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Hon. Elihu Root,
Secretary Of State,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Secretary: For your information in regard to the treatment of certain Japanese Residents of the City of San Francisco, we beg to inform you that upon the 20th day of this month, about the hour of 7:30 P. M., there gathered in front of the Horseshoe restaurant, 1213 Folsom St., conducted by M. Wakajima, also in front of the Bath House, 1214 Folsom St., conducted by E. Yemoto, a mob of roughs, some thirty in number, who prevented customers from entering either place, and that they procured a wagon, loaded it with bricks and stones, and in driving past the above mentioned places threw the bricks and stones, demolishing the doors and windows of both houses, badly injuring one of the waiters, and destroying property inside the buildings. That they also entered the restaurant taking therefrom two customers who were eating in the restaurant, and beating them.

This mob, largely augmented in numbers, next proceeded to the restaurant of I. Kawai, 129 Lyon St., and there committed the same offenses

These businesses have always been conducted in an orderly manner and represented an outlay of considerable capital; the bath house alone was fitted up at an expense to the owner of \$6000.

We wish to add further, that on the morning of the 21st, after 10 AM, while the occupants had temporarily absented themselves from the premises, the restaurant at 1213 Folsom St., was entered and everything of value taken therefrom.

We submit these facts, also newspaper clippings in regard to the affair, for your consideration, in order that you might better know the condition of affairs existing in this city at this time.

We beg to remain

Yours most respectfully,

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