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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.

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limit or restrict the authority and powers of the State, and assume or vest control and power in the Federal Government, contrary to the conception and purposes of the founders of the Republic.

The Washington Evening Star quotes Will P. Kennedy as follows:

The great issue—

Says Mr. Kennedy—

is whether we shall continue to function upon the principles wrought out by the founding fathers, or shall we go still further outside of the Constitution and continue to change slowly but surely our form of government from that of a Republic to a pure democracy, on the one hand, or a strong central government with autocratic tendencies, on the other.

Some years ago we used to live strictly by the Constitution, but talked little about it; by a strange paradox to-day we are talking a great deal more about the Constitution and getting further away from it in our lives. What shall the harvest be?

On October 13 Gov. Frank O. Lowden, in addressing a class in citizenship at the University of Chicago, was reported by the Associated Press to have said:

That America's governmental machinery is hopelessly out of date; that our Government is "moribund with bureaucracy, enmeshed helplessly in its own twining red tape"; that "democratic government, as America is practicing it, is a failure at the moment."

Only recently an influential lecturer and highly read publicist is reported to have said:

Within a few years the America of our fathers will either be saved or lost.

On March 5 the distinguished gentleman from Virginia [Mr. TUCKER] said:

A most intelligent gentleman said to me only a few days ago: "Tucker, your grandchildren will live to see the day when this Constitution is no longer in existence."

Senator BORAH, in addressing the United States Senate on April 22, 1924, fixed the time for the downfall of the Republic at 30 years.

In the preface of Henry Litchfield West's book entitled "Federal Power" we find the following:

We know that the character of our Government as designed by its founders is already rapidly changing and that we are less prone than heretofore to regard our Constitution as a sacred and inviolable instrument. There is a possibility, with the integrity of the State as an essential unit disappearing, that we may be brought face to face with a one-man bureaucratic autocracy.

On March 13 the Washington Post, in reporting a lecture, said:

Alluding to the reaction in Europe against democracy in favor of "one-man power," James M. Beck, former Solicitor General, in his second address on the Constitution, last night, under auspices of the Georgetown School of Foreign Service, warned that America is not free from the danger of a social revolt.