

## NEWS AND NOTES

### PERSONAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

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Professor R. T. Crane, of the University of Michigan, is spending his sabbatical year in research and writing in California. He will give courses in the summer quarter at Stanford University on political parties and American political theory.

Judge Edmund C. Mower, professor of law and government at the University of Vermont, will give courses in constitutional law and European governments at the summer session of Northwestern University.

Professor P. Orman Ray, of Northwestern University, will give courses in American national government, and political parties and politics at the summer session of the University of Southern California.

Professor Graham H. Stuart has returned to his work at Stanford University after a six-months' study of the government of Peru for the Carnegie Institution.

Mr. Glenn E. Hoover, who holds a doctor's degree from the University of Strasbourg, has been appointed assistant professor of economics and political science in the University of Oregon.

Professor John P. Comer, of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, has resigned to accept an assistant professorship of government at Williams College.

Professor Pitman B. Potter, after a semester's leave of absence in Europe, has resumed teaching at the University of Wisconsin.

The department of political science and sociology at the University of Nebraska has been divided and a separate department of political science established.

Professor James W. Garner, of the University of Illinois, has been honored by the French government, as a chevalier in the Legion of Honor.

Governor Pierce, of Oregon, has appointed a committee to formulate a plan for the reorganization of the state administration, to be submitted to this winter's session of the legislature.

The California Academy of Social Sciences held its annual meeting at Berkeley on December 19-20

The University of Chicago announces the second institute under the Norman Wait Harris Memorial Foundation to continue from June 30 to July 24, 1925. Problems of the Far East will be considered, and lecturers from Japan, China, and Australia are expected. The Institute will consist of public lectures and round table conferences; and at the same time the University summer session will offer courses on subjects related to the Far East. Representatives of several of the departments at Washington are planning to attend. Each Institute of the Harris Foundation will concentrate on some one international problem, the small states of Europe having been proposed for 1926. Correspondence relating to the Institute may be addressed to Professor Quincy Wright, University of Chicago.

The Social Science Research Council met in Chicago, November 29. The principal business was the consideration of the report of the Committee on Research Fellowships, under the chairmanship of Professor A. B. Hall. This report, which was adopted by the Council, contained detailed provision for the organization of the machinery of fellowship awards. Reports were received also covering the work of the committee on Scientific Aspects of Human Migration, Miss Edith Abbott, Chairman; and from the committee on International News and Communication, Walter S. Rogers, Chairman. Other committees reporting were those on abstracts of social science periodical literature, Professor F. S. Chapin, Chairman, and on the printing of an annual digest and index of state session laws, Professor J. P. Chamberlain,

Chairman. The report of the committee on human migration contained, among other projects of research, a plan for an investigation of immigration laws and their administration in the United States and Canada, formulated by Professors J. A. Fairlie and F. A. Ogg.

At another meeting of the Social Science Research Council, held in Chicago, December 31, 1924, announcement was made of a series of research fellowships in the social sciences, provided by the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial. These will be awarded on the recommendation of a committee consisting of Wesley C. Mitchell of Columbia University, chairman, Charles E. Merriam of the University of Chicago, and F. Stuart Chapin of the University of Minnesota, secretary. Applications should be made to the secretary of the committee not later than March 1, 1925, and fellowships will be awarded on or about May 1.

**Annual Meeting.** The twentieth annual meeting of the American Political Science Association was held at Washington, D. C., December 29-31, 1924. The registration was 136, and the number of members actually in attendance was probably not less than 160. Attendance at the various sessions was, without exception, excellent. Departing from custom, the Association met apart from both the American Historical Association and the American Economic Association. The American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Psychological Association, and the American Association of University Professors, were, however, in session in Washington during the same period, and a joint session was held with the Psychological Association, and another with Section K of the Association for the Advancement of Science. A smoker was tendered the members of the Association by the Robert Brookings Graduate School of Economics and Government, whose courtesy in this respect, and in other important ways, was heartily appreciated. By way of experiment, the three forenoons were given over to meetings of round tables, and the plan proved so successful that it is likely to be continued in future years. All in all, the meeting was considered one of the best in the history of the Association.

The formal program, as carried out, was as follows:<sup>1</sup>

Several of the papers, and also synopses of the work of the round tables, will be printed in the *Review*.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:30 a.m. Meeting of the Executive Council and Board of Editors.

