

August 3, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

AUGUST 3, 1915, 10:30 A. M.

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

The Commission met at the Hotel Radisson, Minneapolis, Minn., and resumed its hearings on the subject of foreign trade extension. The following gentlemen appeared before the Commission and presented their views:

W. F. Decker, President, Civic & Commerce Association.
John Crosby, of Washburn-Crosby Co.
H. F. Gallagher, of the Northwestern Consolidated Milling Co.
A. C. Loring, President, Pillsbury Flour Milling Co.
F. E. Kenaston, of Minneapolis Threshing Machine Co.
W. G. Crocker, of Washburn-Crosby Co.
E. W. Decker, President, Northwestern National Bank.
J. J. Ryan, Secretary, National Association of Retail Grocers.
Donald Mackerschar, Manager, Foreign Exchange Department, First & Security National Bank.
H. S. Helm, of Russell Miller Milling Co.
H. H. Andrews, Andrews & Co.

(For stenographic report see File 8519-1-6.)

At 12:30 p.m. a recess was taken until 3:00 p.m.

The Commission reassembled at 3:00 p.m., at the Hotel St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn.

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

The hearings on foreign trade extension were resumed, the following gentlemen appearing and presenting their views:

H. O. Roberts, Secretary of the Minnesota Retail Hardware Association; also Secretary of the National Secretaries' Association.
W. O. Washburn, American Hoisting & Derrick Co.
Alfred J. Krank, A. J. Krank Manufacturing Co.

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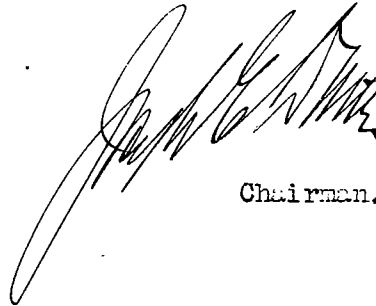
J. J. Ryan, Secretary, National Association of Retail Grocers.

John S. Taylor, Secretary of the Minneapolis Retail Grocers Association.

Herbert Bigelow, of Brown & Bigelow.

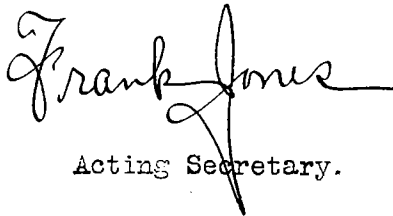
(For stenographic report see File 8519-1-6.)

At the hour of 4:30 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock a.m., August 6, 1915, at the Chamber of Commerce, Spokane, Wash.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

August 4, 1915. No meeting held.

August 5, 1915. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

August 6, 1915, 9:30 A. M.

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

The Commission met at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, Spokane, Wash., and resumed its conference with reference to conditions in the lumber industry, Mr. W. B. Greeley, Assistant Forester, Department of Agriculture, also participating. The following gentlemen appeared and presented their views:

- A. W. Cooper, Secretary, Western Pine Manufacturers' Association.
- John R. Toole, President, Western Pine Manufacturers' Association.
- L. C. Boyle, Counsel, National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Kansas City, Mo.
- W. C. Elford, Manager, Spokane Lumber Co., Milan, Wash.
- A. W. Laird, Manager, Potlatch Lumber Co., Potlatch, Idaho.
(For stenographic report see File 8519-2-2.)

At 11:45 a.m. a recess was taken until 2:00 p.m.

The Commission reassembled at 2:00 p.m.

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

An informal conference was held with representatives of the Fruit Growers' Council, Mr. Charles J. Brand, Chief, Office of Markets and Rural Organization, Department of Agriculture, also participating. The following gentlemen appeared before the Commission and presented their views:

- John F. Davies, Chairman, Board of Control, Fruit Growers' Council.
- H. C. Davidson, Hood River, Oreg.
- Harry M. Jones, of Wapato, Wash.
- C. E. Chase, of Brewster, Wash.
- B. A. Perham, Sales Manager, Cooperative Fruit Sellers, Spokane, Wash.
- W. H. Paulhamus, Chairman of Executive Committee, Fruit Growers' Council, Puyallup, Wash.

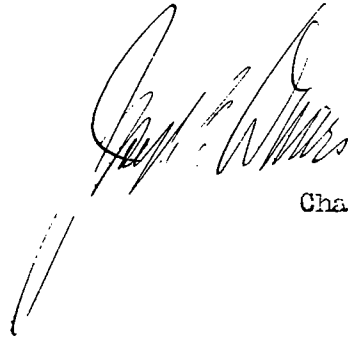
Mr. John P. Hartman, of Seattle, Wash., appeared as Counsel for the Fruit Growers' Council.

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Mr. M. C. Richards, of North Yakima, Wash., appeared as Attorney
for the North Pacific Fruit Distributors.

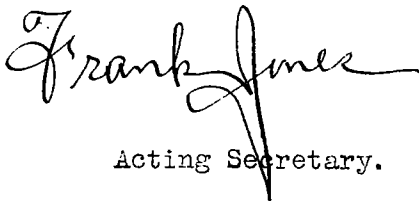
(For stenographic report see File 8519-4-1.)

At the hour of 4:50 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at
11 o'clock a. m., August 7, 1915, at the Chamber of Commerce, North
Yakima, Wash.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

August 7, 1915, 11:00 A. M.

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

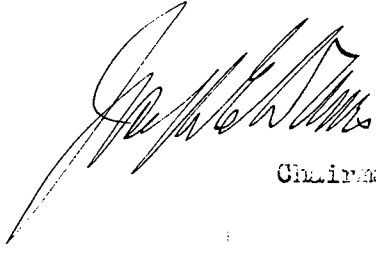
The Commission met at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce,
North Yakima, Wash., and resumed its conference with representatives
of the Fruit Growers' Council. The following gentlemen appeared
before the Commission and presented their views:

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- W. M. Paulhamus, Chairman, Executive Committee,
Fruit Growers' Council.
- Dr. A. H. Henri, Fruit Grower, North Yakima, Wash.
- H. M. Gilbert, Fruit Grower, North Yakima, Wash.
- John F. Hartman, of Seattle, Wash., Counsel for
Fruit Growers' Council.

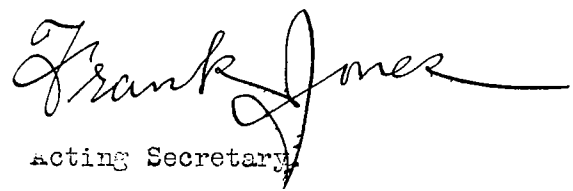
(For stenographic report see File 8519-4-1.)

At the hour of 1:05 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at
10 o'clock a.m., August 9, 1915, at the Chamber of Commerce, Seattle,
Wash.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

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MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

AUGUST 9, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

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The Commission met at the Chamber of Commerce, Seattle, Wash., and resumed its hearings with reference to foreign trade extension. The following gentlemen appeared and presented their views:

Hon. Thomas Burke, President, Seattle Chamber of Commerce.
 C. J. Smith, Vice President, Seattle Chamber of Commerce.
 Otto A. Case, Secretary, Seattle Commercial Club.
 Moritz Thomsen, flour manufacturer.
 O. B. Fisher, Secretary and General Manager, Fisher Flouring Mills Co.
 Alexander Baillie, Manager Balfour, Guthrie & Co.
 J. T. Heffernan.
 J. C. Ford, President, Pacific Coast Steamship Co.
 Daniel Kelleher, Chairman Board of Directors, Seattle National Bank.
 (For stenographic report see File 8519-1-10.)

At 12:40 p.m. a recess was taken until 2:00 o'clock p.m.

