

## MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

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

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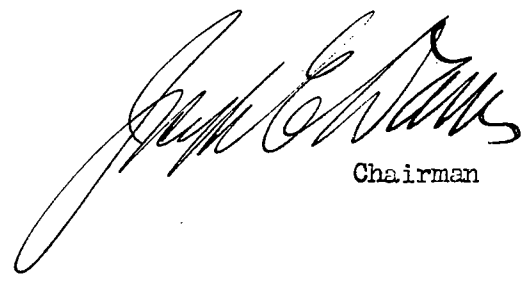
Commissioner Parry was instructed to hold a conference with the Attorney General in re Informal Complaint of Farmington Shoe Manufacturing Co. vs. United Shoe Machinery Co. (1-13-1), and Request for Ruling of F. Mayer Boot & Shoe Co. vs. United Shoe Machinery Co. (2-27-1).

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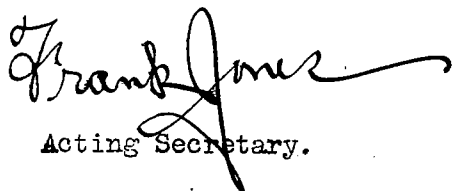
A conference was held with the Joint Board of Review.

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

  
Chairman

Attest:

  
Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

November 2, 1915.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

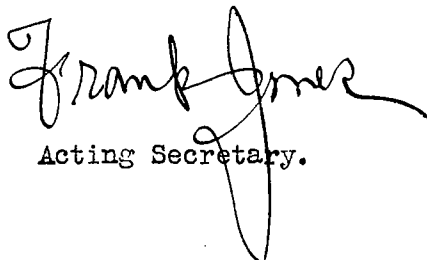
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At 1:00 o'clock, p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet November 3, 1915, at 10:00 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

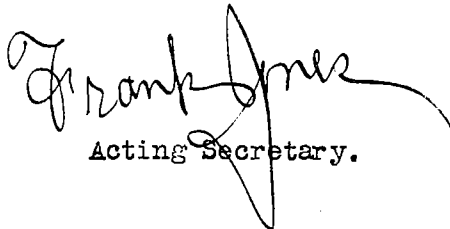
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At the hour of 6 o'clock, p.m., the Commission adjourned to November 5, 1915, at 10:00 a. m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

November 4, 1915. No meeting held.

November 5, 1915. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

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

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

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

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

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

Chairman Davies:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Commissioner Hurley:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Commissioner Parry:

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

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

Commissioner Rublee:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Informal Complaint 1-11: J. M. Anderson Grocer Co.  
v. Procter & Gamble Co. and Procter & Gamble Dis-  
tributing Co.

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

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

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

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

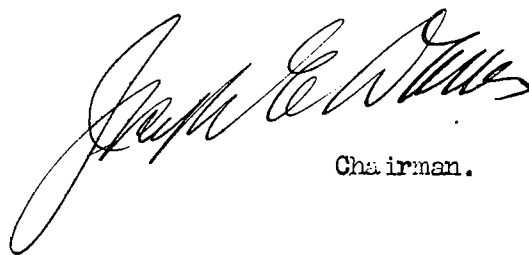
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In the absence of Commissioner Harris, Commissioner Parry was appointed a committee for recommendations for promotions on the statutory roll.

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



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

November 7, 1915. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

Informal Complaints.

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

1-28 Hussey-Binns Shovel Co. v. Shovel Manufacturing Industry. Withdrawn from Docket Division and transferred to Economic Department for consideration by the Division of Corporation Reports.

Complaints were assigned to Commissioners, by lot, as follows:

Informal Complaints

1-26 Joplin Mercantile Co. v. Milwaukee Beer Co.  
Vice Chairman Hurley.

1-22 E. Morrel v. Barrett Manufacturing Co. et al.  
Commissioner Harris.

1-34 Miller v. Competitors Chartering Steamer.  
Commissioner Rublee.