10:00 a.m. Round Table Meetings. 1. Politics and Psychology, L. L. Thurstone, University of Chicago, director. Formulation of research problems in the science of politics involving psychological factors. The object is to outline the methods that may prove suitable for investigating one or more problems of common interest to the sciences of politics and psychology. 2. Comparative Government, Walter J. Shepard, Robert Brookings Graduate School of Economics and Government, director. A survey of significant events and of recent progress made by foreign scholars in this field; an intensive discussion of the results of the various systems of proportional representation. 3. Public Administration, W. F. Willoughby, Institute for Government Research, director. The general problem of overhead control, including (among other topics) central organs of general administrative control, central control of personnel, central control of financial affairs, central administrative control in the judicial branch, and central control of purchasing. 4. International Affairs, E. D. Dickinson, University of Michigan Law School, director. Recent contributions, research and teaching methods, and intensive discussion of the topic "Participation by the United States in International Coöperation." 5. Political Parties, Raymond Moley, Columbia University, director. The nature and implications of party responsibility. 6. Political Statistics, Arthur N. Holcombe, Harvard University, director. A continuation of the discussion of the round table on this subject at the Second National Conference on the Science of Politics.

12:30 p.m. Subscription Luncheon. Presiding officer: Ellery C. Stowell, The American University. The Modernization of International Law, George Grafton Wilson, Harvard University. Discussion by Charles G. Fenwick, Bryn Mawr College, and others.

3:00 p.m. Public Personnel Administration. Presiding officer: Honorable W. G. Deming, President of the United States Civil Service Commission. The Dark Side of Municipal Civil Service, Harry G. Marsh, Secretary of the National Civil Service Reform League. The Function of the Personnel Agency in the Public Service, Oliver C. Short, Secretary of the State Employment Commission of Maryland. Research in the Technique of Testing, L. J. O'Rourke, Director of Research Division, United States Civil Service Commission. The Status of the Civil Servant in the Modern State, Herman Finer, London School of Economics and Political Science.

8:00 p.m. International Relations. Presiding officer: Honorable David Jayne Hill, Washington, D. C. British Policy and the Balance of Power, The Right Honorable Sir Esme Howard, K. C. B., Ambassador of Great Britain to the United States. Limitations upon National Sovereignty in International Relations, James W. Garner, University of Illinois, President of the American Political Science Association.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

10:00 a.m. Round Tables, as on preceding day.

12:00 p.m. Subscription Luncheon. Presiding officer: Jeremiah S. Young, University of Minnesota. The Second National Conference on the Science of Politics, Arnold B. Hall, University of Wisconsin (read by V. J. West, Stanford University). Report of the Committee on Political Research. Charles E. Merriam, University of Chicago.

2:00 p.m. The Psychological Basis of Conservatism and Radicalism. (Joint Session with the American Psychological Association. Presiding officer: Robert S. Woodworth, Columbia University. Intellectual and Emotional Factors in Radicalism, Henry T. Moore, Dartmouth College. The Doctrine of Power and the Conflict of Parties, George E. G. Catlin, Cornell University. The Measurement and Motivation of Atypical Opinion in a Certain Group, Floyd H. Allport, Syracuse University.

4:30 p.m. Annual Business Meeting of the Association. Presiding officer: James W. Garner, University of Illinois. Annual Report of the Secretary-Treasurer and the Managing Editor of the American Political Science Review. Reports of standing and special committees. Election of officers for 1925.

8:00 p.m. Some Phases of Public Law. Presiding officer: James W. Garner, University of Illinois. The State and the Nation: Constitution vs. Constitutional Theory, Edward S. Corwin, Princeton University. Discussion by Thomas Reed Powell, Columbia University. Minority Decisions and the Supreme Court, Charles Warren, Washington, D. C.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 a.m. Round Tables, as on previous days.

11:30 a.m. General Session. Presiding officer: Quincy Wright, University of Chicago. Impediments to Historical Science. Albert F. Pollard, University College, University of London.

12:30 p.m. Subscription Luncheon. Presiding officer: Benjamin

F. Shambaugh, University of Iowa. The Elections of 1924, Arthur N. Holcombe, Harvard University. Discussion by Arthur W. Macmahon, Columbia University, and Albert Bushnell Hart, Harvard University.

3:00 p.m. Trade, Administration, and Population. (Joint Session with Section K, American Association for the Advancement of Science.) Some Phases of British Administrative Legislation, John A. Fairlie, University of Illinois. The Ethics of Trade Organization, George Frederick, Business Bourse, New York City. Analysis of the Trend of Our Foreign Trade, H. C. Campbell, Acting Chief, Division of Research, U. S. Department of Commerce. Population Problems of South America, William A. Reid, Pan American Union, Washington, D. C.

The executive council and board of editors held an extended session on the opening day of the meeting, and the annual business meeting of the Association was held on the afternoon of the second day. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer on the membership and finances of the Association may be summarized as follows:

### *I. Membership*

Accessions during the year.....	180
Resignations and cancellations.....	127
Net gain in membership.....	53
Number of members paying annual dues.....	1469
Number of life members.....	52
Total membership.....	1521

Various methods employed to obtain new members were described, and the hope was expressed that members generally will see that persons who would be likely to be interested in the work of the Association are invited to join, or, at all events, that their names are reported to the Secretary of the Association.

