

Some of the large radio broadcasting stations have found special use for the azimuthal equidistant projection with the station placed at the center of the projection. Such a map gives at once the azimuth and distance of any other point from the broadcasting station. Of course a separate map has to be prepared for each station, and this requires a considerable amount of computation and compilation if an accurate map is to be produced.

THE CONFERENCE OF AGRICULTURAL STATES OF EASTERN EUROPE

WE learn from the New York *Sun* that representatives of the agricultural states of eastern Europe have been meeting in an agricultural conference at Warsaw.

The delegates were able to form an "entente cordiale" of eight agricultural states—Poland, Roumania, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Latvia and Estonia. Lithuania declined an invitation to attend the conference for political reasons.

The League of Nations will be asked to work out an international convention prohibiting export bounties for agricultural products. Special measures will be taken to eliminate ruinous competition among the agricultural states and also to adapt their exports to the requirements of importing countries.

One important decision was the adoption of a "preferential clause" applicable by European countries importing agricultural products to those producing them, in order to protect Europe against a flood of American cereals. It was also decided to hold periodical meetings of the agricultural entente states.

Poland took the initiative in convening the meeting. This country has already signed with Germany the "rye convention" with a view to putting an end to ruinous competition in the Scandinavian markets, which Poland could have conquered because her labor costs are far lower than Germany's. Poland also has done much towards the rationalization of exports of live stock and by-products of the industry.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE Royal Society of Natural History of Madrid has added Professor W. M. Davis, of Harvard University, to its list of honorary members. Professor Davis has spent the summer at Eugene, Oregon, where he has given two courses of lectures at the summer session of the state university.

DR. ROSS G. HARRISON, Sterling professor of biology at Yale University, has been elected a corresponding member of the Prussian Academy of Sciences in Berlin.

PROFESSOR L. R. JONES, of the department of plant pathology of the University of Wisconsin, has received an honorary degree of doctor of science from Oxford University. He attended the fifth international botanical congress at Oxford University in August.

AT the recent convocation of the University of California, the degree of Ph.D. was conferred on J. A. Pearce, of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory at Victoria, B. C., Canada.

WE learn from the *Journal* of the American Medical Association that Dr. Harry J. Corper, of Denver, has been awarded the Ward Burdick Research gold medal by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists for his work in isolating and culturing the tubercle bacillus. Dr. Rodney H. Jones and Dr. Edward R. Mugrage, instructor and professor in clinical pathology, respectively, at the school of medicine of the University of Colorado, were awarded a gold medal for the best scientific exhibit presented

at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists which was held at Detroit recently. The exhibit concerned the Aschheim-Zondek pregnancy test.

AT the one hundred and fifth annual exhibition of the National Academy of Design, an ibex bronze by James L. Clark, assistant director in charge of preparation at the American Museum, was awarded the Speyer Memorial Prize for animal sculpture.

THE Planck gold medal has been awarded to Dr. Niels Bohr, professor of physics at the University of Copenhagen.

THE Osler memorial medal for 1930 has been awarded to Sir Wilmot P. Herringham. This bronze medal is awarded every five years to the Oxford medical graduate who has, in the opinion of the board of awardees, made the most valuable contribution to the science, art or literature of medicine.

THE governing body of Corpus Christi College of the University of Cambridge has made the first award of the Copeman medal for research in medical and biologic sciences to Dr. Reginald Hilton.

DR. N. L. BRITTON, who recently retired as director of the New York Botanical Garden, has been elected honorary president of the International Desert Conservation League, an association recently organized in California "to respond to an urgent demand for the protection of desert plant life and the conservation of desert beauty spots in the form of park areas containing rare desert flora and fauna."