1-24 Yankton Brick & Tile Co. v. Sioux City, Iowa,  
Corporation. Commissioner Parry.

1-35 John F. Nash v. Wyker Co. Commissioner Parry.

1-31 Montpelier Fruit Growers' Association v. J. E.  
Terry. Chairman Davies.

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Report of the Assistant Chief Economist in re letter of R. Conner, File A 6153, recommending that no action be taken, was adopted.

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Report of Joint Board of Review, recommending that specific complaints regarding discriminatory conditions in gasoline be consolidated with the general investigation of the industry, was adopted.

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Letter of Mr. Harold D. Warhurst, of the Friendly Society of Engravers, transmitted to the Commission by Secretary Redfield, (File A.6754), together with all correspondence with reference to "dumping," (File 8409-1), was referred to the Economic Department.

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The Secretary was directed to make an appointment with Mr. Merle Sidener, Chairman, National Vigilance Committee, Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, to appear before the Commission on Tuesday, November 23, 1915, at 3:30 p.m.

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The Secretary was directed to make an appointment with Mr. J. W. Conchar, General Secretary and Treasurer, Metallic Bedstead & Supply Manufacturers' Alliance, to appear before the Commission on Tuesday, November 23, 1915, at 2:30 p.m.

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Letter of Mr. W. F. Powers, President, National Association of Employing Lithographers, dated October 12, 1915 (File A 6212), was referred to Commissioner Hurley.

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Report of Commissioners Parry and Rublee in re letter of Mr. Alonzo H. Stewart, dated July 3, 1915 (File 8006-14), was adopted.

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Action of Commissioner Parry in making request of Department of State for conference between Mr. Thomas Sammons, Counsel General at Shanghai, China, with a representative of the Commission, regarding trade conditions in the Orient, was approved.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., the Commission adjourned to meet at 10:00 a.m., November 9, 1915.

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Chairman.

Attest:

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Secretary.

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November 9, 1915. No meeting held.

November 10, 1915. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

November 11, 1915 - 10:30 A. M.

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

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Oral report of Vice Chairman Hurley of a tentative plan to appoint an advisory board made up of members of the American Association of Public Accountants, to assist the Commission in its work of devising a plan of uniform cost accounting, was submitted. Matter referred to Vice Chairman Hurley for action.

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Letter of Herbert S. Houston, dated November 9, 1915, addressed to Chairman Davies, presented. The Chairman was authorized to make an appointment with Herbert S. Houston, James Keeley, E. T. Meredith, and Merle Sidener, to appear before the Commission on Tuesday, November 23, 1915.

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Report of Commissioner Rublee, approving the report of the Economic Department on its investigation of the beet sugar industry, adopted.

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Commissioner Rublee presented his suggestions on a draft of the Annual Report of the Federal Trade Commission, prepared by the Chairman. Report and suggestions adopted. Secretary to submit amended draft for consideration and report of the other Commissioners.

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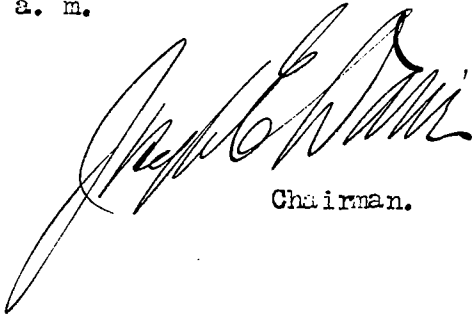
Hon. Thomas Sammons, Consul General of the United States at Shanghai, China, appeared before the Commission, upon its invitation, and gave valuable information as to competitive methods in China.

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Report of Commissioners, Parry and Hurley in the matter of the application of Calvin C. Davis for three weeks leave of absence without pay, adopted.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 12:30 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet November 12, 1915, at 10:00 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

## MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

November 12, 1915 - 10:00 A. M.

