

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 3, 1917, 10:30 a. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver

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Mr. Davies filed a written report based on information received from Mr. Frank Dunham, concerning the concerted effort of certain lumber dealers to compel him to pay a high price for lumber, etc.

On motion, the report was referred to the Docket Division, to be filed, and assigned as an application for a complaint.

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On motion, it was unanimously agreed to arrange for an engagement with the Secretary of the Navy, for the purpose of discussing the Commission's recommendation in reference to opening for development certain Government lands now held in reserve.

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The resolution of the Senate, directing the Commission to report why it had not issued a complaint against certain news-print paper manufacturers, was presented, and on motion the consideration of a reply to such resolution was made a special order of business for July 5, 1917.

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Messrs. Davies and Colver reported that they had called at the Department of Justice pursuant to an appointment with the Attorney General, and conferred with Mr. Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, in the matter of the application for a complaint against certain news-print paper manufacturers; that inquiry was made as to whether or no a proceeding by the Federal Trade Commission at this time would embarrass the Department of Justice in the prosecution of the news-print manufacturers now under indictment; that Mr. Todd felt that he should consult the special counsel in charge of the case, and the Commissioners agreed to supply a memorandum, which Mr. Todd was to forward to the special counsel.

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Mr. Colver reported that on \_\_\_\_\_ the members of the Commission visited Secretary Baker and called his attention to the form of a resolution which had been passed the day before by a convention of coal operators, offered under the direction, or at least with the consent, of Chairman Peabody of the Coal Committee of the Council of National Defense. Mr. Baker was communicated with as the Chairman of the Council of National Defense, and was told that the Commission knew nothing of the resolution, which proposed that prices be fixed by the coal operators; that it had agreed to no such procedure, and that it would agree to no such thing.

Mr. Fort, acting as representative of the Commission,

called the matter to the attention of the Attorney General, with the result that the Attorney General directed a letter to the coal operators stating his objections to their price-fixing activities.

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On motion of Mr. Davies, Mr. Colver was directed to go to New York with Dr. Walker, to meet with representatives of the United States Steel Corporation.

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The invitation of Secretary Redfield, dated June 29, 1917, for a representative of this Commission to attend the Departmental cost conference to be held at 10 a.m., July 5th, was presented, and on motion the Secretary was directed to attend such conference.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, July 5, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

July 4, 1917. No meeting held.

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## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 5, 1917, 11:30 a. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
John F. Fort

(Mr. Colver in New York City on official business.)

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Mr. Fort reported that in the absence of the other Commissioners he had sent a letter to the President transmitting copy of report by Dr. Walker in reference to the exportations of cotton to Germany and her allies. Mr. Fort at the same time presented a reply to his letter from the President bearing date of July 2d. The action in transmitting the report was approved. The reply of the President was received and ordered filed. (File 8885-1.)

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On motion of Mr. Fort, the following resolution directing the issuance of a complaint of the Commission vs. The Curtis Publishing Company was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission has reason to believe that the above-named respondent has violated, and is violating, the provisions of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act and of Section 3 of the Clayton Act; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Commission issue and serve upon said respondent its complaint, stating its charges in that respect in substantially the form hereunto annexed; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That notice be given to said respondent, 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 23d day of August, A. D. 1917, 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 request of the National Binding Machine Co. for six months' time in which to adjust its business in accordance with the orders of the Commission was recommended by Mr. Fort, and on motion such recommendation was adopted.

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Mr. Davies reported that Mr. Colver and himself had conferred with Mr. Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, regarding matters in connection with the News Print Paper report, and the Reed resolution adopted by the United States Senate (Senate Resolution No. 95); and also in re the application of The Rowe Calk Co. for issuance of a complaint against The Lamson Co. (File 1-225.)

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The matter of calling before the Commission the retail coal dealers of the District of Columbia was called up by Mr. Davies, and on motion same was made the special order of business for tomorrow morning.

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Messrs. Robertson and Haney were called into the room and reported with reference to the present status of the several investigations directed by the President.

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The matter of the reply to the Senate Resolution, asking why the Commission had not issued complaints against

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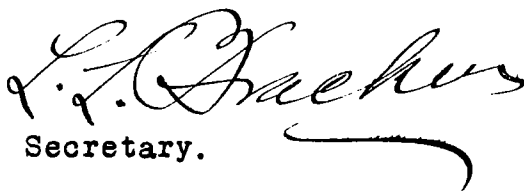
certain news-print paper manufacturers, which was to have been the special order of business for today (July 5th), was laid on the table until July 6th.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, July 6, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 6, 1917, 10:30 a. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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Mr. Colver and Dr. Walker reported in regard to their conference in New York City with Mr. James J. Farrell, President, United States Steel Corporation, and with Mr. A. C. Dinkey, Vice President, Midvale Steel & Ordnance Company, in

Philadelphia, relative to the Commission's investigation into iron and steel. (See stenographic report, File 8910.)

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The Secretary reported that he had endeavored to secure an engagement for the Commission with Secretary Daniels regarding the Commission's suggestions concerning the supply of fuel oil, etc., but had been unsuccessful.

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The matter of the reply to Senate Resolution No. 95 was discussed at length.

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At 2 o'clock p.m. a recess was taken until 3:30 o'clock p.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The Commission reassembled at 3:30 o'clock p.m.

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The Commission considered a draft of a memorandum to be transmitted to the Attorney General of the United States asking whether or not the filing of a complaint on the part of the Commission against certain news-print paper manufacturers would embarrass the Department of Justice in the prosecution of the criminal proceedings now pending in New York against such parties.

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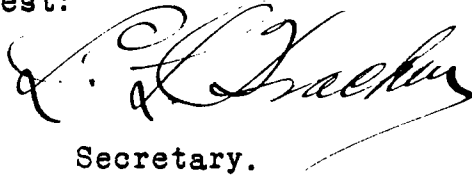
The reply to the Reed resolution was called up and discussed at length, with the understanding that consideration of such matter would be continued at the meeting to be held at 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 4:30 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, July 7, 1917, at 10:00 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 7, 1917, 10:00 a. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The draft of the memorandum to be sent to the Attorney General in re the application of Mr. Frank P. Walsh for the issuance of a complaint against certain news-print paper manufacturers was further considered.

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The reply to Senate Resolution No. 95 was further con-



sidered by the Commission.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:15 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, July 9, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

July 8, 1917. Sunday.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 9, 1917, 10:30 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The draft of the Commission's reply to Senate Resolution No. 95, relating to the news-print paper situation, was further considered and approved, and ordered sent to the President of the Senate.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 10, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

July 10, 1917. (See page 593.)

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July 11, 1917, 10:30 a. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The work of the Commission, especially that part directed by the President, was discussed, and it was unanimously agreed that every effort be made to expedite such work.

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Messrs. M. Q. Macdonald and Charles S. Moore appeared before the Commission and reported orally in reference to the progress of the preliminary investigation into the alleged practice of certain paint and varnish manufacturers

making payments to employees of concerns purchasing such goods.

After consideration it was agreed that such investigation should proceed, and that any evidence tending to show this practice employed in other industries should be fully developed.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, July 12, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 10, 1917, 10:30 a. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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On motion of Mr. Davies, duly seconded and carried, the Secretary, in conjunction with the Advisory Economic Board, was directed to prepare a statement of the number of men employed in the special cost accounting work directed by the President; and also, the number of men necessary to complete the work so directed expeditiously; and further, to apportion the \$100,000 heretofore allotted to the Commission by the President out of the National Security and Defense Fund to each phase of the work so undertaken.

