

~~Mr. M. G. G. G.~~

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Dear Mr. Offley

One of the most important defendants in the Hindu case, now under trial here, is Tarak Nath Das, a naturalized American ~~and~~ citizen. After working for some time with the German Government in Berlin and elsewhere on the Continent ~~in 1914~~ of Europe in 1914 and 1915, he was ~~in~~ sent, in 1916, as a German agent to work in the Orient. Tarak Nath Das left San Francisco by S.S. Tanyo Maru, August 26th, 1916 and on board the ship became a close acquaintance of two ladies, Miss La Motte and Mr. Chadbourne. This friendship continued during the greater part of Das' stay in the Orient and all three constantly met in China. Miss La Motte and Mr. Chadbourne returned to the U.S.A. shortly before Das' ~~arrival~~ and it is clear that he still regards ~~them~~ these ladies as his staunch supporters ~~for he immediately telegraphed from Hong Kong~~ ^{so} we hear that he applied to them for bail ~~necessary for him~~ on his arrest at San Francisco. Das, whilst in the Orient, engaged ~~himself~~ in Pro-German & Pan-Asiatic ^{propaganda} work and published some extremely offensive publications in which the attitude

County ^{with ~~Oriental~~ with} of this ~~forward~~ in Councilin policies in the Orient was criticised in words which are far from ~~pat~~ unprejudiced and ~~the standpoint for~~ ~~cross~~ closely border on reason towards this County. Certain portions of two letters written by Das to these two ladies have ^{come} into my possession. I quote here two extracts ~~from~~ from these letters:

(1). ~~Re~~ "Please give the Miss. Whinn La Motte ~~so~~ so that she would be x x x x x it with other M. Ss."

(2). "The book by the Asiatic Statesman printed in Japanese which was out on the 11th of this month has also been prohibited so you can easily think of the importance of the book and I hope that the English edition ~~will~~ would be out soon. I hope the translation of the Appendix would reach you soon. Please do not take it lightly when I say that publication of the book would mean a nation wide discussion because of certain revelations which are not fantastic but based upon very cold-blooded facts"

These extracts refer to a book entitled "The Disintegration of Japan in world politics"

Quite the worst of the publications to which I have referred above, and which is an important exhibit in ^{the Hindu} ~~this~~ ^{case} "The Asiatic Malesians" is Tarak Nath Das himself. It seems quite clear that copies of this book and correspondence relating to it will be found in the possession of these two ladies.

These two ladies are constant companions and are in the habit of travelling about together, so I am, accordingly, addressing both New York and Chicago in this matter.

Our ~~latest~~ information is that Mr Chadbourne's permanent address is "1550 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Ill.", the residence of R.T. Crane Jr. who is Mr Chadbourne's brother. Miss Ellen N. La Motte was last heard of as staying at the Buckingham Hotel, New York, on Nov 21st 1917. Her permanent address is "1603 ^{Mount} ~~Wheat~~ Salem Lane, Wilmington, Del."

I should be very grateful if you would have these two ladies interviewed in connection with their dealings with T. N. Das and a subpoena issued, should you think necessary, on them to produce all ^{letters} papers and manuscripts of T. N. Das which may be in their possession.

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Kindly let me know as soon as possible
the result of your enquiries and forward
to me any papers which the ladies
may produce so that I may determine
if it should be necessary to subpoena
these ladies to appear at San Francisco