

NEWS DEPARTMENT

American Historical Association

The thirty-third annual meeting of the American Historical Association was held in Philadelphia, December 27 to 29. The state of Washington was represented on the programme where one section was devoted to recent Russian history. Professor Frank A. Golder, of the Washington State College, had a paper on "The First Week of the Revolution of March, 1917." He was in Russia during that eventful week and, of course, had intimate information to impart. No other State on the Pacific North Coast was represented on the programme, although Oregon had a native son in evidence. Professor Kenneth S. Latourette had a paper in the Conference on Far Eastern History devoted to *American Scholarship in Chinese History*. He now hails from Denison University.

Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association

At the recent meeting in California of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, the State of Washington was represented by Oliver H. Richardson, Professor of European History in the University of Washington. He read a paper on *England and America in the European War*. At a later business session he was elected Vice-President of the organization.

Bequest from Miss Mary Banks

The University of Washington Library has just received a notable addition to its collection of material relating to the history of the Pacific Northwest. The gift comes as a bequest from Miss Mary Banks, whose death occurred during the past year. It consists of a large number of letters, magazines and pamphlets relating to the history of Puget Sound and the Northwest. Miss Banks was for many years the reference librarian of the Seattle Public Library. She will be remembered as a diligent student and a discriminating collector in the field of local history. The gift contains many items of rarity and value.

History Lectures at Camp Lewis

When Professor Norman F. Coleman assumed the duties of educational director under the Young Men's Christian Association at Camp

Lewis he asked for volunteer help from the University of Washington. Many departments responded, including that of history. Professors O. H. Richardson, J. N. Bowman and Edmond S. Meany have given lectures there in the courses scheduled. The National Board of Historical Service is now planning to have a regular course of illustrated historical lectures given in each one of the cantonments. Camp Lewis will be included in the new plan. W. O. Easton, associate educational director of the National War Work Council, says of this co-ordinated plan: "giving to the men a more adequate background for the war, and in this way help to create an army morale which will forward the causes for which we are fighting."

Memorial Services for the Whitman Massacre

The seventieth anniversary of the famous Whiteman massacre was celebrated in Walla Walla on the evening of November 28, 1917.

President S. B. L. Penrose of Whitman College introduced seven of the eleven living survivors of the massacre as follows: Mrs. Gertrude Jane Hall Denny, of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Phoebe McKay, of Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. Edgar Copley (sister of Mrs. McKay), of Riverside, Cal.; Mrs. Elizabeth Spaulding Warren, of Cataldo, Idaho; Mrs. Nancy Osborne Jacobs, of Portland, Ore.; Mr. Osborne (brother of Mrs. Jacobs), of Bandon, Ore.; Oscar Canfield, of Clarkston, Wash. Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Copley are daughters of Luke Woodward Saunders.

Brief addresses were delivered by Mr. Canfield and Mrs. McKay, two of the survivors, and the principal address of the occasion was given by William Denison Lyman, professor of history in Whitman College, Walla Walla.