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CONSULATE OF JAPAN
1274 O'Farrell St.

San Francisco, Cal., May 28th, 1907.

San Francisco, May 22nd, 1907.

Hon. Robert T. Devlin,
Chief of Police,
United States Attorney,
of the City and County of
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I beg to herewith transmit to you the copy of a communication sent by me on this date to Hon. J. F. Dinan, Chief of Police of this City, relative to assaults on Japanese Restaurants.

In support of the view entertained by my people that these acts of violence are the result of deliberate malice on the part of the unruly elements of this city, I respectfully invite your attention to the continued annoyances at the California, White Star and Lion Restaurants. The damage done was so extensive both to the house and back door. The business of the restaurant has been shut down.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) K. Matsubara,

Acting Consul of Japan.

On the same evening, apparently composed of the same persons, attacked the house at 1214 Polson Street just across the way from the California Restaurant. This place is known as the "Polson Street Bath" and is conducted by W. Fimote. Stones and brick were thrown through the five large panes of glass. During the two hours covering the period from 7 to 9 p.m. the mob held possession of the street between the two houses, and no protection was extended by the police although numerous calls were sounded.

On last evening I visited these two houses in person and found every evidence of violent assaults. The Korea Shop restaurant had closed and its fixtures had been taken out by the intimidated proprietors; his business being completely destroyed. The proprietor of the bath house, in the meantime, was in great fear of a repetition of the outrage.

As you are aware, I called upon you last evening and reported these facts. I also advised you that rumors had reached me to the effect that an assault was contemplated by the mob on the Japanese Restaurant at 124 Eighth St. known as the Lion Restaurant, same being scheduled to take place on the same evening (May 21st) The