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Professor Geo. H. Blakeslee
Professor Henry Pratt Fairchild
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and
Mr. J. Merle Davis

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Davis. Professor Blakeslee was elected vice-chairman of the American Executive Committee, and took charge of the meeting.

Since each member of the committee had received the minutes of the previous meeting it was voted to omit the reading of the same.

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