The Commission reassembled at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

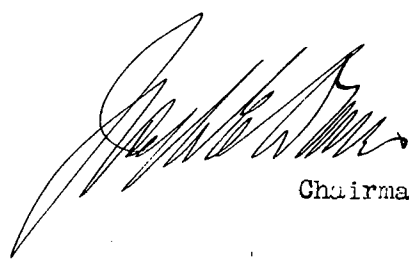
Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
 Edward M. Hurley, Vice Chairman
 William J. Harris
 Will H. Parry
 George Rublee.

The hearings on foreign trade extension were resumed, the following gentlemen appearing:

T. J. Gorman, of Gorman & Co., salmon packers and brokers
 Miller Freeman, Publisher, The Pacific Fishermen.
 R. E. Small, of Kelley-Clarke Co., salmon brokers.
 William Calvert, of San Juan Fishing & Packing Co.
 Capt. W. F. Robinson, of the Robinson Fisheries.
 Edward Cunningham, of Pacific Net & Twine Co.
 E. A. Stuart, President Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Co.
 T. J. Thorsen, President Washington Shoe Manufacturing Co.
 W. F. Whitley, Sales Manager, Pacific Ammonia & Chemical Co.
 Frank Dabney, representing Jame Syndicate, tin smelters.
 J. S. McMillan, President Tacoma & Roche Harbor Lime Co.

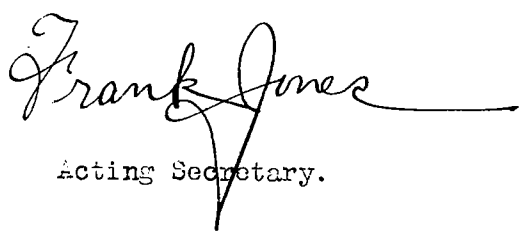
Stuart Mannell, Manager International Line Co.
C. T. Takahashi, President Oriental Trading Co.
Erastus Brainerd.
(For stenographic report see File 8519-1-10.)

At the hour of 6:00 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10:00 a.m., August 10, 1915, at the Chamber of Commerce, Seattle, Wash.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,
AUGUST 10, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

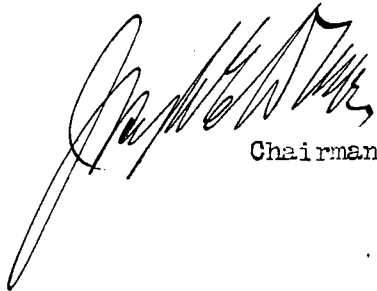
The Commission met at the Chamber of Commerce, Seattle, Wash., and resumed its hearings with reference to foreign trade extension. The following gentlemen appeared and presented their views:

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H. E. Horrocks, Manager, Pacific Creosoting Co.
Richard Chilcott, of Portland, Oregon.
A. B. Stewart, President, Stewart & Holmes
Drug Co.
Allan H. Daugherty, President, Ocean Lumber Co.
William Pigott, President, Seattle Car & Foundry Co.
C. H. Frye, President, Frye & Co., meat packers.
Robert C. Hill, Manager Merchants' Exchange.
(For stenographic report see File 8519-1-10.)

Mr. Victor H. Beckman, of Seattle, Wash., appeared before the Commission and made a statement with reference to conditions in the lumber industry. (For stenographic report see File 8519-1-10.)

At the hour of 12:10 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10:30 a.m., August 11, 1915, at the Commercial Building, Tacoma, Wash.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

AUGUST 11, 1915, 10:30 A. M.

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

The Commission met at the Commercial Building, Tacoma, Wash., and resumed its hearings with reference to conditions in the lumber industry. The following gentlemen appeared before the Commission and presented their views:

J. H. Bloedel, President, West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association.
Edwin G. Ames, Manager, Puget Mill Co.
H. Kirk. (presenting statement of Mr. J. T. Gregory, officer in various lumber companies).
H. D. Langille, Manager, Pacific coast office, James D. Lacey & Co.
(For stenographic report see File 8519-2-3.)

At 1:20 p.m. a recess was taken until 2:15 p.m.

The Commission reassembled at 2:15 p.m.

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

The Commission resumed its hearings with reference to conditions in the lumber industry. Mr. H. D. Langille concluded his statement, after which Mr. W. B. Greeley, Assistant Forester, Department of Agriculture, made a statement as to the investigation of the Forest Service and the attitude of the Service with reference to the disposal of federal timber. The following gentlemen also appeared before the Commission and presented their views:

T. Babcock, Secretary, West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association.
J. G. Dickson, Manager, Pacific States Lumber Co. and Mineral Lake Lumber Co.
E. B. Hazen, Manager, Bridal Veil Lumber Co.
D. E. Skinner, President, Port Blakely Mill Co., Port Blakely, Wash.
E. G. Griggs, President, St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co.

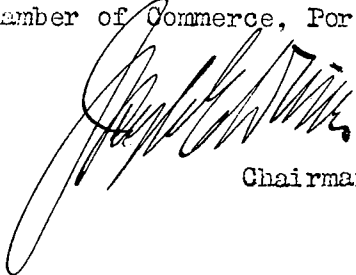
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Neil Jamison, President, Jamison Shingle Co.
F. A. Hofheins, Transfer Lumber & Shingle Co., North
Tonawanda, N. Y.
John McMaster, Owner, John McMaster Shingle Co.
J. G. Brown, President, International Timber Workers'
Union.

(For stenographic report see File 8519-2-3.)

Mr. Richard Mansfield White, mining geologist, Seattle, Wash.,
appeared before the Commission and made a statement with reference to
the Seamen's Bill.

At the hour of 6:55 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at
9:30 a.m., August 13, 1915, at the Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Oreg.


Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

August 12, 1915. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

AUGUST 13, 1915, 9:30 A. M.

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

The Commission met at the Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Oreg., and resumed its hearings with reference to foreign trade extension. The following gentlemen appeared before the Commission and presented their views:

- C. C. Colt, of Union Meat Co.
 - A. L. Mills, President, First National Bank, Portland, Oreg.
 - Edward Cookingham, of Ladd & Tilton Bank, Portland, Oreg.
 - H. H. Houser, Grain Exporter.
 - W. D. Wheelwright, President, Pacific Export Lumber Co.
 - O. M. Clarke, President, Clarke-Wilson Lumber Co.
 - E. W. Wright, General Manager, Port of Portland,
- (For stenographic report see File 8519-1-12.)

Mr. C. A. Malboeuf, Manager, Western Fruit Distributors' Association, appeared before the Commission and discussed conditions in the fruit industry. (For stenographic report see File 8519-1-12.)

The hearings on foreign trade were resumed, the following gentlemen appearing:

- A. Rupert, President, Rupert Co.
 - C. A. Bell.
- (For stenographic report see File 8519-1-12.)

At the hour of 1:00 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a.m., August 17, 1915, at the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, Cal.



Chairman

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

August 14, 1915. No meeting held.

August 15, 1915. Sunday.

August 16, 1915. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

AUGUST 17, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

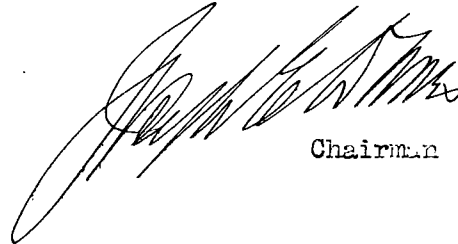
The Commission met at the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, Cal., and resumed its hearings with reference to conditions in the lumber industry, Mr. W. B. Greeley, Assistant Forester, Department of Agriculture, being also present. Mr. L. C. Boyle, of Kansas City, Mo., appeared as attorney for the lumbermen. The following gentlemen appeared before the Commission and presented their views:

E. A. Selfridge, Jr., President, Northwestern Redwood
Co., Willits, Cal.

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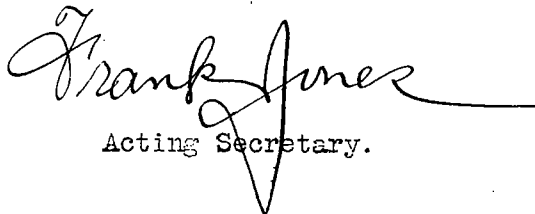
G. R. Johnson, President, Union Lumber Co., San Francisco, Cal.
G. K. Wendling, President, Weed Lumber Co.; President, California Pine Box & Lumber Co.
(For stenographic report see File 8519-2-4.)

