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HISTORIC ARMY ORDERS ARE FOUND IN BARRACKS

Vancouver, Wash. (AP)—Copies of two general orders, one promoting U. S. Grant from brevet second lieutenant to second lieutenant and assigning him to the Seventh Infantry and the other announcing the death of John Quincy Adams, have been received by Colonel Frank Morrow, commander of the seventh infantry, United States Army at Vancouver barracks.

The copies were sent by G. M. Knisely, an army veteran, who saved the orders from destruction years ago at Fort Leavenworth.

The order announcing the death of Adams was signed by President James K. Polk, and was received by the seventh infantry while on duty in Mexico in 1848. That promoting Grant was issued September 30, 1845.

*History, U. S.
Death of John
Quincy Adams.*

*Promotion of
Genl. U. S. Grant:
of Sept 30 - 1845.*

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Congress is slowly losing its power to a multitude of executive bureaucrats. The rescue of the National Legislature from this invasion of its prerogatives is the most important concern of the American people to-day.

After pointing out that the Government is "out of focus"; that the "executive machinery grows rapidly"; that the "public is unacquainted with the situation," the writer concludes that "In the last analysis Congress is to blame."

On the same day and in the same paper there appeared another syndicated article from the pen of Frank H. Simonds, likewise under a full-page headline, as follows:

Dictators grow in favor in continental Europe.

In the half-page story Mr. Simonds portrays the European failure of parliamentary governments, and makes this significant admission:

But to-day if you consider the European situation it is plain that the attempt of parliaments to regain control has in almost all cases worked badly. At the present hour, the single continental government which is succeeding in anything like a successful fashion is that of Mussolini.

Only recently a noted preacher in the capital of my State in his Sunday morning sermon asserted that American civilization is going the way to death older civilizations have gone; that America is doing what preceding civilizations have done; and that unless a halt is somehow called our civilization is doomed. The Daily Oklahoman, in commenting upon this sermon editorially, said:

Interesting, indeed, and fairly startling; but, after all, what can be done about it?

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Modern nations persist in repeating the mistakes of the ancients, they commit the follies of the ancients, they blindly go the way of the ancients, and ultimately they sink into a tomb from which there is no promise of a resurrection.

Ever since the morning stars sang the birth song of a new world, forest trees and men and nations have sprung from life seed to live, flourish, weaken, and finally perish. Many a nation has flung its boundaries beyond sea and mountain and in the night of world dominion has dreamed of national immortality, but like Adam's sons and forest trees each has succumbed to maladies from which no nation is immune and has gone into the oblivion of the dead.

Students of history easily diagnose the ills that weaken and finally destroy nations, but their diagnoses ever go unheeded. After all, is it possible for short-lived and mortal men to create an immortal civilization? Let the answer come from the ghosts that wail among the ruins of Karnak and keep watch among the tombs of Troy.

A few days later the editorial writer in the paper mentioned said:

More than once in days gone by the Daily Oklahoman has mentioned the striking uniformity with which free governments proceed through five stages of government in their journey from national independence to national destruction. For it is startling, indeed, to reflect that absolute despotism, parliamentary freedom, factional or bloc control,