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ORDERED, That the designation of Mr. Walter B. Wooden as Special Agent be changed to that of Examiner.

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ORDERED, That the designation of Mr. Charles S. Moore be changed from Special Agent to that of Attorney-Examiner.

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The report of Walter Y. Durand, Special Agent, concerning the present status of the anthracite coal investigation, and making suggestions for the future conduct thereof, was presented by the Secretary, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that, if necessary to carry out the recommendations therein, Mr. Durand be reassigned to the bituminous coal investigation. (File 8755-6)

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The following resolution, offered by Mr. Davies, was adopted:

RESOLVED, That a statement be prepared setting forth the facts and evidence alleged to obtain in

the files of the Commission with reference to alleged favorable discrimination given to Mr. Peabody, of the coal committee of the Council of National Defense, by the railroad coal companies, and that the same be considered by the Commission; and that if warranted in the judgment of the Commission the same be sent to the President for his information.

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The matter of finding the production costs of certain materials, as directed by the President, and the assignment of particular matters to individual Commissioners, was considered, and the following assignments agreed upon:

Coal	to	Messrs. Fort and Colver.
Zinc	)	"
Copper		
Lead		
Fuel oil	)	"
Gasoline		
Lumber		
Cement		
Aluminum	"	Mr. Fort.
Steel	"	Mr. Davies.
Wire rope	"	Mr. Davies.

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It was agreed that the several phases of the food investigation be assigned to individual Commissioners, in the following order:

Meat Packing, assigned to Mr. Davies.

Flour, assigned to Mr. Colver.

Canning and miscellaneous matters, assigned to Mr. Harris.

Cold Storage, assigned to Mr. Fort.

And further, that the Advisory Economic Board, through the Secretary, assign members of the staff to the several

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phases of such investigation, and to other investigations.

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The following resolution, offered by Mr. Fort, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission has not appointed a Chief Counsel; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That pending the appointment of a Chief Counsel, Assistant Counsel John Walsh act as, and perform the duties of, Chief Counsel of the Federal Trade Commission.

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ORDERED, That the salary of Walter Y. Durand, Special Examiner, be increased from \$3,000 to \$3,500 per annum, the same to take effect July 1, 1917.

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ORDERED, That Richard J. Clark, Clerk Class 2, be transferred from Clerk at \$1,400 to Examiner at a salary of \$1,800 per annum, the same to take effect July 1, 1917.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, July 11, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

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## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 12, 1917, 11:00 a. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The Commission met, and after discussing the work of the Commission adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to attend a conference with Secretary Lane, of the Department of the Interior, in reference to certain phases of the coal situation.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 13, 1917, 10:30 a. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The minutes of meetings of July 11th and 12th were read and approved.

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

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be directed to advise the Chief Clerk, or other proper person, to keep the accounts of moneys expended in connection with cost-fixing requested by the President, either house of Congress, any Cabinet officer, or Department of government, separate and distinct from all expenses connected with the Commission's regular funds, these items of expense or disbursement to be charged against the fund of \$100,000 allowed by executive order out of the President's emergency war fund on the day of June, 1917; and that the same rule be applied to all disbursements relating to the special appropriation for the investigation of the food problem under the clause in the Sundry Civil Bill 1917-1918, appropriating to this Commission for that purpose the sum of \$250,000; the object and purpose of this resolution being to avoid in any way intermixing either of said special funds and the regular appropriations available for this Commission.

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On motion of Mr. Davies, duly carried, the Secretary was ordered to have prepared an allotment of the Commission's lump-sum appropriation for the present fiscal year, by months, as required by law, and brought before the Commission for approval, in order that the same may be put into effect during the present calendar month.

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Mr. Colver presented the matter of the application of the Commission v. Book Paper Manufacturers' Bureau of Statistics, et al. (file 1-403), and stated that he considered the questions involved of great importance, and that he desired the cooperation of the entire Commission in handling such application.

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Mr. Davies moved that Francis J. Heney be employed by



the Commission as Special Counsel in connection with the food investigation, at a salary of \$2,500.00 per month, provided the Comptroller of the Treasury rules that the Commission can legally pay such salary out of the funds appropriated for the food investigation; and further, that Mr. Heney's present salary cease on the date he enters the employ of the Commission as Special Counsel, for the purpose and at the salary indicated.

Mr. Harris stated that he did not approve of the employment of Mr. Heney at the salary recommended, but was willing to employ Mr. Heney at a salary not to exceed \$5,000, because Congress had limited salaries of employees of the Commission in appropriations for the last two years to not more than \$5,000 per annum, and that the contemplated salary to him is, therefore, contrary to the spirit of the law.

The motion was duly seconded and carried, Messrs. Davies, Colver and Fort voting in the affirmative, and Mr. Harris in the negative.

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Mr. Davies was authorized to employ an attorney, to assist him in the meat investigation, at \$1.00 per annum.

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The following motion, offered by Mr. Colver, was duly carried:

MOVED: That the Peabody-Warriner memorandum be transmitted to the Chairman of the Council of National Defense; and also that a copy thereof be transmitted to the Department of Justice, for such

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action as the Attorney General may deem proper.  
Agreed that the Commission see the Attorney  
General.

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Mr. Fort reported in re file 1-175 -- 1-194, application of the National Association of Retail Grocers of the United States, and John A. Cunningham, Secretary, Iowa State Retail Merchants' Association, respectively, for the issuance of a complaint against Sears, Roebuck & Company.

Report, recommending the issuance of a complaint in these cases, approved, and so ordered.

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Mr. Fort reported in re file 1-393, application of the Navy Department for the issuance of a complaint against the Emmons Coal Mining Company, of Philadelphia.

Report, suspending application, adopted, and file ordered transferred from the Docket Division to the Division of Mails and Files.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, July 16, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

July 14, 1917.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 14, 1917, 10:30 a. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver

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Mr. Davies presented file 1-225, application of The Rowe Calk Company for the issuance of a complaint against The Lamson Company, and recommended that same be suspended.

Adopted.

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A draft of a letter to the President, requesting that cost accountants be detailed to the Commission from the several departments and bureaus temporarily, to assist in the cost work requested by the President, was considered and approved.

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The findings of fact and conclusions in the case of the Federal Trade Commission v. Muenzen Specialty Co. (Docket No. 7) were presented and, on motion of Mr. Harris, approved.

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Messrs. Davies and Colver reported in re conference with Mr. Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, in re the Peabody-Warriner matter.

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The following motion, offered by Mr. Colver, was duly carried:

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MOVED, That the Commission direct to the President a letter setting forth the present coal and iron situation, showing the instant need of legislation; showing the progress, if any, secured by agencies now at work; showing the present bearing of transportation on coal; and that a second letter be prepared urging the immediate requisition by the Government of all coal, coke, petroleum, copper ore and iron ore in the United States, and setting forth the Commission's reasons therefor.

Mr. Colver stated that he would undertake the preparation of a draft of such letters for the consideration of the Commission.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, July 16, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

July 15, 1917.	Sunday.
July 16, 1917.	No meeting held.
July 17, 1917.	No meeting held.
July 18, 1917.	No meeting held.
July 19, 1917.	No meeting held.
July 20, 1917.	No meeting held.
July 21, 1917.	No meeting held.
July 22, 1917.	Sunday.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 23, 1917, 10:30 a. m.

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Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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Mr. Davies reported the receipt of a letter from Representative Borland, in reference to postponing the food investigation.