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

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Ordered, That the request of the President of the United States (letter dated July 22, 1915) that the Federal Trade Commission make inquiry into foreign laws and customs regulations in Central and South America, and make a report thereof, with suggestions as to how modifications or changes therein can be made with benefit to trade between this country and the Latin-Ameri-



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can republics, be referred to a committee consisting of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Hurley, with power to conduct such investigation.

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The matter of the employment of Robert H. Vorfeld in connection with the Foreign Trade Investigation and South and Central American tariffs, was referred to Commissioner Parry for report.

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The matter of the increased compensation of Messrs. David L. Wing and William S. Culbertson during their proposed trip to South America, was referred to Commissioner Parry for report.

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Letter of S. B. & B. W. Fleicher, dated November 9, 1915, (File A-7324) was referred to Commissioner Parry.

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Letter of Beech-Nut Packing Co., dated November 8, 1915, (File A 7292) was referred to Commissioner Parry.

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Informal complaint 1-79, in re conditions in clay mining and marketing, as affected by imports and preferential rates, was referred to Commissioner Rublee. (File 1-79 - B. Gilham vs. Conditions in Clay Industry).

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Letter of Carl E. Ackerman, Secretary of Conference of Independent Retailers of the Metropolitan District, dated November 8, 1915 (File A-7306), together with resolution attached to said letter, was referred to the Economic Department.

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Commissioners Harris and Parry were appointed a committee to make recommendations with reference to a plan of classifying positions held by noncivil-service employees of the Commission.

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Anonymous letter (File A 6742) relating to treatment of tenants of the Mississippi Delta Planting Co., was referred to Commissioner Rublee.

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The Chairman reported a telegram from Herbert S. Houston, asking that the appointment with the Commission for himself and associates be postponed to Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1915. The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Houston that this arrangement would be agreeable to the Commission.

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Commissioner Parry was appointed a committee to make recommendations with reference to a method of making all official correspondence available for daily inspection by members of the Commission.

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Request for Ruling 2-66, Walter Emmerich & Co., in re legality of secret rebates, was referred to Commissioner Rublee.

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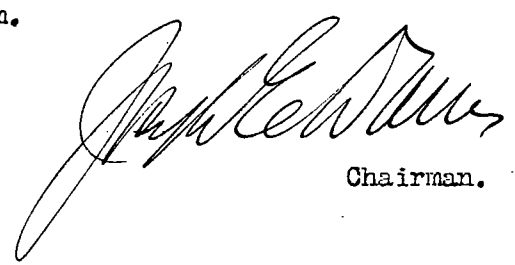
Informal complaint 1-47, Pill Bros. Co., in re refusal of jobbers to fill orders for goods, assigned by lot to Vice Chairman Hurley.

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Requests for hearing by Homer S. Cummings, in behalf of the minority stockholders of the International Steam Pump Co., on the question of the jurisdiction of the Commission, and by Paul D. Cravath, counsel for the committee of the first mortgage bondholders, in the event the Commission decides to grant a hearing on the complaint, were referred to the Chairman.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet November 13, 1915, at 10:00 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest  
  
Secretary.

November 13, 1915.

## MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

November 13, 1915 - 10:30 A. M.

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

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Commissioner Parry reported, recommending the immediate temporary appointment of Robert H. Vorfeld, as special expert, to abstract and compile data regarding Latin-American customs regulations, etc., at a salary of \$175 per month, salary to begin upon his taking the oath of office and entering upon his duties. Report adopted.

