

actly suited for the production of such a book as *Storm Clouds Over Asia*. After successes as reporter and editor, he was sent to China by the *Chicago Tribune* to serve as war correspondent in 1927. On returning to the United States he resumed his connection with the Associated Press, and was assigned to the White House staff in Washington. He spent the last two years in the Orient studying the political and economic conditions in China, Japan and the Philippines.

United States Senator Clarence C. Dill says: "This book impresses me as being a fine presentation of facts, without fear or favor." Almost every reader will share that opinion. The style is swift and fearless while the facts are fortified by names and dates. One dislikes to lay the book down before finishing it. An idea of its scope is revealed by the seven chapter-headings: "The Lines Are Drawn in the Orient," "Jumpy Japan," "Some Fundamental Causes," "The Clever Chinese," "Political, Cultural and Commercial," "The Manchurian Graveyard," "A New Pacific Policy."

The author brings his work down to the present. He is interested in the entire Pacific area, but, being an American he stresses his discussion of Hawaii and the Philippines. His power is shown in his concluding sentences: "What a shameful thing it is that the United States is plunging the Philippines into the uncertainties of international politics at a time when those uncertainties are the most uncertain. In their new status they will constitute a constant source of danger in the Orient, much more so than when they were a part of the United States. Other countries are not illogical in arguing that if the United States was capable of granting the Islands the brand of independence she did, she will be capable of acting the poltroon in case they are attacked. On the whole, the Philippines are sparsely settled and there are land-hungry countries near by. There are vast mineral deposits within their borders, and there are mineral-starved countries near by."

Administocracy: The Recovery Laws and Their Enforcement. By GUY S. CLAIRE. (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1934. Pp. 118 \$0.50.)

Doctor Claire was formerly a member of the Law Faculty at the University of Oregon. He is now a practicing member of the Pennsylvania Bar. He discusses many of the agencies of the New Deal. In the introduction he says: "It may be that the United States

is on the threshold of a period of reinterpretation of the Constitution, perhaps like the period 1800-1835, which will witness a broadening of the powers of the Federal government." The appendix carries the texts of important Acts such as the National Industrial Recovery Act, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Agricultural Adjustment Act. There is a helpful index.

War in Europe, 1940? By VERNON MCKENZIE. (Camas, Washington: Camas Publishing Co. 1934. Pp. 68.)

The author is Head Professor of Journalism, University of Washington. This little book is compiled from articles he sent to newspapers in the United States and Canada while visiting Central Europe from July to September, 1934. Readers will feel that he has brought his observations down to date, for it is not the first time that he has visited that troubled zone.

The Westward Star. By FRANK ERNEST HILL. (New York: The John Day Company. 1934. Pp. 275. \$2.50.)

The Westward migration is told here in swift moving verse, more vivid than prose. The story reveals knowledge and understanding of the people, the problems they faced, and the land through which they moved.

David Douglas, Pioneer Naturalist on the Columbia River, 1825-1833. By F. S. HALL. (Reprinted from *The Murrelet* for January, 1934, Volume XV. Pp. 1-16).

This is the third and concluding installment of *Studies in the History of Ornithology in the State of Washington (1792-1932) With Special Reference to the Discovery of New Species*, a series of papers appearing in *The Murrelet*. The author is President of the Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society.

David Thompson and the Rocky Mountains. By J. B. TYRELL. (Reprinted from *The Canadian Historical Review* for March, 1934, Pp. 39-45.)

Contains a hitherto unpublished document by David Thompson entitled *Discoveries from the east side of the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean*.