner Parry, in the matter of application of Isaac Van Dyke Company, Michigan Implement & Vehicle Dealers' Association, and Western Retail Implement, Vehicle and Hardware Association, for the issuance of a complaint against Commission Reguladora del Mercado de Henequen, and certain American bankers, in re monopoly in the fibre industry, File No. 1-183, was adopted, and the matter referred to the Department of Justice.

Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 25, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

January 25, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

January 26, 1916 - 11:00 A. M.

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

Motion by Commissioner Parry that Commissioner Rublee be appointed a committee of one to prepare a statement for publication covering the policy of the Commission in reference to giving the public access to files in cases where no formal action has been taken, seconded by Commissioner Harris, was unanimously adopted.

The following applications for issuance of complaints were called up by Commissioner Rublee, and by unanimous consent the same were referred to the General Counsel for consideration and advice before final action, to wit:

- 1-96-1 Fosston Manufacturing Co. v. J. L. Owens Co.
- 1-97 J. L. Owens Co. v. Fosston Manufacturing Co.
- 1-124 Norwegian Correspondence School, for issuance of complaint in re protection of firm name.

Report of Commissioner Parry, in re 1-156, application of E. W. Wing and L. J. Perkins for issuance of a complaint against Continental Oil Co., in re discrimination in price of gasoline, adopted, and the matter transferred to the Economic Department to be considered in connection with the general gasoline investigation.

Report of Commissioner Rublee, in re 1-89, application of C. J. Rainear & Co. for issuance of a complaint against National Tube Co., adopted, and application dismissed.

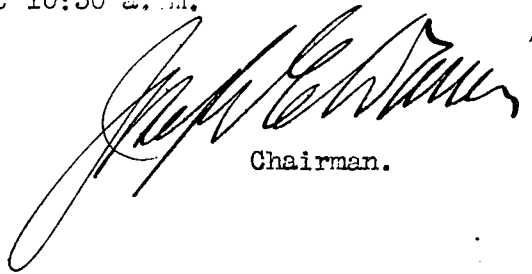
Report of Commissioner Rublee, in re 1-165, application of Farmers Elevator Co. for issuance of a complaint against certain line elevator companies in Corsica, South Dakota, approved, resolution adopted, and case withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files.

Report of Commissioner Rublee, in re 1-167, application of Iowa State Retail Merchants' Association and Burlington Retail Grocers Association for issuance of a complaint against Wells Fargo & Co., adopted, and application dismissed.

Report of Commissioner Rublee, in re 1-34, application of Arthur Miller for issuance of a complaint against competitors chartering steamers, approved, resolution adopted, and case withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files.

Report of Commissioner Harris, in re 1-22, application of E. Morrel for issuance of a complaint against Barrett Manufacturing Co. and others, approved, resolution adopted, and case withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files.

Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, January 27, 1916, at 10:30 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

- January 27, 1916. No meeting held.
- January 28, 1916. No meeting held.
- January 29, 1916. No meeting held.
- January 30, 1916. Sunday.
- January 31, 1916. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 1, 1916 - 3:00 P. M.

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

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The Chairman reported a conference with Charles C. Hamlin, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, in reference to the printing of a digest of the Clayton Act, prepared by the Federal Reserve Board, as a public document, and by unanimous consent it was agreed that the Federal Trade Commission join with the Federal Reserve Board in a request to Congress to have such digest printed as a public document.

Commissioner Parry reported a conference with representatives of certain fertilizer companies, and also reported progress in the matter of the completion of the Fertilizer report.

Report of Commissioner Parry, in re 1-98, application of S. C. Peirce & Sons for issuance of a complaint against the Standard Oil Company of California, approved, ruling adopted, and application denied.

Report of Commissioner Parry, in re 1-105, application of Isaac Salawitch & Sons for issuance of a complaint against Sea Gull Specialty Company, approved, ruling adopted, and application denied.

Report of Commissioner Rublee, in re 1-101, inquiry of Edwin P. Corbett, concerning the remedies which may be afforded under the Federal Trade Commission Act, approved, resolution adopted, and case withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files.

Report of Commissioner Rublee, in re application of A. H. Phillips for issuance of a complaint against Procter & Gamble Distributing Company, approved, resolution adopted, and case withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files.

