

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Ranald MacDonald

The book giving the remarkable experiences of Ranald MacDonald in Japan before the visit of Matthew Calbraith Perry is now being printed in Spokane by the Eastern Washington State Historical Society. The original journey by MacDonald is being edited by William S. Lewis and Prof. Naojiro Murakimo. Mr. Lewis wrote on March 1, 1923, that they expected to have the book off the press within sixty days.

Voyage of the "Ruby"

Mr. John Forsyth, Librarian and Archivist of British Columbia, is at work editing for publication Bishop's "Journal of a Voyage to the Northwest Coast in the Ship Ruby, 1795." It will be awaited with interest.

Signatures of Pioneers

Harry B. McElroy has sent a manuscript record of the proceedings in the House of Representatives, Territorial Legislature of Washington, for 1866. The proceedings are available in published form but this manuscript form carries the signatures of such pioneers as J. J. H. van Bokkelaan, C. Clymer, J. W. Brazee, Lee Hancock, F. Henry, Charles Eagan.

Thesis on Whitman

Mr. James E. Babb, of Lewiston, Idaho, has sent a manuscript copy of a thesis: "Doctor Marcus Whitman, 1842-1843," by his niece, Margaret E. Babb, who graduated from Wellesley College in June, 1922. It is an interesting and carefully prepared essay.

Congress of Historical Studies

The Fifth International Congress of Historical Studies will be held in Brussels on April 8-15, 1923. The honorary committee

comprises the principal officers of the Belgian government and universities.

After Fifty Years

Mr. Robert Montgomery, editor of the *Puyallup Valley Tribune*, has issued a pamphlet giving what he calls: "A greeting to friends from one viewing the world from the serene tableland of middle life." It is filled with wholesome sentiment by one who has taken part as a newspaper man in making and recording history in the State of Washington.

Book by a Washington Man

Ralph Haswell Lutz, Associate Professor of History, Stanford University, has just published Volume I., Number 1, in the History, Economics and Political Science Series of the Stanford University Publications. The title of the book is *The German Revolution, 1918-1919*. It is not in the field of this *Quarterly* and is mentioned here to record an achievement of one whose boyhood was spent in Washington and whose education was, in part, obtained in this State.

He was a member of the faculty when the World War claimed his services and after the armistice he was a member of the American Military Mission in Berlin under the command of General George H. Harries, from March to August, 1919. On returning to his academic work, he was soon drafted by Stanford University to assist in the management of the great Hoover War Library at that institution.

This book of 186 pages is therefore the fruit of personal observations at the time of the revolution and also of familiar access to the greatest collection in America of World War documents.

In his preface, the author says: "The German revolutionary movements of 1918 and 1919 not only destroyed the Bismackian Empire but fundamentally altered the life and institutions of the German people. Although it has as yet received little attention from historians, a knowledge of the revolution is essential to an understanding of contemporary Germany and of those economic and political problems resulting from the defeat of the German Empire in the World War."