At the hour of 12:10 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a.m., August 18, 1915, at the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, Cal.



Chairman

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

AUGUST 18, 1915, 10:00 A. M.


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

The Commission met at the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, Cal., and resumed its hearings with reference to foreign trade extension. The following gentlemen appeared before the Commission and presented their views:

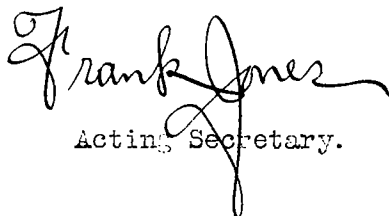
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Robert W. Lynch, Vice President, San Francisco
Chamber of Commerce.
Capt. Robert Dollar, President, The Robert Dollar Co.
Percy C. Denroche, President, S. L. Jones & Co.
John H. Rosseter, Manager, W. R. Grace & Co.
Isadore Jacobs, President, California Cammeries Co.
(For stenographic report see File 8519-1-11.)

At 12:20 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock
a. m., August 19, 1915, at the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, Cal.


Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

AUGUST 19, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

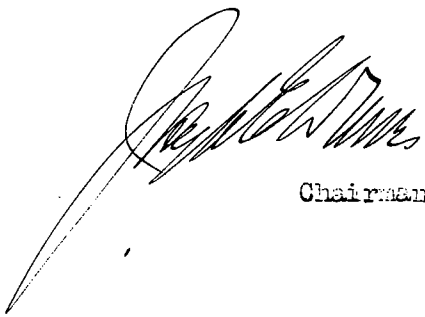
The Commission met at the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco,
Cal., and resumed its hearings with reference to foreign trade ex-

tension. The following gentlemen appeared before the Commission and presented their views:

- F. A. Somers, President, Somers & Co.
 - C. K. McIntosh, Vice President, California National Bank.
 - Fred L. Lipman, Vice President, Wells-Fargo Nevada National Bank.
 - D. J. Guggenlime, President, Guggenlime & Co., (Fruit Packers)
 - E. C. Horst, President, E. Clemens Horst Co.
 - C. H. Bentley, Sales Manager, California Fruit Cannery Association.
 - Albert E. Castle, of Castle Bros.
- (For stenographic report see File 8519-1-11.)

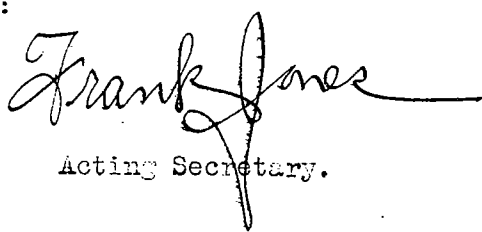
Mr. Andrew Furuseth, President, California Seamen's Union, appeared before the Commission and discussed the Seaman's Act.
(For stenographic report see File 8519-1-11.)

At the hour of 12:10 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a.m., August 23, 1915, at the Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles, Cal.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

August 20, 1915. No meeting held.
 August 21, 1915. No meeting held.
 August 22, 1915. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

AUGUST 23, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

The Commission met at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles, Cal., and resumed its hearings on the subject of foreign trade extension. The following gentlemen appeared before the Commission and presented their views:

Robert H. Bulla, President, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.
 Stoddard Jess, President, First National Bank, Los Angeles, Cal.
 Watt L. Moreland, General Manager, Moreland Truck Co.
 Mose Hamburger, President, A. Hamburger & Sons, department store.
 George W. Litchenberger, Secretary, Los Angeles Saddlery & Finding Co.
 Louis M. Cole, of Simon Levi Co., wholesale produce dealers and canners.
 D. P. H. Little, President, Union Iron Works.
 Henry W. Louis, Secretary and Treasurer, Brownstein-Louis Co., manufacturers of men's clothing.
 L. D. Sale, President, Western Wholesale Drug Co.
 Willis H. Booth, Vice President, Security Trust and Savings Bank, and General Manager Hot Point Electric Heater Co.
 F. P. Stetson, fruit canner and can manufacturer.
 G. Harold Powell, citrus fruits.
 (For stenographic report see File 8519-1-8.)

At 12:50 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 4:00 p.m., August 24, 1915, at the Chamber of Commerce, San Diego, Cal.

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Edward M. Hurley
Acting Chairman

Attest:

Frank Jones
Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

AUGUST 24, 1915, 4:00 P. M.

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

The Commission met at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, San Diego, Cal., and resumed its hearings on the subject of foreign trade extension. The following gentlemen appeared before the Commission and presented their views:

Carl H. Heilbron, President, Chamber of Commerce of
San Diego County.
H. Klauber, wholesale grocer.
Leonard A. Ellis, manufacturer of gas engines.
(For stenographic report see File 8519-1-9.)

Hon. William Kettner, Representative in Congress from the Eleventh District of California, appeared before the Commission and discussed conditions in the lemon industry.

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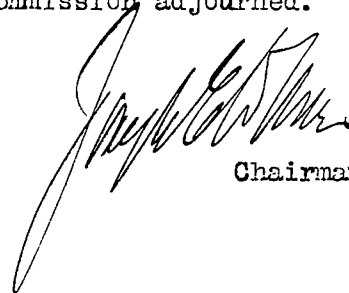
Mr. A. C. Cohn, a lemon grower of San Diego, also spoke on the subject. (For stenographic report see File 8519-1-9.)

Mr. H. B. Wheeler, Secretary, Manufacturers' Association, San Diego, Cal., spoke briefly on the tuna fishing and packing industry. (For stenographic report see File 8519-1-9.)

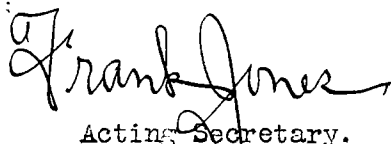
Mr. C. W. Jackson, Manager, W. K. Fuller & Co., San Diego, Cal., made a statement with reference to the lemon industry. (For stenographic report see File 8519-1-9.)

Mr. William Irwin, Manager, Irwin & Co., Los Angeles, Cal., appeared before the Commission and requested information as to the Commission's attitude toward local combinations. He was informed that the Commission's jurisdiction extended only to interstate commerce. (For stenographic report see File 8519-1-9.)

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


Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

August 25, 1915. No meeting held.
August 26, 1915. No meeting held.
August 27, 1915. No meeting held.
August 28, 1915. No meeting held.
August 29, 1915. Sunday.
August 30, 1915. No meeting held.
August 31, 1915. No meeting held.
September 1, 1915. No meeting held.
September 2, 1915. No meeting held.
September 3, 1915. No meeting held.
September 4, 1915. No meeting held.
September 5, 1915. Sunday.
September 6, 1915. No meeting held.
September 7, 1915. No meeting held.
September 8, 1915. No meeting held.
September 9, 1915. No meeting held.
September 10, 1915. No meeting held.
September 11, 1915. No meeting held.
September 12, 1915. Sunday.
September 13, 1915. No meeting held.
September 14, 1915. No meeting held.
September 15, 1915. No meeting held.
September 16, 1915. No meeting held.
September 17, 1915. No meeting held.
September 18, 1915. No meeting held.
September 19, 1915. Sunday.
September 20, 1915. No meeting held.
September 21, 1915. No meeting held.
September 22, 1915. No meeting held.
September 23, 1915. No meeting held.