(The Secretary was directed to record that the Commission approved of the reasoning contained in the dissenting report of Dr. Walker and Mr. Robertson in a general way, with the exception of paragraph 2 of such report and that the Board of Review be so advised.)

Report of Chairman Davies, in re 1-91, application of C. A. Waldron for issuance of a complaint against Eastman Kodak Company, approved, resolution adopted, and case withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files.

Report of Chairman Davies, in re 1-31, Montpelier Fruit Growers Association v. J. E. Terry, approved, resolution adopted, and case withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files.

Commissioner Parry filed a written report in the matter of a conference with H. C. Strong, of Ketchikan, Alaska, concerning the diversion of the fresh fish trade from American ports to the British Columbian port of Prince Rupert, which, upon motion, was unanimously adopted, and the files in the case transferred to the Economic Department.

Commissioner Harris reported orally that he had made arrangements with the Department of Commerce for additional space, for temporary use of the Commission, and that such space would be sufficient for the accomodation of fifty additional men.

ORDERED: That the Secretary be authorized to employ for temporary service a sufficient number of qualified employees to carry on and complete the oil investigation, and other investigations of the Commission,

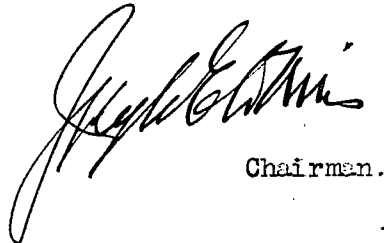
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expeditiously, and also to purchase the necessary furniture, typewriters and supplies required by such additional employees to complete such investigations.

The Chairman presented a letter, dated January 27, 1916, from Hon. Judson Harmon, requesting the Federal Trade Commission to appear for the defendant in the case of the Ford Motor Co. v. the Union Motor Sales Company. Referred to Mr. Gregory for consideration and report.

ORDERED: That the Law Board of Review prepare a complaint in the case of Meuser & Meuser v. A. B. Dick Company and Neostyle Company, file 1-179.

Thereupon, at the hour of 5:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, February 2, 1916, at 3:00 p. m.


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

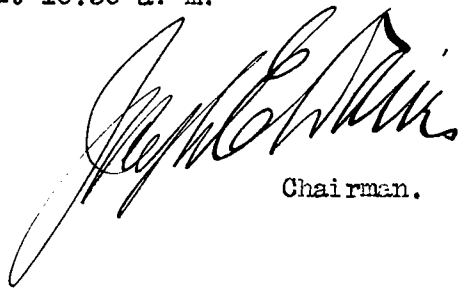
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Dr. Walker and Mr. England were called into the room, and an informal conference held with reference to the completion of the report on "Pipe-Line Transportation of Petroleum." A summary of the report was considered and criticised. Suggestions were made in reference to the form and substance of a letter of submittal of such report to Congress.

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


Chairman.

Attest:


Secretary.

February 3, 1916. No meeting held.

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February 4, 1916 - 11:00 A. M.

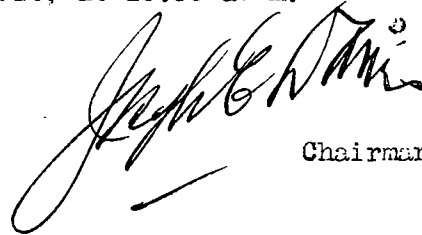
- Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
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- George Rublee

The primary question of the Commission's jurisdiction, in re Mrs. E. V. C. Hawkes v. the International Steam Pump Company, File 1-140, was presented, in behalf of the plaintiff, by Mr. Homer S. Cummings, attorney at law, and for the respondents, by Mr. Paul

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D. Cravath and Gilbert H. Montague, attorneys of New York. (For stenographic report, see File 1-140-1.)

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



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

February 5, 1916. No meeting held.

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MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

February 7, 1916 - 11:00 A. M.

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

The Chairman presented a letter from Nathan B. Williams, dated February 7, 1916, asking permission to inspect the files in certain cases, indicated by number, as the same appeared in the Commission's Conference Rulings, Bulletin No. 1. By unanimous consent it was agreed that such request be not granted. Commissioner Rublee was appointed a committee of one to prepare a reply to the letter.
