

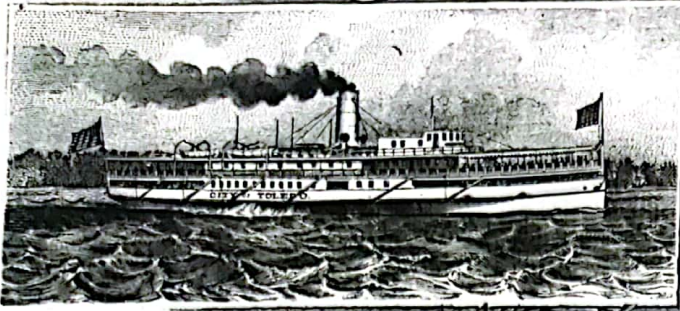
# Craig Ship Building Company

Builders and Repairers of

## STEEL, WOOD OR COMPOSITE SHIPS.

MAINE AND STATIONARY

MACHINERY



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T. R. MERRELL, Gen. Mgr.  
LLOYD SWAYNE, Mechanical Eng.

Long Beach, Calif. November 25th, 1917

District Attorney John W. Preston,  
Through Mrs. Annett Adams, Assistant,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The following are a few facts I desire to bring to your attention, as I realize you are as patriotic as any loyal American citizen.

The writer sold the Craig Shipbuilding Company to the California Shipbuilding Company during 1915, and severed all connection with the same January 1, 1916 and never intended entering the business again. As the war was on and ships seemed to be the most important thing needed, after being urged and solicited by several interests in the North to assist them in building and organizing a ship yards, I considered it my duty to give the industry the benefit of my years of experience, so organized the Craig Shipbuilding Company of California and started to build two steamers, which we now have well advanced, and which were taken over by the U. S. Shipping Board on August 3rd. The writer is financial banker for this company, Consulting Engineer and Naval Architect for this company, and my presence is needed here daily, and if I am detained and held away from here it will greatly delay the completing of these ships.

There is at the present time contract being forwarded to Capt. A. F. Pillsbury, West Coast District Officer of the United States Shipping Board, for the construction of one 8800 ton vessel ready to be signed, which I cannot execute and proceed with the construction of when obliged to attend court four hundred miles away from the Works, and if I am obliged to attend court during all this trial, it will simply delay the construc-



tion of this ship during the length of time this trial consumes.

The California Shipbuilding Company, through mismanagement and a very extravagant organization, has lost over a quarter of a million dollars during the little less than two years they have operated the plant, and are at the end of their pocketbook at the present time, and must secure financial assistance, which I have tried my best to secure for them, but which all the moneyed people we have solicited have refused to put up unless I would take hold of it and reorganize the same and accept and be General Manager of the new organization, and while I have been trying to get out of business, seeing this company has under construction at the present time two submarines that are nearly complete, three additional submarines about three-quarters complete, and three 6,000 ton Steamers just started for the Shipping Board, and from the fact that all of this work is rush work for the U. S. Government, and in order not to stop the progress of this work, I have agreed to assume control of and reorganize this works under the name of the Long Beach Shipbuilding Company, and had this trial not been called just at the time it was, this would have all been signed up and the reorganization completed, as we had all particulars negotiated and were rewriting the documents when we received a wire from the Sheriff that we were wanted, and of course I dropped everything and took the first train North to this trial.

Now it is impossible for me to undertake the reorganizing of this works and attend court, and I would never have expected to be able to do so were it not for the last talk I had with Mrs. Adams, when I explained how impossible it was for me to go on with this war shipbuilding and still attend court, and she said to go right on with my work and when the time came she would see if there was not some way by which you could allow me to continue the building of these ships for the war necessities.

I am President and General Manager of the Los Angeles Dredging Company, our Superintendent has been sick for a year and is now on a farm down in the Imperial District to try and regain his health.

The Harbor entrance here at Long Beach has shoaled up to less than 9 feet, and it is unsafe to take these submarines out of the Harbor with only this depth of water. The City Officials have advertised three times for bids to do this dredging, which should be done with a bar dredge, but as they are unable to even get a bid on this work, from the fact there is no bar dredge in this vicinity, I agreed to do the same with an ordinary suction dredge, although it is a very dangerous job in order to open up the channel to the ocean for these submarines to come in and out to the only Dry Dock south of San Francisco, and we were just started three days on this work when we were called North, and we never would have attempted the work had we anticipated that I would have to attend court, as it needs my personal attention more than ever, seeing our old Superintendent is unable

to handle it, and in order to give you an idea of the importance of experienced hands in this work, will simply say that two out of four dredges that have attempted this task have been wrecked and sunk on the spot.