After consideration the matter was referred to Mr. Davies for attention.

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The Secretary was authorized to secure the services of an assistant, at a reasonable salary.

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The matter of completing the record showing the authorization from the President for the investigation into the cost of production of certain materials required for war purposes was considered, and by unanimous consent referred to Mr. Fort for attention.

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Mr. Colver presented a memorandum by Messrs. C. H. McDonald and M. M. Flannery, covering the preliminary investigation at St. Paul, Minnesota, in re the complaint filed by Equity Cooperative Exchange against Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, et al. (file 1-385), and after discussion introduced

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the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The President, on February 7th, 1917, requested the Federal Trade Commission to investigate and report the facts relating to the production, ownership, manufacture, storage, and distribution of foodstuffs and the products or by-products arising from or in connection with their preparation and manufacture; and ascertain the facts bearing on alleged violations of the antitrust acts and particularly upon the question whether there are manipulations, controls, trusts, combinations, conspiracies, or restraints of trade out of harmony with the law or the public interest; and

WHEREAS, Congress has appropriated \$250,000 by the Act approved June 12, 1917, for the purpose of carrying into effect the President's request; and

WHEREAS, Complaint has been made to the Federal Trade Commission by the Equity Cooperative Exchange against the Chamber of Commerce of Minneapolis that said Chamber has attempted to monopolize the grain trade of the Northwest, and, as an entity and through its members, has practiced unfair methods of competition against said Equity Exchange and its members; and

WHEREAS, Representatives of the Federal Trade Commission have made a report of a preliminary investigation of said complaint, to which reference is hereby made, from which it appears that the charges have foundation in fact, and from which it appears that a fuller investigation of this complaint will involve the entire grain business, the milling and allied interests, the Chambers of Commerce of Minneapolis and Milwaukee, and the Boards of Trade of Duluth and Chicago and their connections and affiliations with banks, railroads and allied interests: now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Commission proceed forthwith, pursuant to the provisions of subdivisions (a), (b) and (d) of Section 6 of the Act of Congress, approved September 26, 1914, and entitled "An Act To create a Federal Trade Commission, to define its powers and duties, and for other purposes," to investigate the organization, business, conduct, practices, and management of all corporations, which the Commission may deem necessary and advisable, and particularly the Chamber of Commerce of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Board of Trade of Duluth, Minnesota, the Board of Trade of Chicago, Illinois, and the Board of Trade

of Kansas City, Missouri, engaged in interstate commerce in the buying and selling of grain, the milling and manufacture and sale of flour and feed from grain, the handling of grain through elevators and terminals, the manufacture and sale of bread, and all other corporations engaged generally in the grain, flour and baking business and the relations of all such corporations to other corporations, individuals and partnerships, and to require such corporations to furnish to the Commission such information as it may require in relation to their organization, business, conduct, practices and management, and their relations to other corporations, individuals and partnerships; and to make, pursuant to the directions of the President, an investigation relating to alleged violations of the antitrust acts on the part of some of said corporations.

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The following resolution, offered by Mr. Colver, was adopted:

MOVED: That J. P. Yoder be temporarily employed as a Special Examiner, at a salary at the rate of \$3,000.00 per year, his services to be given to the general work of the Commission.

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A draft of a complaint in the case of the Federal Trade Commission v. Mishawaka Woolen Manufacturing Company was presented, and referred to Mr. Colver.

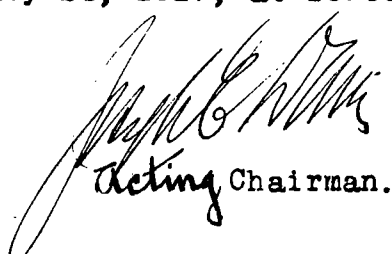
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A draft of a complaint in the case of the Federal Trade Commission v. Ward Baking Company was presented, and referred to Mr. Davies.

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July 24, 1917.

Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 24, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 24, 1917, 10:30 a. m.

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Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort  
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The minutes of the meeting of July 23d were read and approved.

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Mr. Davies presented a draft of letter addressed to Representative Borland regarding the postponement of the food investigation, which was duly approved.  
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Mr. Fort submitted report in re file 1-389, application of United Mine Workers of America (Local 898) for the issuance of a complaint against Williams Brothers & Company.

Report, recommending that application be dismissed, approved.  
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A letter from Mr. B. S. Cutler, Acting Chief, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, dated July 23d, addressed to Mr. Harris, relating to the ascertainment of costs, was presented, and referred to the Secretary for attention.  
 (File 8933.)

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ORDERED, That Warren R. Choate be appointed a Special Agent with the Commission, at a salary of \$3,600.00 per annum, and designated as Assistant to the Secretary, such employment to commence from his taking the oath of office and entering upon the discharge of his duties.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 12:00 m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, July 25, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

*James W. ...*  
 Acting Chairman.

Attest:

*F. S. ...*  
 Secretary.

- July 25, 1917. No meeting held.
- July 26, 1917. No meeting held.
- July 27, 1917. No meeting held.
- July 28, 1917. No meeting held.
- July 29, 1917. Sunday.
- July 30, 1917. No meeting held.

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## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

July 31, 1917, 3:15 p. m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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Messrs. H. C. Brown and Chas. K. Haddon, and Messrs. Fenton and Blount, of counsel for the Victor Talking Machine Co. (Docket No. 8) appeared before the Commission.

After discussion it was agreed that counsel for the Victor Talking Machine Co. should submit another stipulation of fact or proposed order, which should be submitted to the Commission after presentation to counsel for the Commission.

Messrs. John Walsh and M. Q. Macdonald also present.

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On motion of Mr. Fort it was --

ORDERED, That Arthur C. Schenck, of Indiana, be reinstated on the statutory roll of the Commission as Clerk, Class 1, to commence upon his taking the oath of office and entering upon the discharge of his duties.

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The Secretary reported that Robert H. Vorfeld, Special Expert with the Commission, had been ordered to report for duty for military service as captain, Quartermaster's Department.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that Mr.

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Vorfeld's services were indispensable to the Commission at this time, and the Secretary was directed to communicate such fact to the Quartermaster General and ask that Mr. Vorfeld be relieved from duty until the work on which he is now engaged is completed.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 4:45 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, August 1, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 1, 1917, 11:00 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That in view of the decisions of July 3, 1917, and July 24, 1917, by the Comptroller of the Treasury, to the effect that a per diem in lieu of subsistence at the rate of \$4 is the exclusive form of allowance which the Commission is

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authorized by the Sundry Civil Act of June 12, 1917 (Public No. 21, page 22), to allow, in so far as the specific appropriation for the payment of compensation, travel expense and per diem is concerned, the travel regulations of the Federal Trade Commission are hereby amended, effective as of July 1, 1917, as follows:

Strike out paragraphs Nos. 68 and 69 authorizing actual expenses incurred for subsistence when absence from official post of duty is of less than 24 hours duration and making provision for the payment of per diem allowances at the beginning and end of trips for fractional parts of a day.

Substitute therefor the following:

A per diem allowance at the rate of \$4 will be allowed all employees when engaged in field work or traveling on official business outside of the District of Columbia and away from their designated post of duty, payment thereof to be made from such appropriation as may be available therefor. A day begins at midnight and the per diem of \$4 will be allowed for each day and fraction of a day.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER: That in addition to the allowable expense items referred to in general travel orders and in the travel regulations of the Federal Trade Commission, the following emergency expenditures will be authorized if the exigencies of the service make them necessary:

Charges for extra room, or rooms, at hotels when necessary in connection with the transaction of official business.