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September 24, 1915. No meeting held.
September 25, 1915. No meeting held.
September 26, 1915. Sunday.
September 27, 1915. No meeting held.
September 28, 1915. No meeting held.
September 29, 1915. No meeting held.
September 30, 1915. No meeting held.
October 1, 1915. No meeting held.
October 2, 1915. No meeting held.
October 3, 1915. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

OCTOBER 4, 1915, 10:30 A. M.

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

Preparation of the Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, was referred to the Chairman.

The following resolution, proposed by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Hurley, was unanimously carried:

"WHEREAS it is alleged that the resale price of gasoline in Atlanta, Ga. is 16 cents per gallon, while in Chicago it is 9 1/2 cents; in St. Louis, 9.9 cents; and in Kansas City, 9.8 cents per gallon, and

WHEREAS this allegation suggests gross discrimination in the price of gasoline as between Atlanta and the other points mentioned,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an immediate investigation be made as to whether such discrimination does actually exist, and as to the reasons therefor."

An invitation of Senator William E. Chilton to the Commission, to attend the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the West Virginia State Board of Trade, at Fairmont, W. Va., on October 19-20 (See File 8004-1-1), was referred to Commissioner Harris.

The following reports were referred to the Commissioners named below, for examination and recommendation:

Part V, of Report on Lumber Industry, to Commissioner Parry.

Report on Beet Sugar Industry, to Commissioner Rublee.

Report on Fertilizer Industry, to Commissioner Harris.

Report on Oil Industry - Mid-Continent Pipe Lines - to Commissioner Hurley.

Letter of United States Civil Service Commission, dated August 20, 1915, regarding civil service status of Carl C. Houghton and William Saulsbury, Special Agents, and the matters of their reappointments and salaries, was referred to a special committee consisting of Commissioners Harris and Rublee.

At 1:00 P. M. a recess was taken until 3:00 P. M.

The Commission reassembled at 3:00 P. M.

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

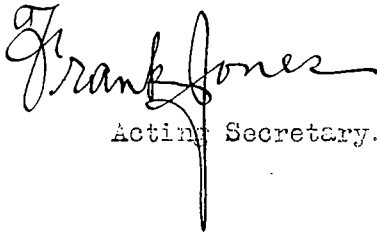
The entire session was given to a consideration of the annual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, the heads of divisions in the Administrative Department being called into conference.

October 5, 1915.

At 5:00 P. M. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10:00 A. M.,
October 5, 1915.


Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 5, 1915, 10:30 A. M.

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

Commissioner Parry reported that he had requested the Economic Department to prepare a digest of the lumber hearings, which action was approved.

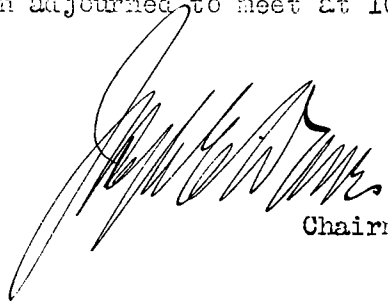
Mr. John Temple Graves, Jr., was appointed Special Expert at a salary of \$1200 per annum, effective upon taking the oath of office and entering upon duty.

Commissioner Parry filed a statement showing the amount and cost of supplies purchased during the month of September, 1915, in the sum of \$121.25. Report approved and ordered filed.

Commissioner Parry reported list of exhibits referred to in foreign trade, lumber, and other hearings, which have not been received, and was authorized to conduct correspondence necessary to obtain the same.

The Commission took under further consideration the annual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917.

At 1:00 P. M. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10:00 A. M., October 6, 1915.



Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

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

October 6, 1915.

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

The Commission took up the consideration of annual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917.

Commissioner Parry reported a memorandum on the proposed Bureau of Economic Research prepared by Mr. E. S. Bradford under date of September 30, 1915 (File No. 8073). Ordered filed.

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

The Commission reassembled at 2:30 p.m.

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

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

WHEREAS George Johannes, Disbursing Clerk of the Department of Commerce, has acted as Special Disbursing Agent for the Federal Trade Commission without compensation and without reimbursement for the cost of his official bond as such Special Disbursing Agent for the Commission,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Federal Trade Commission as a mark of its appreciation of the efficient service rendered by Mr. Johannes that an engraved commission showing his appointment as Special Disbursing Agent be presented to him under the seal of the Commission.

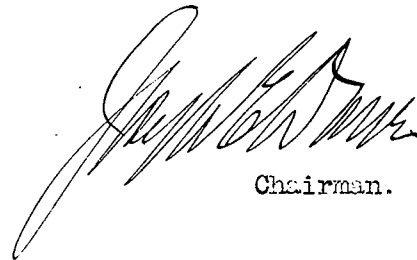
Commissioner Parry was authorized to confer with the Forest Service and the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce in re the

setting of dates for further hearings on the lumber situation, as applied for by L. C. Boyle and J. N. Teal, of counsel for the lumbermen.

The correspondence of the Hamberger-Polhemus Company (See File 8075), referred to the Commission by the Secretary of Commerce, was referred to Commissioner Rublee for report.

The Commission took under consideration the annual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917.

At the hour of 6:00 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10:00 o'clock a.m., October 7, 1915.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 7, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

October 7, 1915.

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

Ordered, that the Chief of the Division of Purchases and Supplies be directed -

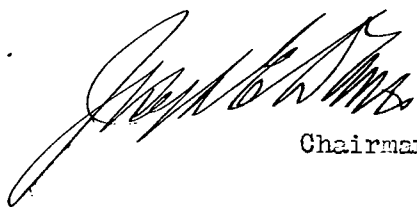
- (1) To prepare immediately a statement of the pay rolls of the Commission from March 16, to September 30, 1915, such statement to indicate any changes in the pay roll.
- (2) To prepare each month hereafter a similar statement, covering the period from March 16, 1915, to date of statement.
- (3) To prepare immediately, and each month hereafter, a monthly statement of the expenditures of the Commission.
- (4) To place a copy of each of the above statements, when prepared, upon the desk of each Commissioner.

Letter addressed to the Secretary of Commerce in re correspondence of the Hamberger-Polhemus Company (See File 8075), as approved by Commissioner Rublee, was approved by the Commission.


The Commission took under consideration annual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917.

The Commission took under consideration tentative drafts of form letters, schedules, etc., for the investigation of foreign trade conditions. (See Files Nos. 8405-7-8-9.)

At the hour of 1:00 p.m. the Commission adjourned.


Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

October 8, 1915. No meeting held.

October 9, 1915. No meeting held.

October 10, 1915. Sunday.

October 11, 1915. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 12, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

The Chairman submitted tentative draft of Annual Report of the Commission for fiscal year ending June 30, 1915. Referred to each Commissioner for suggested revision, and particularly to Commissioner Rublee for a section relating to the foreign trade investigation.

Franklin County Coal Operators' Association, Informal Complaint No. 1-3. Referred to Commissioner Hurley for report on status.

Mr. Leonidas L. Bracken, of Muncie, Ind., was appointed Secretary of the Commission, effective upon his taking the oath of office and entering upon duty.

The following order of business was adopted:

1. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Reports of committees.
3. Official business of the Commission.
4. Matters which individual Commissioners desire to bring before the Commission.
5. Miscellaneous matters.
6. Adjournment.

