

## NEWS DEPARTMENT

### *Edmond Stephen Meany*

Edmond Stephen Meany, Executive Head of the Department of History, University of Washington, and Founder and Editor of the *Washington Historical Quarterly*, died suddenly on April 22, 1935, at the age of seventy-two. Professor Meany graduated from the University of Washington (Territorial) in 1885, and four years later was granted a master's degree in Science. As a young man he began work in the newspaper field and developed a "news-sense" that enabled him unerringly to pick the news value out of whatever came his way. Newspaper work drew him into politics to some extent and he served two terms in the Legislature of the State (1891-93). Turning rather abruptly into educational lines, he was granted the Litt. M. degree by the University of Wisconsin, in 1901, and from that time his main interest in life was history teaching. He became an outstanding authority on the history of the Pacific Northwest, but never wholly divorced himself from a number of other activities. At the time of his death he was serving his twenty-seventh year as President of The Mountaineers, was Scout Commissioner of the Boy Scouts, an active worker in the erection of statues of distinguished Americans, and of historical monuments in Washington.

The Indians of Washington intrigued his interest in connection with the study of the history of the Northwest and his friendly interest resulted in his adoption into the Nez Percés, the Nootka and the Sioux tribes.

The bibliography of his most important writings which appear in another place in this publication, testifies to the width of his human interests.

The College of Puget Sound conferred the honorary L.L.D. upon him in 1926, France made him a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor and many historical societies testified to an appreciation of his merit by conferring honors upon him.

His interest in all that concerned his state and university was unsurpassed, and drew him into a wide variety of activities. He was always a builder, never a destroyer, and the multitude of his friends are the strongest testimonial of his influence.