Charges for stenographic or typewriter service, including rental of typewriting machine, or clerical assistance, when necessary in connection with the preparation of reports or correspondence. Payments for personal services should not be made by field employees unless payment is demanded by the payee, in which event an explanation to that effect should appear on the subvoucher submitted to support the charge. When immediate payment is not demanded, voucher covering the service performed should be prepared and forwarded to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D. C., for payment by the Disbursing Clerk.

The necessity for all emergency expenditures must be clearly set forth in writing in a certificate to accompany the voucher covering same, or the expense account claiming reimbursement therefor, and in the latter case the charges must be supported by subvouchers in such cases as they may be required by travel regulations.

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The following motion by Mr. Colver was duly seconded and carried:

MOVED, That a letter be addressed to Herbert C. Hoover, Food Administrator, requesting that he ask the President to direct the Federal Trade Commission to determine the cost of the milling of wheat; and that a suggested form of such request be enclosed, the purpose being to have the records show an authorization from the President for all expenditures from the allotment made or to be made to the Commission out of the National Security and Defense Fund.

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The following motion, offered by Mr. Fort, was unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, The President has, heretofore by oral order and on July 25, 1917, by written order, formally directed the Federal Trade Commission, under the power conferred upon it by act of Congress, to ascertain the cost of production of the following articles, to wit: Petroleum products, especially fuel oil and gasoline; coal, especially for Navy use; coke; iron ore; pig iron; cast iron and wrought iron products, especially those which are purchased by the Government; crude steel; steel castings; rolled and forged steel, including plates, shapes, rails, billets and bars, tubes, sheets and tin plate, wire and wire products; copper, zinc, lead, and aluminum, and the products of each of them, especially those purchased by the Government; cement; lumber, especially such lumber as is required for the building of ships, cantonments, and other requirements of the Government; and by said written order of July 25, 1917, has further directed that all such work as the above which may hereafter be required shall likewise be done through the organization which the Federal Trade Commission will create pursuant to his request; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Commission proceed forthwith, pursuant to the provisions of subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 6 of the Act of Congress approved September 26, 1914, entitled "An Act To create a Federal Trade Commission, to define its powers and duties, and for other purposes," to ascertain the cost of production of said raw materials and manufactured products, to gather and compile information concerning the same, and to forthwith require all individuals, partnerships and Corporations to furnish to the Commission such information as it may request in relation thereto, either personally or through or by its agents or representatives.

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On motion of Mr. Davies, the following resolution directing the issuance of a complaint of the Commission v. The Wholesale Saddlery Association of the United States and National Harness Manufacturers' Association of the United States, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission has reason to believe that The Wholesale Saddlery Association of the United States and National Harness Manufacturers' Association of the United States have violated, and are violating, the provisions of Section 5 of the Trade Commission Act; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Commission issue and serve upon said The Wholesale Saddlery Association of the United States and National Harness Manufacturers' Association of the United States 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 The Wholesale Saddlery Association of the United States and National Harness Manufacturers' Association of the United States, 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 1st day of October, A. D. 1917, 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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Mr. Colver presented resolution in connection with file 1-314, application of E. E. Norton for the issuance of a complaint against Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, recommending that this case be consolidated and considered with file 1-270.

Resolution adopted.

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Mr. Colver presented file 1-383, application of The McClure Co. for the issuance of a complaint against Hewitt-Lea-Funck Co., and upon motion this file, previously assigned to Mr. Colver, was ordered assigned to Mr. Davies.

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Mr. Colver presented file 1-311, application of Eau Claire Grocer Co. for the issuance of a complaint against Rust-Parker Co.

ORDERED, That this case be consolidated with 1-262, application of Green & DeLaittre Company for issuance of a complaint against Rust-Parker Co., and case assigned to Mr. Fort.

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Mr. Colver presented resolution in re file 1-345, application of Weaver Organ & Piano Co. Inc., for the issuance of a complaint against E. P. Johnson Piano Co.

Resolution, recommending dismissal of application, adopted.

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August 1, 1917.

Mr. Fort reported in re file 1-256, application of Seybel & Struss for the issuance of a complaint against Levis-Zukoski Mercantile Co. et al.

Resolution, dismissing application, adopted, with the understanding that the complainant be advised to refer the matter to the Bureau of Standards, with the request that a standard be fixed for wire for such use.

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Mr. Colver presented file 1-387, application of the Builders Material Supply Co. for the issuance of a complaint against the Kansas City Ironite Co.

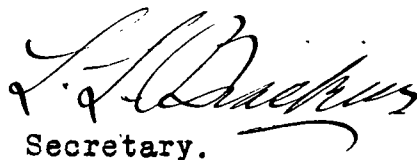
ORDERED, That this file be consolidated with file 1-401, application of The Newman-Cavallon Co. for the issuance of a complaint against Ironite Co. et al., and referred to Mr. Fort.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, August 2, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.



August 2, 1917.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 2, 1917, 11:30 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The minutes of meetings of July 31st and August 1st, respectively, were read and approved.

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The following motion, offered by Mr. Fort, was duly carried:

MOVED, That during the month of August, and the first three weeks in September, 1917, there shall be formal meetings of this Commission on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week, at 10:30 a.m., but not on Saturday or Monday, except by special direction of the Chairman or at the request of two Commissioners.

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Mr. Fort reported in re file 1-245, application of The Vim for the issuance of a complaint against Hillerich & Son Company.

Report, recommending the issuance of a formal complaint, approved.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, August 3, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

Attest:

*W. J. Harris*  
Chairman.

*W. B. Colver*  
Secretary

August 7, 1917.

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August 3, 1917. No meeting held.  
August 4, 1917. No meeting held.  
August 5, 1917. Sunday.  
August 6, 1917. No meeting held.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 7, 1917, 10:30 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The President called and discussed the urgency of obtaining costs of materials essential for the conduct of the war.

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A plan of cooperation between the Agricultural Department and the Commission in regard to the food investigation was presented, and by unanimous consent it was agreed to consider such plan as a special order of business tomorrow morning.

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Mr. Colver presented file 1-403, application of the Federal Trade Commission for a complaint against Book Paper Manufacturers' Bureau of Statistics, et al.

Upon motion, the issuance of a formal complaint in this case was ordered.

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The Secretary called up the matter of the organization and salaries of the Commission, and it was unanimously agreed to make such matters a special order of business for Thursday morning, August 9th.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, August 8, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 8, 1917, 10:30 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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Mr. Fort presented a telegram from Mr. Clifford Thorne, of Chicago, dated August 7, 1917, asking for a hearing on behalf of the Utilities Bureau, John A. Reed on behalf of the Iowa League of Municipalities, and others.

August 8, 1917.

On motion the Secretary was directed to advise Mr. Thorne that the Commission would be glad to meet him and Mr. Reed whenever they were in Washington.

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Mr. Davies moved that the Commission now proceed to the determination of its attitude in regard to a plan of cooperation between the Department of Agriculture and the Commission concerning the food investigation, and that when such determination shall have been reached a conference be arranged at the earliest possible date with the Secretary of Agriculture and Mr. Herbert C. Hoover.

Carried.

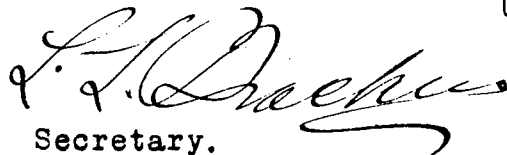
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Messrs. Heney and Robertson were called, and the plan of cooperation between the Commission and the Department of Agriculture concerning the food investigation was discussed.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, August 9, 1917, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

  
Chairman.

