

the author has held closely to his subject. The story is well told by Dr. Clark whose own comment is often more refreshing even than the humor of the stories that he tells or the facts that he presents. The honesty and respect with which the people of the frontier have been treated squares with a statement made by the writer in his Preface:

At no place have I been guilty of laughing at the people who break through the mountain barrier to plant a new society along a new frontier. It has ever been my hope to march humbly in lockstep with them and to help tell their human story with as little prejudice as possible and no levity. I cannot refrain from being envious of them of their land and their fun. My enjoyment of their antics has been vicarious, but complete.

It is very difficult to write well of the rampaging features of pioneer life, but Dr. Clark has maintained his balance exceedingly well. He has treated the rollicking ways of those types of men who reacted to frontier conditions with vigor and rough humor with fairness and fidelity. He has selected and told many stories well, and has succeeded even better with dialogue, a very difficult form of composition. The titles of his ten chapters are intriguing, and whether he is dealing with, "Varmints," "Liars," "Fiddlin'," "Fool-in' with the Gals," or some other topic, his own comment is interesting and often keen. The book, as a whole, is a rich repository of lore and fact relating to important aspects of pioneer times that have not been well portrayed in the past.

The volume relates to the Middle West. As the author says in his "Preface," he has confined his story to the Trans-Alleghany region, included Tennessee and held himself below the "Yankee line in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois." Some material covers territory beyond the Mississippi to the western limits of Missouri and Arkansas, and excursions and forays have been made into Iowa, Wisconsin, Mississippi and Louisiana. Hoosiers who know something of frontier life in Indiana will find much to entertain and instruct them in *The Rampaging Frontier*.

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Documents and Readings in the History of Europe Since 1918. Collected by Walter Consuelo Langsam, Ph.D. J. B. Lippincott Company, Chicago, 1939. Pp. xxvii, 865.

In the foreword Dr. Langsam states that his object is

"providing, in convenient form, the exact texts of some of the most important documents and illustrative reading material relevant to the general course on the history of Europe since 1918."

The book has ten chapters with a total of two hundred forty-five numbered sections. Each section is prefaced by a brief explanatory note concerning the nature of the material in that section, a feature adding to the usefulness of the book. In every case, the compiler has indicated carefully the source of the data used. Material drawn upon includes many documents and also many of the more authoritative secondary accounts that treat various aspects of post-war Europe.

Following chapters on the "Paris Peace Settlement," "The League of Nations," "Reparations, Debts, Depression," "Security and Armaments," one chapter each is given over to "Great Britain and its Empire," "France," "Italy," "Spain," "Great Germany," and "The Soviet Union."

The readings include sections on such topics as: "Factors in the Great Depression," "Do Colonies Pay?", "Some of the Effects of the War in Great Britain," "The French Character," "The Battle of Wheat," "The Austrian Peasant," "The Horst Wessel Song," "The Death of Chancellor Dollfus," "Lenin on the New Economic Policy," and "The Moscow Trials, 1937."

This book should be of value to students with some knowledge of the background of the period and topics treated, and will afford a beginning to more than textbook information.

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George Croghan's Journal of His Trip to Detroit in 1776 was recently brought out by the University of Michigan Press. This handsome, little volume (pp. vii, 61) is accompanied by an Appendix listing all of the George Croghan manuscripts in the William L. Clements Library and there is a complete Index. The contents of the volume, which is carefully edited by Howard H. Peckham, contain a sketch of Croghan, correspondence between him and General Gage of 1767, and the Journal listed in the title. This very valuable publication may be obtained from the University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor, for \$1.25.