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Hon. William C. Endicott,
Secretary of War,
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Sir:

I have just received the following telegram from S.R. Callaway, General Manager of the Union Pacific road, dated Omaha, September 3

One hundred armed men have driven all Chinese from Rock Spring killing one and injuring child; have burned the houses. Governor ren is asking for troops to suppress riot, and requests that you communicate with President. They will not permit Chinese to return; notified Evans, Coal Department Engineer, to leave".

I understand that the President is not now in Washington or attending to business. I therefore communicate directly with you.

I have to leave home this afternoon to be in New York probably until Sunday morning, although I could return tomorrow, if necessary.

Meanwhile, I would respectfully request that careful consideration be given to the application of Governor Warren.

The facts in the case are these:- Some years ago, owing to the extreme difficulty we had with our white labor, Chinese labor was introduced. Difficulty then took place, and upon our request the United States military authorities interfered to preserve the peace. The

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difficulty was at once settled, and the Chinamen have since been at work peacefully and satisfactorily to the company. I infer from the report that this is an invasion of a peaceful community by armed men from the outside. I have reason to fear, also, that unless prompt and decisive action is taken, the difficulty may develop to the most serious proportions. I should have no fear whatever as to this being the case were it distinctly understood that the United States Government would preserve the peace.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Charles F. Adams, Jr.
President.