

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Fort, acting as representative of the Commission,

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

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

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

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

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

July 4, 1917. No meeting held.

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## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, That notice be given to said respondent, as required by law, that the charges of said complaint will be heard by the Commission at its

office in the Commerce Building, in the City of Washington, D. C., on the 23d day of August, A. D. 1917, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached.

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The request of the National Binding Machine Co. for six months' time in which to adjust its business in accordance with the orders of the Commission was recommended by Mr. Fort, and on motion such recommendation was adopted.

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

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

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

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

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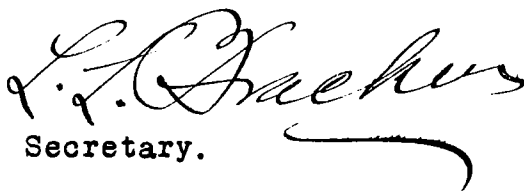
certain news-print paper manufacturers, which was to have been the special order of business for today (July 5th), was laid on the table until July 6th.

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

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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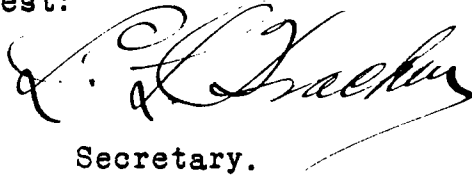
The reply to the Reed resolution was called up and discussed at length, with the understanding that consideration of such matter would be continued at the meeting to be held at 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

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



sidered by the Commission.

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



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

July 8, 1917. Sunday.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

July 10, 1917. (See page 593.)

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

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

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

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

making payments to employees of concerns purchasing such goods.

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

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

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meat Packing, assigned to Mr. Davies.

Flour, assigned to Mr. Colver.

Canning and miscellaneous matters, assigned to Mr. Harris.

Cold Storage, assigned to Mr. Fort.

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

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phases of such investigation, and to other investigations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

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## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

  
Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.

July 14, 1917.

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

Adopted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

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

## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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the following resolution, which was adopted:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

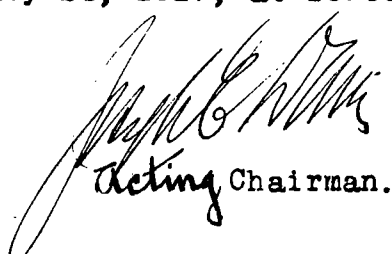
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A draft of a complaint in the case of the Federal Trade Commission v. Ward Baking Company was presented, and referred to Mr. Davies.

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July 24, 1917.

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

  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

*James W. ...*  
 Acting Chairman.

Attest:

*F. S. ...*  
 Secretary.

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

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## MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

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

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On motion of Mr. Fort it was --

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

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

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that Mr.

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

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

  
Chairman.

Attest:

  
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

Substitute therefor the following:

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

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

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

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