It was directed that the following memoranda be referred to the members of the Commission in order:

Export agreement of the lumber manufacturers of Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia, submitted by William H. England, Special Agent.

The Redwood Export Business, submitted by William H. England, Special Agent.

Export Sales of Poplar, submitted by David L. Wing, Special Examiner.

It was ordered that Mr. John Walsh be assigned to the Joint Board of Review.

The matter of preparation of examinations for examiners and other civil-service employees, and conference with the Civil Service Commission in reference thereto, was referred to Commissioner Harris.

Mr. James Marvin Haynes, of Texas, was appointed as Examiner (temporary) at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, effective upon his taking the oath of office and entering upon duty.

Mr. Gregory J. Kessenich, of Wisconsin, was appointed as Examiner (temporary) at a salary of \$900 per annum, effective upon his taking the oath of office and entering upon duty.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hurley, seconded by Commissioner Rublee, Mr. Frank Jones, Chief of the Docket Division, was unanimously designated as Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

Upon motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Rublee, it was ordered that Mr. David L. Wing be allowed five days additional leave with pay, ordinarily deducted by leave regulations because of excessive leave without pay, for the reason that he did in fact render service to the Commission without pay during his leave exceeding the time thus allowed.

Commissioner Parry reported a memorandum (see File No. 8517-16) in re conference had with the National Confectioners' Association, October 9, 1915. Ordered placed on file.

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

The Commission reassembled at 2:30 p.m.

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

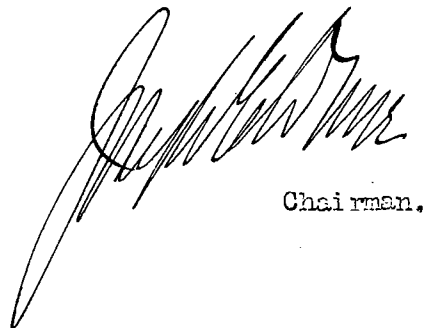
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October 13, 1915.

The Commission took up the consideration of annual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917. The estimate of the Administrative Department was referred to Commissioners Parry and Harris for a report on suggested economies. That part of the Economic Department's estimate relating to uniform accounting was referred to Commissioner Hurley for recommendations.

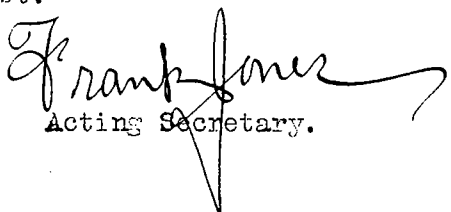
Ordered, that embossed stationery shall be used only by the Commissioners, and that the use of same be carefully restricted in the interests of economy.

At 5:30 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10:00 a.m., October 13, 1915.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 13, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

Commissioners Parry and Harris, to whom had been referred the estimates of the Administrative Department, reported recommending a consolidation of the Office of the Chief Clerk and Division of Accounts and Supplies, with the Secretary's Office, to occupy Room No. 915, the same resulting in material economies, which were adopted.

The Commission took under further consideration the annual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917.

Commissioner Hurley made an oral report on the Franklin Country Coal Operators Association, Informal Complaint No. 1-3.

Commissioner Hurley made an oral report on suggested economies in appropriation for uniform accounting and association reports (Economic Division), which was adopted.

The appointment of Thomas H. Claffey as Clerk to Commissioner Hurley, vice Elmer J. Davidson, transferred to Commissioner Rublee, was confirmed, at a salary of \$1300 per annum, until otherwise ordered.

Commissioner Parry reported that letters requesting promised exhibits at Foreign Trade and Lumber hearings had been sent out.

The Commission adjourned to meet at 10:30 a.m., October 14th, 1915.

[Handwritten Signature]
Chairman.

Attest: *[Handwritten Signature]*
Acting Secretary.

October 14, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 14, 1915, 10:30 A. M.

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

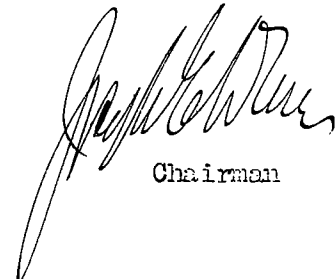
Commission took under consideration the foreign trade schedules. Forms of letters to accompany schedules, submitted by the Chairman, Commissioner Rublee and Commissioner Parry were referred to Commissioners Rublee, Hurley and Parry for revision.

Informal complaint No. 1-145-2, complaint of the Pyramid Mercantile Co. against J. S. Brown Mercantile Company, et al. Report of Joint Board of Review recommending field investigation by Special Attorney Reeves was adopted.

Ordered that the Special Attorney assigned to this investigation be also assigned to investigation of such other pending cases as may exist in surrounding territory, which in judgment of the Board of Review should be investigated.

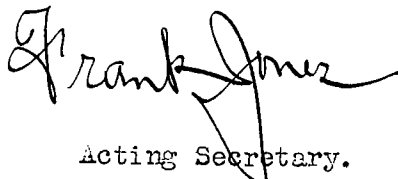
The Commission took under further consideration annual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917.

At 1 p.m. the Commission adjourned to 10 a.m., October 15th.



Chairman

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

OCTOBER 15, 1915, 10 A. M.

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

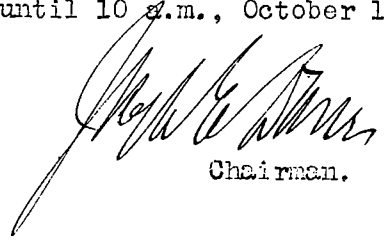
Commissioner Rublee reported on behalf of Committee a revised draft of form letter to be sent with foreign trade questionnaires. Report adopted.

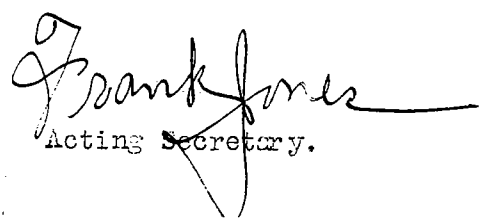
Commissioner Hurley reported orally on conference with Secretary of Commerce and others in re cooperation in Foreign Trade investigation, and was granted further time.

The Commission took under final consideration the estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and approved the estimates as revised in the total sum of \$579,566.61.

Mr. James Osborne Hoover, of the District of Columbia, was appointed Examiner (temporary) at a salary of \$1200, effective upon entering upon duty and taking the oath of office.

The Commission adjourned at 1:00 p.m. until 10 a.m., October 16th.


Chairman.

Attest: 
Acting Secretary.

October 16, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

OCTOBER 16, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

Commissioners Harris and Rublee, special committee to report on advisability of requesting Civil Service Commission to prepare an examination for examiners and special experts, reported that in their judgment it would be inexpedient to require such examinations.

Commissioners Harris and Rublee, special committee for consideration of reappointments of Mr. Carlos C. Houghton and Mr. William Saulsbury, recommended the appointment of Mr. Houghton as Examiner at a salary of \$1,500 per annum, and Mr. Saulsbury as Examiner at \$1,920 per annum. Report approved.

Commissioners Hurley and Harris were appointed a committee to attend the annual meeting of the West Virginia Board of Trade at Fairmont, W. Va., October 19-20, 1915.

Commissioner Hurley reported the results of a conference with the Chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, and recommended that in connection with the foreign trade investigation an expert investigator be sent to England, Norway, Sweden, and such other countries as could be covered expeditiously by one man. He was instructed to make recommendations to the Commission as to who could be assigned to this work.

