

## NEWS AND NOTES

### PERSONAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

*Compiled by the Managing Editor*

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the American Political Science Association will be held at Detroit, Michigan, on December 28-30. The American Economic Association and kindred organizations with which the Political Science Association usually meets will, however, be meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio. The members of the program committee of the Political Science Association are: Morris B. Lambie, University of Minnesota, (chairman); John M. Gaus, University of Wisconsin; Joseph P. Harris, University of Washington; Raymond Moley, Columbia University; and H. C. Nixon, Tulane University. The committee to nominate officers of the Association for 1933 consists of: John A. Fairlie, University of Illinois (chairman); Charles A. Beard, New Milford, Conn.; Robert T. Crane, Social Science Research Council, New York City; Robert S. Rankin, Duke University; and Henry R. Spencer, Ohio State University. The auditing committee's membership is: W. Brooke Graves, Temple University (Chairman); William S. Myers, Princeton University; and Roger H. Wells, Bryn Mawr College.

Professor Herbert Kraus, of the University of Göttingen, is serving as an exchange professor at Princeton University during the current academic term, and is giving instruction in the School of Public and International Affairs.

Dr. Stanley K. Hornbeck, chief of the Far Eastern division of the Department of State, addressed the Council on Foreign Relations at a dinner meeting in New York on February 24 on the Far Eastern policy of the United States.

Professor Pitman B. Potter will leave the University of Wisconsin at the close of the current semester and in the autumn will resume a post on the staff of the Graduate Institute of International Studies at Geneva, Switzerland.

During the last week of January, Professor Clarence A. Berdahl, of the University of Illinois, delivered a series of five lectures at the Graduate Institute of International Studies at Geneva on the policy of the United States toward the League of Nations.

Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, honorary secretary of the National Municipal League and a veteran worker for the cause of improved city

government, has been appointed director of public welfare in Philadelphia.

Professor Rufus D. Smith has been advanced from associate dean to dean of the Washington Square College of New York University. In addition, Professor Smith is director of the extension and evening divisions of the University.

Professor Louis B. Schmidt, of Iowa State College, will give courses on American history and international relations in the summer session of the University of Alabama.

A special feature of the coming summer session of the University of Hawaii will be a School of Pacific and Oriental Affairs, organized to include lecture courses, seminars, and round-table discussions on contemporary international problems of the Pacific region. Visiting members of the faculty will include Professors Arthur N. Holcombe and Manley O. Hudson, of Harvard University, and Charles E. Martin, of the University of Washington.

The College of Liberal Arts of Northwestern University has announced a seminar in social science research in Paris, under the auspices of the University of Paris, extending from June 15 to July 31, 1932. The seminar will be conducted in English, but will be open only to graduate students having a reading knowledge of French. The course is planned to yield three semester-hours of credit, and is designed to assist travelling fellows and other graduate students in utilizing research facilities in Paris and its environs. Fuller information may be obtained (until June 1) from Professor William Jaffé, Northwestern University, Evanston.

The National Municipal League has created a committee to prepare a recommended model state law regulating special assessments in local government. Carl H. Pforzheimer, of New York City, is chairman, and other members include C. E. Rightor, of the Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research; Paul V. Betters, executive secretary of the American Municipal Association; Walter Matscheck, director of the Civic Research Institute of Kansas City; Lawson Purdy, of New York City; and Clarence E. Ridley, executive secretary of the International City Managers' Association.

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Academy of Political Science (New York) on April 13 was devoted to the general subject of the crisis in world finance and trade. Forenoon and afternoon sessions were devoted to (1) the breakdown in world trade and (2) war debts and repara-

tions, and Sir Josiah Stamp addressed the dinner meeting on world organization in finance and trade.

