

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., May 27th, 1907.

Adjutant General,
State of California,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Obeediently to instructions, I have the honor to report as follows:

On my arrival at Police Headquarters in this City, the Chief of Police J. P. Dinan made the statements here quoted, relative to the alleged outrages committed by a crowd of white persons upon Japanese residents of San Francisco:

"I think this was the work of a lot of hoodlums. I can say that this matter is entirely within my control and will have proper attention. I have full detailed reports of the whole matter from all of the officers and Captain Duke. United States Marshal Elliott was in here yesterday with dispatches from the Secretary of War and we gave him all the reports in the matter that we had. I do not know anything about the attack on the "Lion Restaurant." Those reports from the Secretary of War on the first attacks are just as stated. I can say on account of this that the officers are detailed out on the strike and the hoodlums must have known this and during the time that the officers were away from that locality on other details took the advantage to make this attack. As soon as headquarters were notified we notified Captain Duke of the Southern Station, whose district this is in, and who has given us a report of the whole affair, which is on file in this office and part of the police records, (which I hand you with this statement.)"

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Statement of Japanese in California.
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Governor of California.

Replies to telegram of May 25th
and enclosed reports in regard there-
to. States there is a rather large
lawless element residing in that
city and every effort is being made
and will be made to keep this element
in restraint and protect the property
and persons of all citizens, includ-
ing the Japanese. The Chief of
Police assures him that the Japanese
will be afforded proper police pro-
tection.
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To Japanese Consul
San Francisco

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A. G., State of Cal.----2:

I am of the opinion that the trouble in question is due in great part to the floating element of the lawless with which this City is now infested and overridden, who always lie in wait to follow in the wake of distress and confusion, with a hope of plunder. This seems to apply in strong measure to the stricken city of San Francisco. The worthless class, as is generally known, has been accumulating here ever since the calamity of a year ago, and, in my opinion, the abnormal conditions incident to the present labor troubles have given additional encouragement to this objectionable element.

The Chief of Police assures me that the situation is surely within his control and that steps are being taken to prevent a repetition of the offenses. He also states in effect that he fully appreciates the fact that just now the situation is especially difficult on account of the presence of a large number of idle men as a result of the strike of the street-car men and others and the great and unusual demand for the services of policemen, as well as a limited appropriation for an additional force, but will give careful attention to the matter in question.

I am also of the opinion that this is a question between the union and non-union elements, since similar instances have taken place in this City where Japanese were not concerned.

Very respectfully,

Thos Wilhelm U.S. Army.

On Duty with Organized Militia of California.