August 9, 1917.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 9, 1917, 10:30 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The minutes of the meeting of August 8th were read and approved.

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The Commission considered the plan of cooperation between the Department of Agriculture and the Commission in reference to the food investigation, and after discussion the following was agreed on as the sense of the Commission regarding such plan:

That the letter of the President, directing the food investigation to be made, and the act of Congress appropriating funds to defray the expense of the same, and the direction of the President to cooperate with the Commission in this work, contemplated that the general direction and supervision of the investigation should be under the Commission, and the responsibility for its efficient and expeditious conduct, and for any conclusions or recommendations that might be made, should rest upon the Commission. Under these circumstances the Commission will designate some one on its staff to have general supervision of the entire investigation. The Department of Agriculture will undertake those phases of the work in which it is best

equipped, and this work shall be along the lines suggested by the Commission. However, in any work undertaken by the Department of Agriculture it shall have immediate direction of its own men, but the Commission shall be kept constantly informed as to the scope and progress of the work.

Upon motion of Mr. Davies, Mr. Robertson was instructed to make known the views of the Commission to Mr. Brand, of the Department of Agriculture, and if possible reach a definite understanding upon the matter of general supervision, and also upon the matter of the phases of the work to be undertaken by the Department of Agriculture.

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The following motion, offered by Mr. Davies, was unanimously adopted:

MOVED:

First. That the Commission proceed to consider the coal situation at a continuous session, as a special order of business, and that it direct itself to the preparation of plans under two different theories of handling the situation.

Subdivision (a). That plans be prepared for the procuring of results as to prices under the terms of the Lever Bill, by agreement with the operators of coal, or otherwise through some governmental agency, without invoking immediately the operation of the law.

Subdivision (b). That plans be prepared which might be adopted if the law were immediately put into operation.

Second. That the Commission determine its judgment as to the best plan under subdivision (a) and the best plan under subdivision (b), for recommendation to the President.

Third. That the Commission determine its judgment

as to the wisdom of adopting a policy, (a) to wit, procuring of prices by agreement, and (b) procuring of prices by invoking the force of the law, with a view of giving to the President the best judgment of the Commission in that situation.

Fourth. That a copy of this be given to the Advisory Economic Board, and to Messrs. Wing, Durand, and Vorfeld, for their consideration, and such recommendations as they may have to offer.

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The following motion, offered by Mr. Colver, was adopted:

MOVED: That a separate brief be prepared on the question: "Does the Lever Bill cover Steel, Copper, Zinc, Lead, Lumber, etc., etc.?"

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The following motion, offered by Mr. Colver, was adopted:

MOVED: That the Secretary secure from the legal staff at once a brief on the Lever Bill, summarizing the powers of the Federal Trade Commission, and the alternative procedures provided as to coal and coke.

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Mr. Fort wished to be advised as to whether the Commission has any jurisdiction under the Lever Bill without first receiving some order or direction from the President.

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August 13, 1917.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, August 10, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

*W. J. Harris*  
Chairman.

Attest:

*L. S. Drachman*  
Secretary.

- August 10, 1917. No meeting held.
- August 11, 1917. No meeting held.
- August 12, 1917. Sunday.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 13, 1917, 4:10 p.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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Mr. Fort moved that the sending of the telegram to Messrs. F. C. Honnold and D. W. Buchanan, dated August 13th, concerning the coordination of work by State and local authorities on the coal situation with the Federal plan, be approved by the Commission.

Mr. Davies seconded this motion, and it was carried.

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Mr. Robertson brought to the attention of the Commission a memorandum concerning cooperation with the Department of Agriculture in the matter of the food investigation, and also a memorandum concerning a conference with Mr. Brand, of the Department of Agriculture.

In consideration of these memoranda, and after a discussion of the situation, it was moved by Mr. Fort and seconded by the Chairman that Mr. Davies confer with the Secretary of Agriculture and Mr. Hoover concerning matters connected with the food investigation, and the respective jurisdictions concerned in the same. Carried.

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A memorandum for the Commission by Mr. Chantland, Chief Examiner, concerning his notification to report at the training camp at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, August 27th, for military service, was presented. After a brief discussion of the memorandum it was laid over for further action at another meeting.

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Letter of J. Maury Dove, Jr., dated August 11th, and addressed to the Chairman, was brought to the attention of the Commission.

Mr. Fort moved, and it was carried, that Mr. Davies prepare a report, or reply to this communication.

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August 14, 1917.

Thereupon, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 14, 1917, at 9:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 14, 1917, 9:30 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The minutes of the meeting of August 13th were read and approved.

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The following motion, offered by Mr. Colver, was adopted:

MOVED: That the contract between the Queen Coal and Mining Company, of Jasonville, Indiana, and the Indianapolis Light & Heat Company, of Indianapolis, be sent to the Department of Justice for its information.

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The following motion, offered by Mr. Colver, was adopted:

MOVED: That the report of the Committee on Docket, Calendar, Organization and Procedure be made a special order of business for 10 a.m., Thursday, August 16th, 1917.

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Mr. Colver offered the following motion, which was adopted:

MOVED: That the book-paper report be sent to the Senate in such form that it may properly be printed as a Senate document.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, August 15, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

August 15, 1917.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 15, 1917, 10:00 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The minutes of the meeting of August 14th were read and approved.

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A draft of a letter replying to the letter from Mr. J. Maury Dove, Jr., dated August 11, 1917, concerning the coal situation in Washington; also, a draft of a letter to be sent to all local coal dealers appearing at the meeting before the Commission on August 11th, were presented and approved.

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Mr. Fort presented a report in re file 1-405, Saunders Blackburn Grocery Co. for the issuance of a complaint against Colgate & Co.

Report of Mr. Fort, recommending that the case be placed on the suspense docket pending action by the Department of Justice, was approved.

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The following motion, offered by Mr. Colver, was adopted:

MOVED: That Mr. Chantland be advised that it is the opinion of the Commission that his duty lies with this Commission at this time rather than in the military service, and that the Commission will take any needed steps to make this opinion effective.

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A committee from the War Industries Board, as shown by the following names, appeared before the Commission and discussed matters in reference to obtaining costs of materials essential for the conduct of the war:

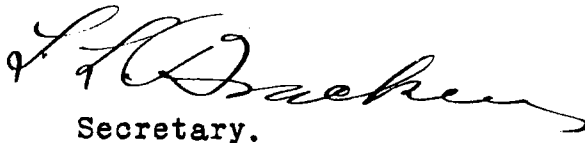
Mr. F. A. Scott, Chairman  
Mr. B. M. Baruch,  
Mr. R. S. Brookings,  
Rear Admiral F. F. Fletcher,  
Judge R. S. Lovett,  
Mr. Hugh Frayne,  
Lieut.-Col. P. E. Pierce.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:15 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, August 16, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

August 16, 1917.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 16, 1917, 10:30 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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The minutes of the meeting of August 15th were read and approved.

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Mr. Davies reported that he had conferred with the President in reference to steel costs, and that at the conclusion of the conference the President stated that he desired the Commission to furnish him with data in reference to the cost of producing coal at the earliest possible moment; and further, that the President stated that he had in mind making a flat price for bituminous coal for the whole United States. Mr. Davies further reported that he had advised the President that in his judgment the Commission would suggest fixing the prices by districts.

The request of the President; the work of the Commission in connection with the coal investigation; the ascertainment of costs, were discussed.