Under the chairmanship of Representative H. N. Graves, a joint legislative committee on organization and economy recently created in Texas has entered upon a comprehensive study of the organization and functions of the state government. The inquiry is planned to include an analysis of the duties of every officer and employee receiving compensation in any amount or form from the state, and is to be followed by the formulation of a scheme of reorganization in so far as may appear desirable. A staff of experienced persons has been brought together for the work, and Messrs. Griffenhagen and Associates have been retained as consultants and directors. A special study of the state's financial problems is also planned.

The Missouri supreme court, on January 4, held that the approval of the governor is necessary for any act changing the congressional districts of the state, thus invalidating the districts created by an act of the 1931 General Assembly which was vetoed by Governor Caulfield. In substance, this decision is similar to that of the supreme court of New York on November 8, which was subsequently affirmed by the Court of Appeals of that state, but runs counter to the decision of the Minnesota supreme court in a similar case. Persistent attempts by members of Congress and state legislators of both parties in Missouri to induce the governor to call a special session of the Assembly for purposes of redistricting have met with no success.

Dr. John H. Latané, member of the Page School of International Relations of the Johns Hopkins University and former head of the department of history at the same institution, died suddenly, from a heart attack, at New Orleans on January 1. Dr. Latané had gained high distinction as a scholar by his writings in the field of the foreign relations of the United States, and especially of those concerning Latin America. He was at all times interested in the political implications of historical facts, and did not hesitate to state his own views as to the political policies revealed by these implications. This practice gave to his writings a more than usual interest to political scientists. Dr. Latané was, in truth, as much a political scientist who sought to base his conclusions upon historical evidence as he was an historian who endeavored to derive political lessons from the records of past events.

The Social Science Research Council has appointed a continuing Committee on Pressure Group and Propaganda Research. The committee would like to be in touch with the work and plans of scholars in all fields

relevant to this central topic. It is interested in every inquiry into specific promotional activities in society. This includes analyses of the work of such organizations as the Anti-Saloon League or the Chamber of Commerce; the study of movements like the Populist movement; the analysis of the use of such media as the press, moving picture, and radio; and the technique of measuring shifts in social attitudes. There is no doubt that those who are doing research in cultural history, political science, economics, sociology, advertising, journalism, and psychology are among those who have made, or can make, contributions to this field. The committee would be glad to be notified of research proposals under way or in prospect. Communications may be addressed to the chairman or to any member of the committee. The personnel consists of Professors Kimball Young, University of Wisconsin; Ralph D. Casey, University of Minnesota; Peter Odegard, Ohio State University; E. Pendleton Herring, Harvard University; Schuyler Wallace, Columbia University; Merle Curti, Smith College; Harold F. Gosnell, University of Chicago; and Harold D. Lasswell, University of Chicago, chairman.

Under the joint auspices of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, the Committee on the Promotion of Chinese Studies of the American Council of Learned Societies, the Committee on Japanese Studies of the same organization, and the Society for the Promotion of Japanese Studies, a seminar on Far Eastern Studies will be held at Harvard University from July 6 to August 17. The aim of the seminar is to bring together a group of trained and mature scholars who, although their major preparation has been in other fields, find it necessary or desirable to offer instruction in Far Eastern civilizations and affairs, and to give them the benefit of six weeks of intensive work with experts in the field. These experts will include Dr. Arthur W. Hummel, chief of the division of Chinese and Japanese literature at the Library of Congress, Dr. Lucius C. Porter, professor of philosophy in Yenching University and visiting professor at Harvard University, and Mr. Langdon Warner, lecturer in fine arts at Harvard. Though directed by an independent committee, the seminar will be an integral part of the summer session of Harvard University. The committee of direction will be able to offer a limited number of persons (perhaps twenty) assistance in the amount of \$125 apiece toward the cost of attendance. Further information may be obtained from Dr. Mortimer Graves, American Council of Learned Societies, 907 Fifteenth St., Washington, D.C.

**Fourth Biennial Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations.** The conference was held in the International Settlement at Shanghai from October 21 to November 2, 1931. Delegates numbered 124, of whom