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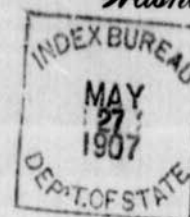
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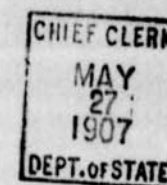
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Washington, May 25, 1907.



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His Excellency

The Governor of California,

Sacramento. Calif

The Japanese Ambassador has advised the Government of the United States, upon authority of a telegram from the Japanese Consul General in San Francisco that on the evening of Monday last a mob attacked and wrecked a Japanese restaurant on Folsom Street in that city known as the Horseshoe Restaurant, breaking all the windows and driving out and violently assaulting the customers and making it impossible for the restaurant to continue business; that on the same evening the mob attacked a bathing establishment carried on by Japanese on the opposite side of the same street and damaged it to such an extent that it was impossible to continue business; that from half past seven until half past nine the same evening the mob practically held possession of the street which lay between these houses; that no police protection was afforded; that on the following day the Consul General called on the Chief

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of Police, reported the facts and asked the police for the protection of the Japanese who were thus made the objects of mob violence, and informed the Chief of the rumor that had come to his knowledge that another attack was contemplated by the mob for that evening on another Japanese restaurant called the Lion restaurant; that on the evening of May twenty-first the mob did put the Lion restaurant under a siege for a considerable time, the customers thereof being seized and beaten; that on this occasion no police protection was given; that during the twenty-second of May and the twenty-third of May demonstrations of mob violence were made against the Lion restaurant and against another Japanese restaurant known as the California restaurant.

The American Ambassador to Japan cables that reports have been received in Tokyo to the same effect. Yesterday's press despatches in the newspapers this morning, to a considerable extent, corroborate these statements.

The President instructs me to bring these statements to your attention and to ask for an immediate inquiry into the facts, and to call upon the State of California, in case the facts appear to be as stated, for a prompt and effective enforcement of the law contained in the first

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Article of the treaty of November twenty-two, eighteen ninety four, between the United States and Japan, which provides that the citizens of Japan shall have full liberty to reside in any part of the United States and shall enjoy full and perfect protection for their persons and property. The primary duty to observe and enforce this provision for the protection of the Japanese residing in the city of San Francisco rests upon the State of California, and the Government of the United States does not for a moment question the wish of that State to perform its duty to the full extent of its obligation imposed by law and by the requirements of good faith towards ~~the~~ Japanese. We are not unmindful of the fact that a generally disturbed condition of affairs exists in San Francisco because of the street railroad strike, but we beg to suggest that the unlawful violence which ~~has~~ on previous occasions ^{has} been exhibited towards Japanese ^{and their} business establishments, as well as the recent events now reported, furnish an urgent reason for special measures of police protection to the persons and property of Japanese under the existing conditions, to the end that the treaty obligations of the United States may be

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