Under all the circumstances that are depending on me, do you not think you can allow us to be absent from trial until you desire me in connection with that part that I know about, as I am perfectly willing and agreeable to assist you in any way I can in this trial with any knowledge I have about the case.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. B. Craig". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing "Very respectfully yours,".



**TIMES AND PLACES OF HOLDING COURT.**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.**

At CHICAGO—First Mondays in February, March, April, May, June, July, September, October, and November, and the third Monday in December.

At FREEPORT—Third Mondays in April and October.

**Department of Justice.**

**OFFICE OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY,**

**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,**

**826 FEDERAL BUILDING,**

**CHICAGO.**

November 21, 1917.

United States v. Ram Chandra, et al.

John W. Preston, Esq.,

United States Attorney,

San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the twelfth instant, relating to certain documents desired by you for use in the trial of the case of United States v. Ram Chandra, et al, I am forwarding you the following:

- ✓ 1. Original letter from H. L. Gupta to his father in India, together with original envelope bearing the Tokio postmark "9-11-15".
- ✓ 2. The following papers taken from George Paul Boehm at the time of his arrest in Singapore:
  - a. "Making Wireless Outfits."
  - b. Brown leather purse containing certain cards, memoranda, etc.
  - c. Index pocket map of Japan by Rand-McNally Co.
  - d. Justus Perthes's "See-Atlas".
  - e. "Spreekt gij Maleisch, door J. Rijnenberg."
  - f. Original letter from Boehm to his wife at 2068 N. Oakley Avenue, Chicago, dated 9-24-15, from Batavia, enclosing two kodak pictures.
  - g. One package of hotel and other receipts, etc.
  - h. Envelope containing post-cards, memoranda, map, etc.
  - i. One pocket memorandum book.
  - j. Two letters of recommendation, one by the Art Bedstead Company, dated May 1, 1915, and the other by Mr. H. E. Harris, General Sales Manager of the American Adding Machine Co., dated May 3, 1915.

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Referred to Mr. [illegible]  
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k. Envelope containing cards, memoranda, etc.

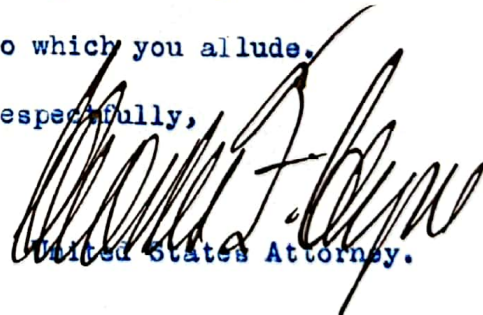
The foregoing items have been forwarded to you this day under separate cover, registered.

3. Your letter asks for the original records of departure from San Francisco sent to me by the Commissioner of Immigration of Angel Island. These original records were sent in error and were promptly returned and certified copies thereof forwarded to me. The original records are, therefore, in the possession of the Commissioner of Immigration.

With respect to your request regarding exhibits tendered and received in evidence in the trial of United States v. Jacobsen, et al, in this district, I would inform you that these papers are part of the record in the Court of Appeals and obviously cannot be removed without the permission of the court. This permission, if given, would be given of course, only upon the assurance that the papers be promptly returned here. I will write you further concerning above within a few days.

I believe you will find that Mr. Marr has in his possession photographic copies of the cipher message from Gupta and the envelope, as well as other letters to Wehde, to which you allude.

Very respectfully,



United States Attorney.

JBF\*SMB  
6082-94.  
Enc.

ADDRESS ANSWER TO  
COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION  
AND REFER TO NUMBER

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF  
COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION  
ELLIS ISLAND, NEW YORK HARBOR, N. Y.

November 21, 1917.

*Letter dictated to [unclear] 11.26.17*  
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H.C.D.  
11.26.17

United States Attorney,  
Department of Justice,  
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Pursuant to your request of the 13th instant, I  
enclose Abstract of Passenger Manifest as to the follow-  
ing named aliens:

Heramba Gupta, ex SS "Ancona", January 19, 1915  
Reza Bagher, ex SS "Hellig Olav", Feb. 1, 1916  
Dhirendra K. Sarkar, ex SS "Ryndam", Oct. 7, 1914

I also enclose original Departure Slip as to Reza  
Bagher, showing that he left the United States on SS  
"Kristianafjord", December 11, 1916. This slip should  
be returned when it has served your purpose.

The departure of the other four aliens mentioned  
in your letter cannot be verified.

Respectfully,

For the Commissioner

*[Signature]*  
Superintendent.

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Enclosure 46682.

Rec'd. 11-26  
Referred to Mr. [unclear] 19-17  
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