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Resolutions directing the following action with reference to complaints noted below were adopted:

Informal complaints

- 1-57 Ralph W. Crary, in re sale of evaporated milk. Withdrawn from Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files.
- 1-83 Harry A. Cramer v. South Atlantic & Gulf Steamship Conference. Withdrawn from Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files.
- 1-139 Kenneth MacRae v. Conditions in California Citrus Industry. Withdrawn from the Docket Division and referred to the Office of Markets and Rural Organization, Department of Agriculture.
- 1-118 Thomas J. Guay Oil Co. v. George Millett and Standard Oil Co. Withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Economic Department, having charge of the general investigation into the oil business.
- 1-123 J. W. Newman, Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics, Ky., v. Combination of Purchasers of Leaf Tobacco to suppress prices. Withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Chief Economist.
- 1-132 Gordon, Morrill & Ginter v. National Wholesale Jewelers Association. Withdrawn from the Docket Division and referred to the Department of Justice.

- 1-148 S. S. Fielder v. Theatrical Trust. Withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to Division of Mails and Files.
- 1-149 Miles Poindexter (Senator) v. Mail Order Houses and Manufacturers. Withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to Chief Economist for consideration and report.

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Resolution directing the following action with reference to complaint noted below, was adopted:

Informal complaint

- 1-158 Port of Seattle Commission v. Great Northern Ry. Co., Northern Pacific Ry., and others. Withdrawn from the Docket Division and transferred to the Division of Mails and Files. Commissioner Parry to prepare a letter informing complainants of disposition of case.

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The following complaints were assigned by lot, to-wit:

- 1-127 Albert M. Dueber, President, Dueber Watch Case Manufacturing Co., and Hampden Watch Co. v. Unfair Practices in Manufacturing, etc. of Watchcases and Movements.

Commissioner Parry.

- 1-133 Coal Operators' Traffic Bureau of St. Louis, Mo. v. St. Louis & O'Fallon Coal Co. and Anheuser Busch Brewing Co.

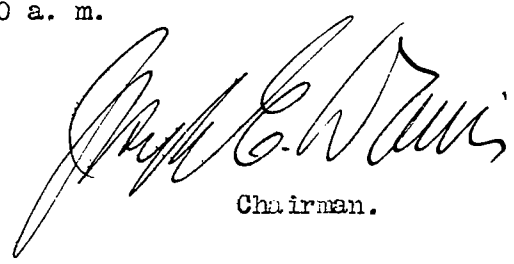
Vice Chairman Hurley.

- 1-92 Edmund A. Condon v. Welsbach Gas Lamp Co.


Commissioner Rublee.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet November 15, 1915, at 10:00 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

November 15, 1915.

November 14, 1915. Sunday.

## MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

November 15, 1915 - 10:30 A. M.

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

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The draft of the Annual Report was approved and the Secretary directed to send same to the Public Printer for printing.

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Commissioner Parry, appointed to make recommendations with reference to method of making Commission's correspondence available for inspection by the Commissioners, offered the following order, and moved its adoption:

ORDERED, That the Chief of the Division of Mails and Files be directed to transmit to the Secretary before 10 o'clock, a.m., each day, a complete file of the correspondence of the Commission for the preceding day, with the exception of extra copies of form letters, routine letters transmitting publications of the Commission, and bulky exhibits and enclosures. The Secretary of the Commission shall place this correspondence upon the conference table at 10:00 a.m., daily, where it shall remain for inspection until 4:00 p.m. of the same day. No letter or part of this correspondence shall be removed from the file without notification of such removal being given to the Secretary.

Unanimously adopted.

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Letter of V. V. Lebedjeff considered. The Secretary was directed to write Mr. Lebedjeff, inviting him to call upon the Commission.

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The report of the Chief Economist as to the scope and status of the Resale Price Maintenance Investigation having been received

and discussed, the resolution offered on November 2, 1915, by Commissioner Parry, providing for the further investigation of said matter, was taken from the table for consideration. After discussion the following substitute resolution was offered by Commissioner Parry, seconded by Vice Chairman Hurley, and unanimously adopted:

ORDERED: That the investigation of Resale Price Maintenance be continued, under the direction of the entire Commission, and that the Chief Economist be directed to submit to the Commission detailed plan and recommendations for carrying this resolution into effect.

