

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Perry Day

On both sides of the Pacific, Perry Day was celebrated on March 31, 1934, being the eightieth anniversary of Japan's first treaty with the United States. In Seattle, Hon. Kiyoshi Uchiyama, Imperial Japanese Consul, was joined by many Japanese business men and citizens; Corwin S. Shank, President of the Japan Society of Seattle, was chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee. Both these men gave addresses at the commemorating luncheon by the Chamber of Commerce, whose President, Alfred H. Lundin, also participated, as did Mr. Leonard E. Read, Manager of the Western Division of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. Prominent citizens represented the Seattle Chamber of Commerce by giving addresses on the subject over various broadcasting stations.

It was a national event, sponsored by the various Chambers of Commerce in affiliation with other organizations such as the Japan Societies. Among the first cities to respond in addition to Seattle were Los Angeles, Spokane, Portland and New York. In the last named metropolis the Chamber of Commerce and the Japan Society combined in a big banquet, which was attended by Ambassador Saito and a representative of the United States Department of State.

In Japan, elaborate programs featured the day. On March 30, United States Ambassador Joseph Grew introduced Viscount Kikujiro Ishii who gave the trans-Pacific raido address. On the next day the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry sent telegrams to President Roosevelt and to the United States Chamber of Commerce. Other programs extended on into April and May, including an extensive festival of two weeks at Shimoda, one of the first Japanese ports opened by the treaty negotiated in 1854 by Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry.

The Tolmie Family Twice Bereaved

On Memorial Day, 1933, the centennial of the first white settlement on Puget Sound was observed at the site of old Fort Nisqually. Dr. William Fraser Tolmie was remembered by the sending of a message of greeting to his five surviving children, prominent citizens of British Columbia—Hon. Simon Frazer Tolmie, Roderick Finlayson Tolmie, Miss Mary Fraser Tolmie, Miss Jane Work Tolmie, and