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By Dr. WILLIAM BOWIE

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

IN my capacity as a delegate from the United States I am representing the National Geographic Society of Washington, D. C., as well as the Department of Commerce of the United States government.

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They expressed the hope that the government agencies of the various American nations which are engaged in any phase of geographical science will receive the support of those officials of the government who have to do with the allotment of funds for these official geographical services. They also expressed the hope that non-official agencies, such as geographical societies or geographical departments of universities, may be stimulated by the organization of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History to



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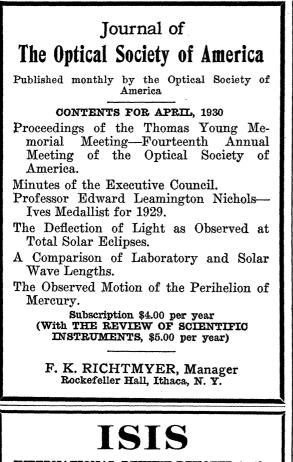
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