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The proposition of the Munsey Trust Company to lease certain space in its new building to the Commission for office purposes, was referred to Commissioner Harris.

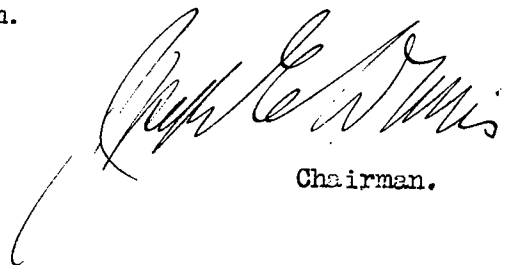
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The matter of the employment of additional temporary clerks was considered, and the following order unanimously adopted:


ORDERED: That eight (8) clerks of the \$900 grade be temporarily employed in connection with the foreign trade investigation.

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Thereupon, at the hour of 1:00 p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet November 16, 1915, at 10:30 a. m.

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

November 16, 1915. No meeting held.

November 17, 1915. No meeting held.

November 18, 1915. No meeting held.

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November 23, 1915.

November 19, 1915. No meeting held.

November 20, 1915. No meeting held.

November 21, 1915. Sunday.

November 22, 1915. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

November 23, 1915 - 10:30 A. M.

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

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The Commission met in the Cabinet Room of the New Willard Hotel and held a conference with representatives of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, with reference to false advertising as a method of unfair competition. The following gentlemen appeared before the Commission and presented their views:

Herbert S. Houston, President, Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.  
James Keeley, Editor, The Herald, Chicago, Ill.  
H. J. Kenner, Executive Secretary, National Vigilance Committee.  
William H. Ingersoll, The Ingersoll Watch Co., New York, N. Y.  
E. T. Meredith, Publisher, "Successful Farming," and member of the National Executive Committee, Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.  
Charles H. Porter, President, Chicago Advertising Association.

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At 12:30 p.m. a recess was taken, to meet at the office of the Commission, Commerce Building, at 2:30 p.m.

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The Commission reassembled at 2:30 p.m.

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

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Mr. Charles J. Columbus, Secretary, Retail Merchants' Association, Washington, D. C., appeared before the Commission, and made a short statement with reference to false advertising as a method of unfair competition.

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An informal conference was held with representatives of the Metallic Bedstead and Supply Manufacturers' Alliance, who presented and discussed certain unfair practices relating to the bedstead industry. (See stenographic report, File A 8426.) The following gentlemen appeared before the Commission:

J. W. Conchar, General Secretary and Treasurer,  
Metallic Bedstead and Supply Manufacturers'  
Alliance, 41 Park Row, New York, N.Y.  
A. O. Foster, of Foster Brothers Manufacturing Co.,  
bedstead manufacturers, Utica, N. Y.  
W. A. Manchee, bedstead manufacturer, Newark, N. J.  
B. F. Sprinkle, Vice-President, Pittsburgh-Hickson Co.,  
Butler, Pa.

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

"WHEREAS, The Commission has undertaken, first, an investigation of tariff and customs regulations in Latin-American countries, and second, an investigation of trading methods in South America, pursuant to Sec. 6, paragraph (h), of its Organic Act, therefore be it  
"RESOLVED: That William S. Culbertson and Robert H. Vorfeld are directed to sail from New York to South America on November 27, 1915, in pursuance of the first investigation, and that David L. Wing is directed to sail from New York to South America on December 11, 1915, in pursuance of the second investigation; and be it further  
"RESOLVED: That at the departure of said agents their salaries shall be increased to the respective amounts specified below, namely: William S. Culbertson, from \$333.33 per month to \$500.00 per month; Robert H. Vorfeld, from \$175.00 per month to \$400.00 per month; and David L. Wing, from \$205.00 per month to \$400.00 per month."

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Thereupon, at the hour of 4 o'clock p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet Wednesday, November 24, 1915, at 10:30 a.m.