### *II. Finances*

1. Balance, December 15, 1923.....	\$609.71
2. Receipts, December 15, 1923 to December 15, 1924	
Dues for 1922 and 1923.....	\$238.00
Dues for 1924.....	4352.90
Dues for 1925 and 1926.....	816.40
Voluntary contributions for the support of the	
<i>Review</i> .....	633.00
Sale of publications.....	208.45
Advertising.....	290.00
Royalties.....	6.70

Payment by National Conference on the Science of Politics for publication of report and reprints	277.15	
Total receipts.....		6848.60
Total balance and receipts.....		\$7458.31
<b>3. Disbursements</b>		
Bills paid for 1923.....	\$114.81	
Williams & Wilkins Co. Baltimore (printing and distributing the <i>Review</i> ).....	4950.73	
Clerical and stenographic assistance, office of secretary-treasurer.....	380.60	
Clerical and stenographic assistance, office of managing editor.....	465.00	
Expenses of book review editor.....	13.47	
Postage, office of secretary-treasurer....	145.00	
Stationery and printing.....	256.65	
Expense of program committee.....	51.03	
Preparation of legislative notes.....	50.00	
Dues to American Council of Learned Societies.	75.00	
Filing cabinet.....	19.95	
Miscellaneous.....	38.74	
Total disbursements.....		\$6561.98
Balance December 15, 1924.....		896.33
<b>4. Trust fund</b>		
City of Madison, Wis., 5½ per cent special street improvement bonds, purchased February 11, 1924, due April 1, 1928, @ \$101.00 and accrued interest, total cost \$1278.38, par value.....	\$1200.00	
Balance deposited after buying bonds.....	70.96	
Interest deposited 12/15/24.....	66.00	
Receipts from life members during 1924.....	105.00	
Total (without accrued interest on bonds).....	\$1441.96	

Estimates were presented for the year 1925, showing balance and probable receipts aggregating \$8329; disbursements (including a ten per cent increase of expenditure on the *Review*) aggregating \$7063; and a balance December 15, 1925, of \$1266.

The treasurer's accounts were audited by a committee consisting of Professors V. J. West and B. F. Shambaugh, and were reported complete and correct. On recommendation of the executive council, it was voted that the practice of billing members for five dollars, with explanation that payment of the additional dollar for the support of the *Review* is optional but desirable, should be continued in 1925.

Through Professor W. B. Munro (in the absence of the chairman, Professor P. O. Ray), the committee on instruction presented a report on state legislation requiring the teaching of the constitution, or American government and ideals, and submitted with it a draft of a model

law on this subject. The report was ordered to be printed for consideration by the members of the Association.<sup>2</sup>

The American Council of Learned Societies Devoted to Humanistic Studies, having been incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, asked the constituent societies to ratify a revised constitution, differing in minor ways only from the original instrument. The request was complied with by the Political Science Association. It was announced that the American Council is now in a position to proceed with several important projects—in particular, the preparation of a twenty-volume Dictionary of American Biography, made financially possible by a subvention of a half-million dollars recently tendered by the New York Times Company. The preparation and publication of the Dictionary will be under the immediate direction of a committee composed of four representatives of the American Council of Learned Societies, two appointees of the New York Times Company, and a managing editor to be chosen by these six persons.

Another interesting announcement was made by the Association's representatives in the Social Science Research Council, to the effect that the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial has agreed to provide a substantial sum of money to be used, beginning in 1925-26, for research fellowships of an advanced character in the field of the social sciences.

In view of the improved financial condition of the Association and the continued pressure for space in the *Review*, the managing editor was authorized to permit the issues in 1925 to attain an average, if necessary, of as much as 240 pages.

Officers for 1925 were elected as follows: President, Charles E. Merriam, University of Chicago; First Vice-President, A. R. Hatton, Western Reserve University; Second Vice-President, Raymond L. Moley, Columbia University; Third Vice-President, Charles G. Haines, University of Texas; Secretary-Treasurer, Frederic A. Ogg, University of Wisconsin. Newly elected members of the Executive Council for the term ending in 1927 are: F. G. Bates, Indiana University; John Dickinson, Harvard University; Luther H. Gulick, New York City; F. A. Middlebush, University of Missouri; and Bruce Williams, University of Virginia. On the Board of Editors, Edward S. Corwin is succeeded by Victor J. West.

The place of meeting of the Association in 1925 was left to decision of the Executive Council. Announcement will be made in the May issue of the *Review*.

<sup>2</sup> Copies may be secured on application to the Secretary of the Association or the chairman of the committee, Professor P. O. Ray, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.