The following motion was then offered by Mr. Colver:

MOVED: That a letter be addressed today to the President expressing it as the opinion of the Commission --

(1) That if a maximum price is to be fixed it should not be one price, but various prices should rather be fixed in the various fields.

(2) That the matters of price adjustment, priority of shipment and car allotment (Esch bill) constitute a single problem and that these three matters should not be separated in their administration.

(3) That the fixing of a "maximum price" would, under the Lever bill, confirm all existing contracts, many of which may properly be regarded with suspicion, so that this should be avoided by invoking the Lever law in its alternative method; and if maximum prices shall be fixed it will be necessary, in order to preserve the benefit to the consumer, to provide machinery for the fixing of middlemen's prices and profits, the control of distribution and the prevention of manipulation in the wholesaling and retailing of coal.

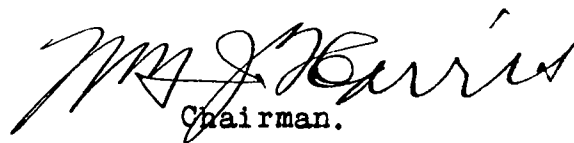
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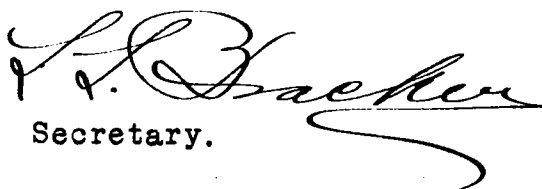
The Commission recessed at 1:00 o'clock until 2:15 p.m., with the understanding that the above motion would then be taken up for consideration.

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The Commission did not meet at all in the afternoon.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

August 17, 1917.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 17, 1917, 10:00 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
John F. Fort

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A telegram, dated August 17, 1917, from Hon. Frank O. Lowden, Governor of Illinois, in regard to the coal situation, was presented, and by unanimous agreement referred to the President.

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The following motion, offered by Mr. Davies, was adopted:

That Mr. Wing be directed to complete immediately such data in brief form as will support a judgment on tentative maximum prices for bituminous coal by districts, based on the same districts as used by coal producing committee, and that such data be sent to the President at earliest opportunity.

The Commission then considered the matter of transmitting data to the President regarding costs of coal and suggestions in reference to a plan of administering the production and distribution of coal under the terms of the Lever bill.

The following motion was then adopted:

That, together with the cost data sent to the President, memoranda be prepared and sent setting forth in brief form the following:

1st. That if maximum prices are fixed they should be fixed by districts.



2d. If maximum prices are so fixed, the maximum prices should also be fixed for jobbers' and retailers' net profit.

3d. That the Commission doubts whether the plan of maximum price alone will bring to the consumer the relief anticipated, because the Lever bill provides that bona fide contracts entered into prior to the fixing of the price shall not be abrogated, and approximately 85 per cent of the coal of the country is now under contract.

4th. If the President desires to avoid such contracts, the President might designate, under the Lever act, some agency to buy all coal for and on account of the United States at prices fixed by him; such agency to resell such coal; that such coal, when sold, should be distributed through the usual and ordinary channels of trade. The plan to be worked out in general as follows:

That the President by executive order designate some agency and direct that all producers of coal shall consign coal through such agency and ship the same direct to customers -- draft with bill of lading attached; that upon shipment being made the producer shall charge the United States for such coal at the price fixed and shall credit the United States with the proceeds of the draft; that in order to furnish a check upon the shipment and price of this coal, the producer shall send to the Federal agency a copy of the invoice and bill of lading. That when the President declares the prices to be paid to producers he also declare the amount of the commission or profit per ton to be allowed to bona fide jobbers and dealers, only actual local delivery expenses being allowed to retail dealers in addition to the declared profit. Through this plan each community can be advised of the reasonable price of its coal, as the mine price, middlemen's margins and freight are known factors and the only unknown factor, the actual cost of local distribution, is easily within its determination. This to be the immediate and temporary method to serve while administrative machinery is being perfected.

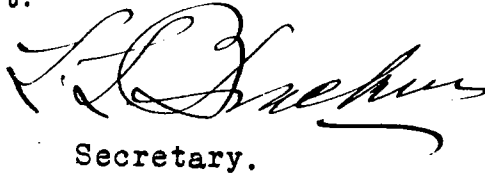
At the time of the adoption of such motion Mr. Fort had left the meeting.

August 18, 1917.

Thereupon, at the hour of 1:05 a.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Saturday, August 18, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 18, 1917, 10:00 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver  
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The Secretary presented a letter, dated August 18th, from Mr. Fort, stating that on the advice of his physician he was going to his home; and that in the event reports are transmitted by the Commission in his absence he desired the letter of transmittal and the minutes of the Commission to read that "at the time this action was taken Commissioner Fort was absent."

The letter was received and ordered filed.

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The Commission further considered the data in reference to the costs of coal and memoranda relating thereto, and after discussion unanimously agreed to present the

same to the President.

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At 12 o'clock the President called on the Commission and discussed generally the coal situation; also, the data and memoranda presented to him by the Commission.

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Mr. Harris stated that he would leave this afternoon for Georgia, on account of the serious illness of his father, and that he expected to be gone at least a week; that in the event it became necessary to transmit to the President, during his absence, the conclusions of the Commission in reference to the determination of costs of materials essential to the conduct of the war, that such action would have his full approval, and that he hoped no delay would be occasioned through his absence.

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By reason of the illness of Governor Fort, and the fact that the Chairman had been called away by the death of his father, it was apparent that the quorum of the Commission would be broken for several days. For that reason, and in order that the Commission might close up the very pressing work which was just about completed, the Chairman appointed the remaining members of the Commission a committee with power to act for the Commission until a quorum should be restored.

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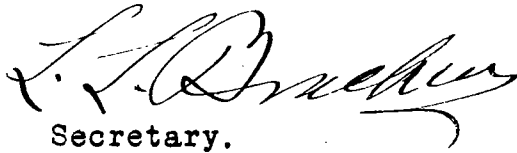
On motion of Mr. Davies, the Secretary was directed to immediately take up the matter of obtaining the transfer of Mr. J. Lee Nicholson, Chief of the Division of Cost Accounting of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, to this Commission.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 21, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

August 19, 1917. Sunday.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 20, 1917, 5:00 p.m.

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Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver

(Messrs. Harris and Fort absent from the city.)

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The President called at the offices of the Commission and conferred regarding the coal situation; *and tentative coal prices were agreed upon.*

Thereupon, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 21, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

August 21, 1917. No meeting held.

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MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 22, 1917, 3:00 p.m.

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Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver

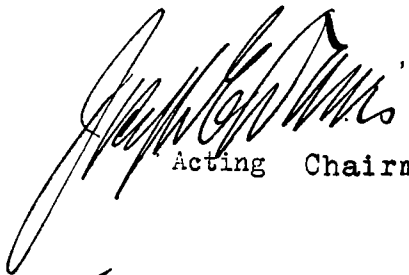
(Messrs. Harris and Fort absent from the city.)

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The President called upon the Commission, and conferred at length with Messrs. Davies and Colver in regard to the coal, steel, and copper situation.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Thursday, August 23, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 23, 1917, 11:00 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver

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The following gentlemen, members of the War Industries Board, conferred with the Commission in regard to the costs

of materials essential to the conduct of the war:

Mr. F. A. Scott  
Mr. B. M. Baruch  
Mr. R. S. Brookings  
Rear-Admiral F. F. Fletcher  
Lieut.-Col. P. E. Pierce  
Mr. Hugh Frayne

It was agreed that the Commission would give access to the members of the Board to any of the tables, or data, gathered by the Commission, which would be helpful to the Board in its determination of prices.