Commissioner Parry laid before the Commission letter of Mr Victor H. Beckman, October 8, 1915 (see File A 6294), transmitting paper entitled "Supplemental Brief No. 2," calling attention to alleged discriminations practiced by the government of British Columbia against American lumbermen. Referred to Chairman for recommendation.

The following action was taken with reference to complaints where complainant requested that complaint be dropped:

File 1-116: Informal complaint, H. C. Auto Parts Co. v. Motor and Machinists' Supply Co. Referred to the Chairman and Commissioner Harris for recommendation.

File 1-77: Informal complaint, American Writing Machine Co. v. Typewriter Rebuilding Co. Referred to the Chairman and Commissioner Harris for recommendation.

File 1-114: Informal complaint, Western Laboratories, Inc., v. American Chicle Co. Referred to the Chairman and Commissioner Harris for recommendation.

Letter of Mr. C. J. Moore, Sioux City, Iowa (see File 2-46), in re efficiency bureau conducted by Mr. Jerry Edwards, of New York City, referred to Commissioner Rublee.

Correspondence of E. S. Edwards, New York City (File A 5937), requesting conference with Commission, referred to Commissioner Rublee.

Correspondence of Harry S. Vornis, Secretary, The Rubber Club of America (see File 8404-4), referred to Chairman.

Matter of acceptance of local agents of corporations for purposes of legal service, and correspondence of Charles E. Kern, Manager, Bureau of Corporate and Financial Information, Washington, D. C. (File 4-14), referred to Commissioner Parry.

Correspondence of Mr. Merle Sidener, Chairman National Vigilance Committee, Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, urging ruling declaring deceptive or misleading advertising to be unfair competition (see File 8539-3), referred to Commissioner Hurley.

Correspondence of Hon. Grafton D. Cushing, Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, in re control of Massachusetts newspapers by United Shoe Machinery Co. (see File A 5442), referred to Commissioner Harris.

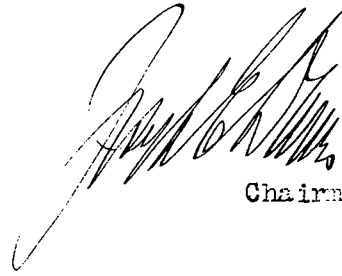
Correspondence of Mr. Emery Davis, suggesting conference in re plate glass industry, held pending fixing of calendar on similar matters.

Letter of W. S. Horner, Chairman of Special Committee, Association of Sheet and Tin Metal Workers, requesting stenographic copy of conference before Commission (see File 2-94), referred to Commissioner Rublee.

Letter of Mr. John T. Hamman of July 7, 1915 (see File 8006-17) making suggestions as to rules of procedure before the Commission, referred to Commissioner Rublee for report.

Foreign trade schedules were given further consideration, and were referred to Commissioner Parry for revision.

At the hour of 1:00 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at
10:00 o'clock a.m., October 18, 1915.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

October 17, 1915. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 18, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

Commissioner Rublee reported on the request of W. S. Horner
(File a-94) for copy of the stenographic record of his appearance before
the Commission, recommending that the request be denied.

Mr. William Saulsbury was appointed examiner at a salary of \$1,920
per annum, effective upon taking the oath of office and entering upon
duty.

October 18, 1915.

Mr. Carlos C. Houghton was appointed examiner at a salary of \$1,500 per annum, effective upon taking the oath of office and entering upon duty.

Commissioner Hurley suggested the desirability of a consideration by the Commission of the legality of common selling agencies formed by noncompetitive firms engaged in foreign trade. Referred to Commissioner Hurley for consideration and report.

Commissioner Hurley reported regarding letter of Merle Sidener, Chairman, National Vigilance Committee, and Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, dated August 30, 1915 (File A 5593), recommending that the Chairman invite Mr. Sidener to appear before the Commission and make a statement. Adopted.

The Chairman reported that he had taken up the matter of the prospective employment of Mr. Lee Robinson, and that it was highly probable that the latter would accept employment for a period of six weeks at the rate of \$50.00 per week. The Chairman was authorized to appoint Mr. Robinson examiner, effective October 18, 1915, for a period not to exceed six weeks, at a salary of \$2,700 per annum.

The Chairman reported on correspondence of Mr. Harry S. Vorhis, Secretary, Rubber Club of America, Inc., (File 8404-4), recommending that a letter be written to Mr. Vorhis, sending him transcript of Mr. Olt's statement at Detroit, for his comment, and that the entire record be then transmitted to the Secretary of State, and that Mr. Olt be so advised. Adopted.

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The Chairman recommended that copies of correspondence of Victor H. Beckman (File A 6294) be sent to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, and to Secretary Redfield, and that a copy be retained in the files of the lumber investigation. Adopted.

Correspondence of the Secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission, dated October 15, 1915 (File A 6384) transmitting copy of Interstate Commerce Commission's report on investigation in re conditions affecting the production, transportation and marketing of crude petroleum, was referred to Commissioner Hurley.

The application of Mr. Hoyt A. Moore, of the law firm of Cravath & Henderson, New York City, for an informal conference in re newspaper reports of merger of the Bethlehem Steel Co. and Pennsylvania Steel Co. was presented, and the Acting Secretary was directed to make an engagement for Wednesday, October 20, 1915, at 2:30 p.m.

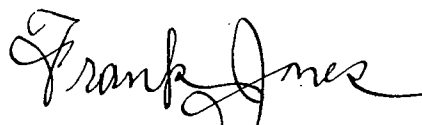
The following action was taken with reference to informal complaints:

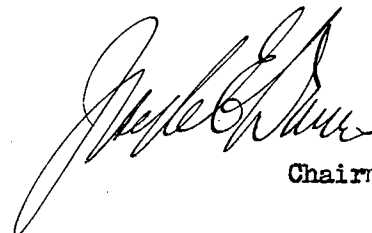
File 1-42: Whitmore, Lynn & Alden v. Berry & Whitmore Co.
Recommended that letter dated October 16, 1915, asking for reconsideration, be referred to Commissioner Rublee.

Commissioner Parry reported on correspondence of Charles E. Kern (File 4-1) and question of policy of the Commission as to accepting agents for purpose of service of notices, processes, etc., and recommended that it be the policy of the Commission not to recognize agents in making such service. Report adopted.

At the hour of 1 o'clock p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 20, 1915.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.


Chairman.

October 20, 1915.

October 19, 1915. No meeting held.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 20, 1915, 10 A. M.

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

The following action was taken with reference to committee reports:

Report of Chairman Davies in re letter of Mr. Merle Sidener, Chairman, Vigilance Committee, Associated Advertising Clubs of the World; adopted.

Report of Commissioner Hurley, recommending that Chapters I to III of the Report of Pipe Line Transportation of Petroleum be sent to the Public Printer to be put into galley; adopted.

Report of Commissioner Hurley, recommending approval of statements made with reference to the Federal Trade Commission in the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission No. 7344, "In Re Conditions Affecting the Production, Transportation and Marketing of Crude Petroleum;" adopted.

Report of Chairman Davies and Commissioner Harris, recommending that the Board of Review be instructed to prepare orders dismissing the following complaints, prefacing the order with a chronological history of the case, and containing a recital that the relief prayed for had been secured; was adopted.

Informal Complaint 1-116 - K.C. Auto Parts Co. v. Motor & Machinists Supply Co.;
 Informal Complaint 1-77 - American Writing Machine Co. v. Typewriter Rebuilding Co.;
 Informal Complaint 1-114 - Western Laboratories, Inc. v. American Chicle Co.

Report of Commissioner Harris, recommending that request for investigation made by Hon. Grafton D. Cushing, Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, as to the control of Massachusetts newspapers by the

United Shoe Machinery Co. (See File A5442, A5597) be placed on file; was adopted.

