

NEWS AND NOTES

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Professor George Ray Wicker, of the economics department in Dartmouth College, died at Hanover, New Hampshire, November 25.

Professor W. W. Willoughby, of Johns Hopkins University, is spending the year in Washington, assisting in the work of the Institute for Government Research. Dr. A. C. Millsbaugh, associate in political science, is conducting graduate courses, as well as the undergraduate work, at Johns Hopkins.

Professor Henry R. Spencer, of Ohio State University, has been granted a leave of absence to do organization work for the Y. M. C. A. in Italy. Professor E. A. Cottrell will act as head of the department for the remainder of the year.

At the recent meeting of the Association of Urban Universities in Pittsburgh papers were presented on the relation of the university to the municipality by Dr. Frederick B. Robinson of the College of the City of New York, and Professors C. M. Wright of the University of Pittsburgh and Edwin A. Cottrell of Ohio State University. These papers covered from different points of view the subject of training for the public service.

Professor C. C. Maxey, of Oregon State Agricultural College, is spending the year in graduate study at Columbia University.

Professor E. A. Gilmore, of the University of Wisconsin Law School, is on leave of absence for the year. During the first semester he delivered lectures at the University of California. The remainder of the year is to be spent in the Orient.

Miss Grace Abbott, of Hull House, formerly secretary of the immigrants' protective league of Chicago, has been made director of the child labor division of the Children's Bureau at Washington.

Dr. Jesse F. Steiner, formerly instructor at the University of Chicago, has been appointed instructor in social science at the University of Cincinnati.

A department of political science has been organized at Ohio Wesleyan University. Mr. W. A. Jones, president of the W. R. Jones Glass Company, Columbus, Ohio, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan in 1897, by his gift to the university has made possible the establishment of this department. Dr. B. A. Arneson, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, where he likewise received his degree of Ph.D., has been appointed head of the department.

The political science department of Amherst College is cooperating with the bureau of municipal research in Springfield, Mass., in a plan by which advanced students in municipal government spend part of their time in practical work in city administration.

Professor J. M. Mathews, of the University of Illinois, is engaged in the preparation of a work on the recent political history and government of Illinois. It will form a part of the series of publications to be issued by the state of Illinois in celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the admission of the state into the Union.

Dr. Alejandro Alvarez, secretary general of the American Institute of International Law, has given a series of lectures on international relations at several colleges and universities. His general theme has been the reorganization of international law as a consequence of the world war and the need of leadership in the Americanization of political science.

The University of California will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in March, 1918. A faculty committee is making plans for a conference at that time on international problems of the Pacific, of a political, economic, or scientific nature. Invitations will probably be sent to the leading institutions of learning in all the countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean. Dr. Edward Elliott, professor of international law and politics, and Dr. William Macdonald, lecturer in government, are members of this committee. Dr. J. R. Douglas is acting as secretary.

Professor John H. Latané, of Johns Hopkins University, has been elected one of the eleven members of the Baltimore charter commission.

Four members of college faculties have been active members of the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention. These are: A. B. Hart, Harvard; George B. Churchill, Amherst; James P. Richardson, Dartmouth; Frederick L. Anderson, Newton Theological Seminary.

A meeting of the National Institute of Social Sciences, held in New York City on January 18, was devoted to a consideration of problems of reconstruction after the war.

A comprehensive review of "The Legislation of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly of Iowa," by Professor F. E. Horack, has been compiled and issued under the direction of the State Historical Society of Iowa. The monograph fills eighty pages and is supplied with a detailed index.

A backward step was taken in Oregon at the last election by the adoption of an "economy" amendment which requires municipal officers to be elected at the same time as state and county officers. The consolidation of the governments of the city of Portland and Multnomah county is again being agitated. A constitutional amendment permitting such consolidation was defeated at the election of 1914. The committee on consolidation of state offices has so far devoted most of its attention to a study of the existing state administration.

At the annual meeting of the Academy of Political Science in the city of New York, held December 14-15, the subjects considered were: transportation, shipping, and aircraft production; food, fuel and thrift; the welfare of soldiers and sailors; and the regulation of capital and labor during the war. Among persons who made addresses were Irving T. Bush, Daniel O. Willard, Howard E. Coffin, H. A. Garfield, F. A. Delano, Leo S. Rowe, Miss Julia C. Lathrop, R. S. Fosdick, Joseph E. Davies, and Samuel Gompers.

The bureau of legislative information of Indiana, whose appropriation was cut off at the last session, has been reinstated by Governor James P. Goodrich and combined with the bureau of statistics. The bureau is engaged in the work of preparing the Indiana Year Book which will combine brief reports of all the state offices, boards and commissions, together with the social and economic statistics of the

state. Dr. Charles Kettleborough, who has been for a number of years statistician for the bureau of legislative information, is now in charge of the bureau. Mr. John A. Lapp has been appointed director of the state investigation in Ohio of sickness insurance, sickness prevention and old-age pensions.

Among the important war measures of the United States national government may be noted new regulations for the selective military service and for enemy aliens, issued in November, and the government control of railroads, at the end of December, under W. G. McAdoo as director-general. Additional administrative agencies include a commission to the allied war conference at Paris, headed by E. M. House, a joint allied naval council, a war-industries board, a food purchase board, a custodian of enemy property, and a war council to advise the secretary of war.

Annual Meeting. The fourteenth annual meeting of the American Political Science Association was held at Philadelphia, December 27-29, 1917. The total number of members who registered was 125. The sessions of the first day were held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, those of the second day at the University of Pennsylvania, and those of the third day at Haverford College. The sessions were well attended and the degree of interest shown was very satisfactory.

At the opening session, on constitutional law, papers were read by Professors T. R. Powell of Columbia University, James T. Young of the University of Pennsylvania, and Albert M. Kales of Chicago. A paper prepared by Professor Charles G. Haines of the University of Texas was read by Professor E. M. Sait of Columbia University. At a session on political theory an important paper was presented by Professor W. W. Willoughby of Johns Hopkins University, and discussed by Professors Munroe Smith of Columbia University and Robert T. Crane of the University of Michigan. The presidential address, "The Nature and the Future of International Law," was delivered by Professor Munroe Smith at a joint meeting with the American Economic Association and the American Sociological Society.

On Friday morning, at a session devoted to the general subject of political science and domestic reconstruction, papers were read by Mr. H. S. Gilbertson, and Professors Henry Jones Ford of Princeton University, and A. R. Hatton of Western Reserve University, and the work of the Institute for Government Research at Washington was