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At 1:30 p.m. a recess was taken until 3:30 p.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver

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The Commission reassembled at 3:30 o'clock p.m.

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Mr. F. S. Peabody, Chairman of the Coal Committee, Council of National Defense, appeared before the Commission and requested that the coal mine operators be given an opportunity to examine the cost data collected by the Commission in reference to their respective mines.

No answer was given to this request, but it was finally agreed that Mr. Peabody would present such request in writing.

The matter of the prices fixed for bituminous coal in the various districts was discussed, Mr. Peabody stating that in his opinion the prices in some districts were too low.

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He agreed to submit written data in reference to the same to the Commission.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, August 24, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 24, 1917, 10:30 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver

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Messrs. Davies and Colver, appointed a committee to transact the business of the Commission during the absence of a quorum, filed a written report covering conferences with the President on the 20th and 22d of August, 1917, respectively, and reported fully in reference to data presented to the President regarding the prices to be fixed for coal and other materials essential for the conduct of the war. (See file 8662.)

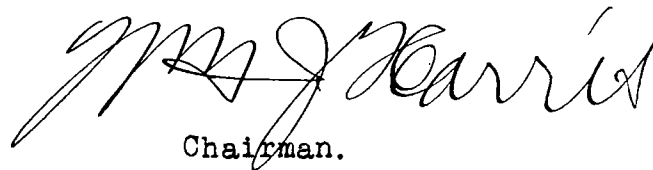
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Mr. Davies reported that he expected to be absent from the city for a few days on a vacation. Thereupon the Chairman, anticipating that there might be the absence of a quorum of the Commission, appointed the remaining members of the Commission a committee to transact the business of the Commission during the absence of a quorum.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Monday, August 27, 1917, at 10:30 p.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

August 25, 1917. No meeting held.

August 26, 1917. Sunday.

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## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 27, 1917, 11:00 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
Joseph E. Davies  
William B. Colver

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The minutes of the meetings of August 23d and 24th, respectively, were read and approved.

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The Secretary reported that an arrangement for the transfer of Mr. J. Lee Nicholson from the cost accounting division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce had been made, and that Mr. Nicholson would enter upon his duties today. The matter of obtaining a head for the cost accounting division was then discussed, and the matter referred to Mr. Colver and the Secretary with authority to act.

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The following motion, offered by Mr. Colver, was unanimously adopted:

MOVED: That a system of reports be required from the news-print paper manufacturers of the United States, the same to be put into operation on September 1st or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Report by Mr. Fort in re file 1-47, application of Pill Bros. Company for the issuance of a complaint against wholesalers and jobbers, was presented. Case referred to the Chief Examiner for further investigation.

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Report by Mr. Fort in re file 1-262, application of Green & DeLaittre Company, and file 1-311, application of Eau Claire Grocer Company, for issuance of complaints against Rust-Parker Company, was presented. Ordered that both the above cases be dismissed by conference ruling.

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Report by Mr. Fort in re file 1-397, application of The Rowe Calk Company for issuance of a complaint against Giant Grip Horseshoe Company, was presented. Ordered that the case be placed upon the suspended list for further action if necessary.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 28, 1917.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

August 28, 1917. No meeting held.

August 29, 1917. No meeting held.

August 30, 1917.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

August 30, 1917, 10:30 a.m.

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William J. Harris, Chairman  
 William B. Colver  
 John F. Fort

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The matter of the increase of salaries of employees was taken up, and the following increases unanimously agreed upon, effective August 16, 1917:

Ackerman, George L.	Clerk	\$ 900 to \$1,000
Adams, J. W.	Examiner	1,260 " 1,890
Amberg, Harold V.	Attorney and Examiner	(N.S. & D.F.) 3,000 " 3,300
Anderson, Herbert L.	Special Agent	1,920 " 2,100 (N.S. & D.F.)
Andrews, William H.	Examiner (tem.)	1,260 to 1,386 (N.S. & D.F.)
Arnold, John Knox	Special Agent	2,160 to 2,400
Ballou, John C.	Special Agent	1,575 " 1,701 (N.S. & D.F.)
Baxter, Charles W.	Clerk	900 to 1,200
Becker, Charles H.	Special Agent	1,890 " 2,000 (N.S. & D.F.)
Bradford, J. H.	Examiner	2,000 to 2,100 (N.S. & D.F.)
Brooks, David S.	Clerk	1,200 to 1,400
Brown, Charles M.	Clerk	1,400 " 1,600
Brown, John R.	Examiner (tem.)	1,200 " 1,320
Burch, James W.	Clerk	1,200 " 1,400
Burdette, James W.	Clerk	1,200 " 1,500
Burkett, John M.	Special Agent	1,800 " 1,920
Burton, Ishmael	Special Agent	1,575 " 1,701 (N.S. & D.F.)
Bushman, R. J.	Clerk	1,000 to 1,200
Busick, Adrien F.	Attorney and Examiner	3,000 " 3,300
Camp, B. W.	Special At- torney	2,580 " 2,800
Campbell, William	Examiner (tem.)	1,200 " 1,320
Card, F. D.	Clerk	900 " 1,500
Caukin, Jason B.	Clerk	1,200 " 1,400
Chantland, William T.	Attorney and Examiner	4,750 " 5,000
Charvoz, Ellis	Clerk	1,200 " 1,400

Cheely, Walter C.	Clerk	\$1,000 to \$1,200	
Childs, Wm. W.	Special Agent	1,380 "	1,500
Clardy, Warren R.	Clerk	1,200 "	1,400
Compton, Wilson	Examiner	2,500 "	2,750
		(N.S. & D.F.)	
Coombs, John S.	Clerk	1,200 to	1,400
Crabtree, John H.	Clerk	1,200 "	1,400
Cutts, Harold S.	Clerk	1,200 "	1,320
Dalrymple, Robert C.	Clerk	1,200 "	1,400
Dalton, George T.	Special Agent	1,560 "	1,620
Daly, Alexander M.	Attorney and Examiner	3,000 "	3,600
Davis, Calvin C.	Clerk	1,200 "	1,600
Dobbins, Warren B.	Examiner (tem.)	1,200 "	1,320
Dunham, Joe J.	Special Attorney	2,580 "	2,800
Dunsworth, Martin J.	Special Agent	1,890 "	1,920 (NS&DF)
Durand, Walter Y.	Special Examiner	3,500 "	4,000
Evans, Louis	Clerk	1,000 "	1,200
Farwell, Clarence G.	Special Agent	2,160 "	2,400
		(N.S. & D.F.)	
Faust, Leroy H.	Clerk	1,000 to	1,200
Felix, Douglas D.	Examiner	1,800 "	1,920
Fischer, Edward	Special Agent	1,320 "	1,440
Flannery, M. M.	Special Attorney	3,000 "	3,300
Floyd, Leroy C.	Special Agent	1,890 "	1,920 (NS&DF)
Forbes, Wm. E.	Clerk	900 "	1,000
Fuller, Charles F.	Special Agent	1,764 "	1,890
		(N.S. & D.F.)	
Galbraith, Wm. H.	Clerk	1,400 to	1,600
Gardiner, R. W.	Special Expert	3,000 "	3,600
		(N.S. & D.F.)	
Garrettson, Edwin C.	Clerk	1,400 to	1,600
Gibson, Leon S.	Clerk	1,600 "	1,800
Gordon, Ellery B.	Special Agent	1,575 "	1,890
		(N.S. & D.F.)	
Gratton, Leo J.	Clerk	1,000 to	1,200
Hamburg, Alex. M.	Examiner	1,380 "	1,500
Hauck, John F.	Special Agent	1,575 "	1,701
		(N.S. & D.F.)	
Hawley, Everett M.	Special Attorney	\$2,100 to	2,280
Hawes, Francis L.	Special Agent	2,160 "	2,280
Haynes, Jas. Marvin	Examiner (tem.)	1,260 "	1,575
		(N.S. & D.F.)	
Hirshman, Simon	Clerk	1,000 to	1,200
Hoover, Jas. Osborne	Examiner	1,575 "	1,701
		(N.S. & D.F.)	
Hoover, Wm. J.	Examiner	1,575 to	1,701
		(N.S. & D.F.)	
Horne, William B.	Special Agent	1,860 to	2,100
		(N.S. & D.F.)	
Hudson, M. F.	Attorney and Examiner	2,750 to	3,300
Hutchison, John E.	Clerk	900 "	1,000