Report of Commissioner Rublee regarding correspondence of L. S. Moore and C. J. Moore (see Request for Ruling 2-46); laid on table for future consideration.

Report of Commissioner Rublee with reference to letter of W. S. Horner (see Request for Ruling 2-94), requesting copy of stenographic report of informal complaints, and recommending that copies of reports of informal conferences be not furnished to parties appearing; adopted.

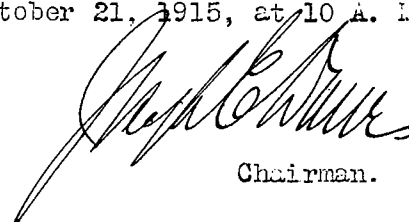
Commissioner Parry reported copies of all letters written by him asking for additional information, etc., promised at Western hearings. Letters approved.

An informal conference was held with the following representatives of the Corrugated Fibre Co.:

J. Sprigg McMahon, President
J. R. Browder, Traffic Commissioner
Gilbert H. Montague, Counsel.

The Acting Secretary was directed to make an appointment for an informal conference with Mr. Hoyt A. Moore, of the law firm of Cravath & Henderson, of New York City, for Wednesday morning, October 27th.

The Commission adjourned to meet October 21, 1915, at 10 A. M.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 21, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

Report of Commissioner Rublee in re informal complaint (File 1-42), Whitmore; Lynn & Alden Co. v. Berry & Whitmore Co., recommending that request of complainants for further hearing be denied, was adopted. The complaint was referred to the Board of Review for preparation of ruling and letter in accordance with action taken, complainants to be advised that Commission will receive and consider any additional facts.

Report of Commissioner Rublee in re letter of John J. Hamman (File A 6327) placed on file. The Chairman and Commissioner Rublee were directed to report further on Rule II, Rules of Practice before the Commission.

Commissioner Rublee submitted report of a conference with Mr. J. K. Mullen, President and General Manager, Colorado Milling & Elevator Co., Denver, Colorado (See Request for Ruling 2-97). Referred to Joint Board of Review.

Commissioner Harris reported a letter from Congressman Wyatt Aiken, dated October 5, 1915 (See File), making complaint regarding discriminations in prices paid for cotton at various South Carolina, Georgia and North Carolina towns. On motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Parry, it was ordered that an investigation be made to ascertain whether the law has been violated.

The renewal of employment of the following temporary employees of the Stenographic Division was confirmed:

- Thomas R. Burch
- Hilary T. Hudson
- James L. Keister
- Earl I. Klein
- E. R. Loehr
- Joseph Loeffler
- Edwin Salisbury

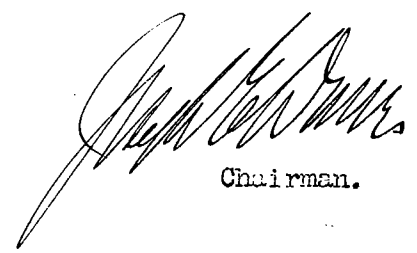
Action necessary in accordance therewith was referred to Commissioner Harris.

It was ordered that no employee of the Commission shall write for publication any articles concerning the Commission or its work without the permission of the Commission.

Letter of Joint Board of Review to Mr. Henry Veeder, dated October 21, 1915 (See File A 6392), was approved.

Memorandum of interview between Mr. Alfred R. Sax, of Alfred R. Sax Lumber Co., and Mr. M. M. Flannery, Special Attorney, was referred to the Chairman.

At the hour of 12:45 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a.m., Friday, October 22, 1915.



Chairman.

Attest: 
 Acting Secretary.

October 22, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 22, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

Commissioner Parry reported on a conference with Chief Forester Graves and Assistant Forester Greeley, Department of Agriculture, held October 18, 1915. Report approved.

Commissioner Parry was authorized to arrange date for further lumber hearings and for conferences with the Forest Service.

Letter of Alonzo H. Stewart, dated July 3, 1915 (See File 8006-14-1), was referred to Commissioners Rublee and Parry for recommendation.

Report on press clipping service was referred to Commissioner Parry, with power to act.

Report of Chairman as to confidential complaint of Mr. Alfred R. Sax (See File A 5598), informing Commission of transmission of matter to Department of Justice, received and adopted.

Statement of expenditures during the month of September, 1915, and to date, from appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, ordered filed.

Letter of Mr. L. C. Boyle, dated October 19, 1915 (See File A-6481), referred to Commissioner Parry, to arrange for hearing.

Letter of Louis W. Army, dated October 21, 1915 (See File A 6480),

was referred to Commissioner Parry, to arrange for hearing.

The following requests for hearings were referred to Commissioners Harris and Parry for recommendation as to policy of holding informal hearings:

John R. McKnight, Elkins Park, Pa., Secretary,
National Association of Stove Manufacturers.
(See File 2-87)

H. O. Nelson, representing Enameled Ware Manu-
facturers' Association. (See File 2-92)

The following action was taken with reference to informal complaints:

File 1-107.-- Elias J. Payn v. Northern Pacific Railway Co.
Referred to Commissioner Parry.

File 1-139.-- Kenneth MacRae, as to conditions in California
citrus industry. Referred to Commissioner Parry.


File 1-100.-- F. E. Cudell v. combination of zinc producers.
Referred to Department of Justice.

Commissioner Parry reported a summary of work done by the Division of Corporation Reports, at Department of the Treasury. Ordered filed.

At the hour of 12:50 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 23, 1915.


Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

October 23, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

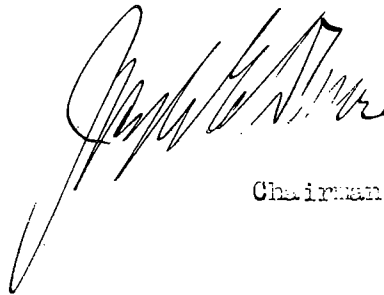
OCTOBER 23, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

The session was devoted to a conference with the Law Board of Review concerning the form of letters asking for further information, the preparation of rulings, etc.

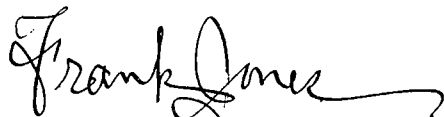
Letter of Mr. Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, dated October 20, 1915 (See File A 6740), transmitting resolution of the Legislature of Hawaii, was referred to Commissioner Parry for report.

At the hour of 12:30 o'clock the Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a.m., Monday, October 25, 1915.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

October 24, 1915. Sunday.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 25, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

Commissioner Parry reported on informal complaint 1-107, Elias J. Pagn v. Northern Pacific Railroad Co., recommending that papers be referred to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Report adopted.

Commissioner Parry reported on press clipping service. Report adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That there be appointed a Board of Survey, to be composed of such employees as may be appointed by the Commissioner assigned, to make inspection and report on such furniture, files (including manuscripts and memoranda), supplies, printed matter, books and magazines as they may consider obsolete, useless, out of repair, etc., that can be sold, transferred, or destroyed according to law.

Commissioner Parry was authorized to appoint the above-mentioned Board.

The Commission then went into conference with the Law Board of Review in reference to the form of rulings, etc.

At 12:45 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10:00 a.m., October 26, 1915.

Attest:

Frank Jones
Acting Secretary.

Joseph D. Davies
Chairman.

October 26, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 26, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

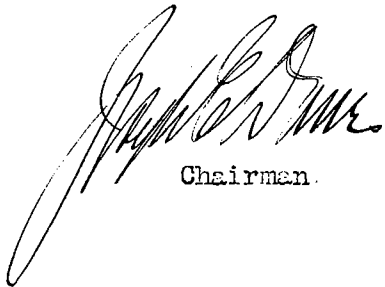
Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
Will H. Parry
George Rublee

Report of Commissioner Parry on letter of Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior Stephen T. Mather (File A 6470) transmitting resolution of the legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, approved.

