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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 Pesident 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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Death of John Quincy Adams,
&
Promotion of Genl. U. S. Grant.
of Sept 30 - 1845.
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from the honorable abiding place of freedom to the ignominious abode of servitude.

I now here pause to ask, What is the cause of this well-nigh universal complaint against the status of the Government established by the fathers?

Wherein are we going wrong?
What must we do to be saved?

Permit me to give you some of the things alleged to be wrong and also some of the suggested remedies:

E. H. Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation, is of the opinion that—

The worst thing we have is our American Congress.

Orin Lester, of Chicago, in addressing the American Bankers' Association in New York recently, is reported to have said:

With such agencies at work in the country as Bolshevism and the present United States Congress, we have some job on our hands to maintain the integrity of the Nation and the security of her institutions.

Otto H. Kahn, head of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., in addressing a luncheon of the Foreign Policy Association a few days ago, proposed a remedy for our ills and suggested that Mussolini has—

substituted efficient, energetic, and progressive processes of government for parliamentary wrangling and wasteful and impotent bureaucracy.

The Wall Street Journal is in complete agreement with Messrs. Gary, Lester, and Kahn. On December 30 this publication printed an editorial under the heading "Democracy's Weakness," in which the following language is used:

Ours was designed as a republican form of government, and there is no form in the history of the world more successful or more enduring. Democracies are replaced by despotism when they degenerate into mob rule. The countries which are getting on their feet in Europe, with the single, if important, exception of Great Britain, are now ruled by dictators.

The purposes and ability of Congress are challenged in an editorial printed in the Journal of Commerce, a Broadway, New York, publication, under date of December 24, 1925, and in the following language:

Yet it remains true that parliamentarism is undoubtedly decadent. In none of the representative bodies of the world does either the personnel or the quality of legislation measure up to that of comparatively recent times.

After arguing satisfactorily to itself that present parliamentary systems have broken down, the article concludes:

Whatever may be the explanation of existing conditions, it is perfectly true, as Mussolini indicates, that the public at large is dissatisfied with its representation, yet does not know how to correct the condition complained of. All sorts of mechanical methods have been tried—direct primaries, "Australian" ballots, anticorruption laws, and manifold others. The fact remains that what is needed is more public spirit and ability. Instead of that we have the bloc system in Congress, and perhaps the most selfish standards of legislative conduct that have