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Hyde, Arthur E.	Special Agent	\$1,449 to \$1,512 (N.S. & D.F.)
Johnson, Otis B.	Clerk	1,400 to 1,600
Johnson, W. P.	Examiner (tem.)	1,260 " 1,386 (N.S. & D.F.)
Jones, Frank	Attorney and Examiner	3,000 to 3,300
Kalisher, Samuel L.	Special Agent	1,827 " 2,100 (N.S. & D.F.)
Karsner, John W.	Clerk	1,200 to 1,400
Keeler, Joseph M.	Clerk	1,200 " 1,400
Kelley, Wm. T.	Special Attorney	2,100 " 2,580
Kellogg, Ray	Clerk	1,000 " 1,200
Kurtz, M. Vernon	Examiner (tem.)	1,200 " 1,320
Lambrecht, Clarence E.	Clerk	1,000 " 1,200
Lyddane, Arthur L.	Special Agent	1,449 " 1,512 (N.S. & D.F.)
Lynch, Leo	Examiner (tem.)	1,260 to 1,512 (N.S. & D.F.)
Macdonald, M. Q.	Attorney and Examiner	3,000 to 3,300
Marcum, Homer B.	Special Attorney	1,200 " 1,800
Mason, Wardlaw M.	Clerk	1,600 " 1,800
Mayo, William L.	Clerk	1,400 " 1,600
McCorkle, George	Special Attorney	2,580 " 2,800
Meaney, Thomas J.	Clerk	1,000 " 1,200
Merchant, E. O.	Special Agent	3,000 " 3,300
Moore, Charles S.	Attorney and Examiner	2,100 " 2,400
Nichol, James W.	Clerk	1,800 " 1,920
Notz, William F.	Special Agent	3,000 " 3,300 (N.S. & D.F.)
Ohsol, Johann G.	Special Expert	1,800 to 2,400
Patri, Walter J.	Clerk	1,000 " 1,200
Patterson, Edw. B.	Special Attorney	1,800 " 1,920
Peat, James B.	Special Agent	1,890 " 2,100 (N.S. & D.F.)
Peterson, Alvin R.	Special Agent	1,890 to 2,220 (N.S. & D.F.)
Pierson, Millard	Clerk	900 to 1,000
Reeves, Wm. C.	Attorney and Examiner	2,750 " 3,300
Reges, Geo. H. G., Jr.	Clerk	1,200 " 1,400
Richards, Raymond	Examiner	1,890 " 1,920 (N.S. & D.F.)
Roberts, W. T.	Special Attorney	2,580 to 2,800
Ross, Andrew N.	Clerk	1,200 " 1,620
Rougeou, Chas. F.	Clerk	1,400 " 1,500
Rowland, G. Edwin	Examiner	1,600 " 1,920
Schwickardi, Rudolph B.	Special Agent	1,320 " 1,440
Shanks, Samuel L.	Examiner (tem.)	1,260 " 1,386 (N.S. & D.F.)
Shrout, Sam F.	Clerk	1,600 to 1,800
Simmons, Ben H.	Examiner (tem.)	1,260 " 1,386 (N.S. & D.F.)

Simmons, Eugene	Examiner (tem.)	\$1,260 to \$1,386 (N.S. & D.F.)
Smelser, D. Paul	Examiner	2,000 to 2,500
Snyder, Alva	Clerk	1,000 " 1,440
Solem, Arne S.	Special Agent	1,449 " 1,512 (N.S. & D.F.)
Spiess, Louis A.	Clerk	1,800 to 1,920
Stedman, Ralph E.	Clerk	1,000 " 1,200
Stout, J. Kennedy	Special Agent	1,800 " 1,920
Tackett, Anderson H.	Special Agent	1,575 " 1,701 (N.S. & D.F.)
Thibodeau, Thomas A.	Special Agent	1,512 to 1,575 (N.S. & D.F.)
Trinkle, Hoover	Examiner (tem.)	1,260 to 1,386 (N.S. & D.F.)
Vint, Roger A.	Clerk	1,000 to 1,200
Vorfeld, Robert H.	Special Expert	3,000 " 3,600 (N.S. & D.F.)
Waring, Luther H.	Special Agent	1,980 to 2,000
Waugh, Walter D.	Special Agent	1,449 " 1,575 (N.S. & D.F.)
Windle, Chas. T.	Special Agent	1,764 to 1,890 (N.S. & D.F.)
Wing, David L.	Special Examiner	3,500 to \$4,000 (N.S. & D.F.)
Woerner, Otto E.	Clerk	1,600 to 1,800
Wooden, Walter B.	Examiner	2,280 " 2,580
Wright, C. R.	Examiner (tem.)	1,260 " 1,890 (N.S. & D.F.)

The following employees of the Federal Trade Commission, absent on indefinite leave without pay on account of military or naval service, were promoted, effective August 16, 1917, as follows:

Burke, Carl M.	Examiner (tem.)	\$1,380 to \$1,500
Gerber, Edgar H.	Clerk	900 " 1,000
Graves, J. T., Jr.	Special Expert	1,800 " 2,100
Kessenich, Gregory J.	Examiner (tem.)	900 " 1,000
Larson, Randell J.	Special Agent	1,620 " 1,800
Lawman, Oliver T.	Clerk	1,000 " 1,200
Potter, Lawrence J.	Clerk	1,000 " 1,200

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Messrs. Harris and Colver, appointed a committee to transact the business of the Commission during the absence of a quorum, filed a written report that information regarding

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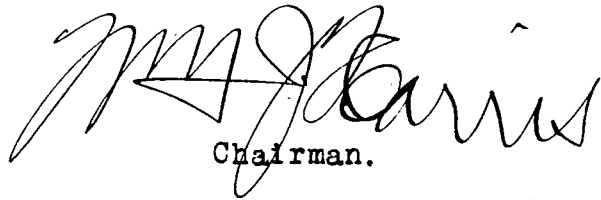
the costs of copper and Navy coal had been transmitted to the President and Secretary of the Navy, respectively; also that certain data had been transmitted to Dr. Harry A. Garfield, including other matters. (See file

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Anticipating that there would not be a quorum present for the next few days, it was unanimously agreed that Messrs. Harris and Colver be appointed a committee to transact the business of the Commission during the absence of a quorum.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:45 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet Friday, August 31, 1917, at 10:30 a.m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.