The Commission went into informal conference with the Law Board of Review on forms of rulings, etc.

Correspondence of Henry K. Fort, President American Camphor Corporation (see File 8508-542), was ordered referred to the Economic Department for consideration in connection with foreign trade investigation. It was also ordered that a copy of the correspondence be transmitted to the Secretary of Commerce.

At 12:45 p.m. the Commission adjourned to meet at 10:00 o'clock a.m., October 27, 1915.



Chairman.

Attest:


Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 27, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

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

RESOLVED, That no supplies be issued to employees of the Federal Trade Commission, except within the hours between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 and 3:00 P.M., and that requisitions presented for supplies be carefully considered and properly approved before presentation. The Supply Clerk is directed to refuse to honor requisitions not presented within the terms of the above resolution.

The Commission went into informal conference with the Law Board of Review on the form of rulings, etc.

Report of Commissioner Parry on foreign trade questionnaires adopted, with the amendment that all letters are to be multigraphed, the addresses typewritten in, and the letters signed by the Chairman.

The matter of the appointment of additional Messengers was referred to Commissioner Parry.

The Chairman reported that he had been invited to attend a conference with the President in re proposed anti-dumping legislation, and after discussion he was authorized to represent the Commission at such conference.

The Commission took a recess until the hour of 3 o'clock p. m.

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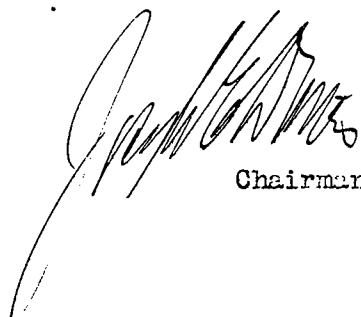
The Commission reassembled at the hour of 3 o'clock p.m.

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

The Chairman reported that as the result of a conference with the President, held this day, the Commission had been requested, in conjunction with the Secretary of Commerce, to prepare recommendations concerning legislation on the subject of "dumping."

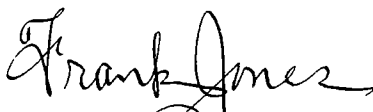
Norman Hapgood, of New York, appeared before the Commission, upon its invitation, and informally discussed the work of the Commission.

At 4:30 o'clock, p.m., the Commission adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., October 28, 1915.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 28, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

October 28, 1915.

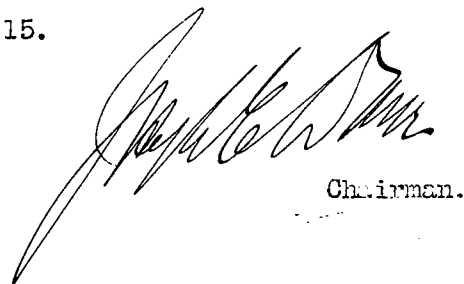
Mr. Claude A. Thompson, Special Assistant to the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, appeared before the Commission on its invitation and gave information concerning his investigation of the proposed combination of the United Cigar Stores Company and the Riker Hegeman drug interests.

The Commission held a conference with the Board of Review for the consideration of informal complaints and requests for rulings.

Report of Commissioners Harris and Parry, recommending that the afternoon of Wednesday, November 3d, be set aside for hearings in the following order, was adopted:


- 2:30 p.m. N. O. Nelson, President and others representing the Enameled Ware Manufacturers' Association.
- 3:30 p.m. John P. McKnight, of Elkins Park, Pa., and a committee representing stove manufacturers.
- 4:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Louis W. Army and a committee representing the Leather Belting Exchange of Philadelphia.

At 1:00 o'clock, p.m., the Commission adjourned until the hour of 10:00 o'clock, a. m., October 29, 1915.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

October 29, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 29, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

Joseph E. Davies, Chairman
 Edward M. Hurley, Vice Chairman
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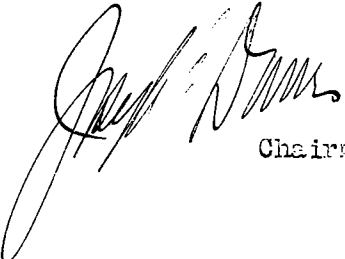
Evan S. Edwards appeared before the Commission in re his plan for an efficiency bureau in the tobacco industry (see Stenographic File No. A6734; also Requests for Ruling 2-46).

Report of Commissioners Rublee and Davies recommending amendment to the third paragraph of Rule II of the Rules of Practice before the Commission was adopted, whereupon this paragraph was amended by the Commission so as to read as follows:

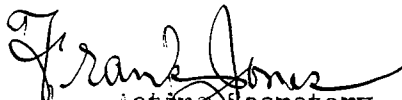
"The Commission shall investigate the matters complained of in such application and if upon investigation the Commission shall have reason to believe that there is a violation of law over which the Commission has jurisdiction, the Commission shall issue and serve upon the party complained of a complaint stating its charges and containing a notice of a hearing upon a day and at a place therein fixed, at least 40 days after the service of said complaint."

Commissioner Parry made a report on the methods employed by the several Departments and Commissions of the Government for disseminating information concerning their activities. Report ordered referred to Commissioners in turn.

At 12:45 o'clock, p.m., the Commission adjourned to October 30th at 10 o'clock, a.m.


 Chairman.

Attest:


 Acting Secretary.

October 30, 1915.

MEETING OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

OCTOBER 30, 1915, 10:00 A. M.

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

Letter of G. Carroll Todd, Assistant to the Attorney General, in re alleged combination in the yellow pine trade, with headquarters at Jacksonville, Florida (A6688; see also 8500-121-1), was referred to Commissioner Harris with authority to confer with Herbert S. Phillips, U. S. Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, in reference thereto.

Conference was held with the Law Board of Review upon the form of rulings.

The Joint Board of Review was directed to report upon the following complaints pending:

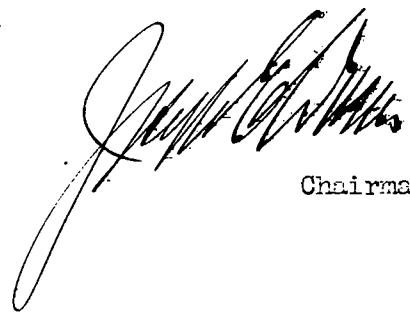
Informal Complaint 1-97 -- J. L. Owens Co. v. Fosston Manufacturing Co.
Informal Complaint 1-96 -- Fosston Manufacturing Co. v. J. L. Owens Co.
Informal Complaint 1-10 -- J. M. Anderson Grocer Co. v. Cudahy Packing Co.
Informal Complaint 1-11 -- J. M. Anderson Grocer Co. v. Proctor & Gamble Co. and Proctor & Gamble Distributing Co.
Informal Complaint 1-12 -- J. M. Anderson Grocer Co. v. Corn Products Co., National Starch Co. and St. Louis Syrup & Preserving Co.

The Joint Board of Review was directed to submit to the Commission immediately all cases upon which it has made report, and which in its judgment there is a probability of a complaint being made by the Commission.

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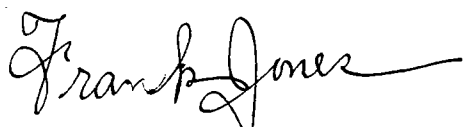
November 1, 1915.

At 12:45 o'clock, p.m., the Commission adjourned to November 1,
1915. at 10:00 o'clock, a.m.



Chairman.

Attest:



Acting Secretary.

October 31, 1915. Sunday.