

Letter No. 25

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Dear Friend Harris!

I wrote you 2 letters last mail and sent you 2 dispatches one of them later was returned to me undelivered. Did you not get any and why did you not answer me. I informed you in my last of my fix that I was locked up still and so am I at the present writing; I have not had a hearing or trial yet; not until later part of November or first of December, if then and here I am laying in d_____ filthy prison half starving to death, and eat up by vermin its as I got not a cent to buy or pay for anything. As you had kindly offered me some money assistance as had Olds also and had instructed Rad. to assist me but I wrote you that Rad is acting true traitor against. Through him my bonds man gave me up, he told them I was trying to run away. Then he went to my lawyer and he gave me up because I would not pay when they wanted it, and since I did not get any from you this boat, they have quit me. I have tried several others, but they all refuse without retaining fees, and so unless I get some help by the end of November, I am sure to get sent up although I am innocent. My wife can't help me as she hardly can earn enough to keep her, besides Willie's been sick for several weeks. I am ready to dispair and if you boys have gone back on me too I am a gone goose. I received a letter from Olds, telling me about the sad fate of poor friend Powers and Cushman. I wish to God I could be in their places, then I would be out of this misery. Olds also tells me that the old ungrateful Sagemiller, has jumped Mrs. Pilz claim, Pilz 2nd. Well he is too mean for anything. Now you, Harkridre (?) D. Campbell and others know that last year when I came up with Armstrong we done a lot of work there first. I will file a protest wherein it shows that in March, April and May, the work was done over \$400.00 worth. Wm. Zobel worked 3 weeks, Jno Hiles 3 weeks, Sam Mathews 6 to 10 days. Everets 10 to 12 days, a Frenchman 3 to 6 days. I worked there over 2 weeks and was working the arrastras on its ore for several weeks. Also had 2 Indians for 2 weeks packing mostly from there. Now if there was any work done on any claim in the Basin last year it was on Pilz 2nd. Please serve inclosed notice personally on Sagemiller and file the copy on records. The sneaking thief he is too low to be allowed to live. Jno Hiles is here and I can get his and Everett's testimony as well as R. Johnsons and I believe Wm. Zobel and Sam Mathew and the Frenchman are up there yet, but you as well as the others must remember it. Have someone go to work on it as Mrs. Pilz has the promise that a party here will advance her the money to pay the assessment on 1885. My time book is in my trunk and I have sent for it so that I can make out an exact affidavit to how much work was done. The d_____ sneak was there a couple times himself when we worked there. He is Coleman's dirty tool and only done it for him. But I will have my revenge on him. I was in such strong hope that you would send me a little money, so that I could get out. \$240.00-\$300.00 Will clear me of this and get me up there and if you boys would advance me that I would come up and work it out for you at once. I think you boys might help me a little. But, if you can't raise me that money please let me know, so that I know what I am about. I know I am asking a big favor, but place yourself in my position and would to blame me. Do the best you can for me. There is 2 bellows and anvils of mine, those cabins, assay kit the lumber in the ore shutes or anything you can turn into some money, no matter how little it will help me. I have not even

money to buy a few candles to light my cell with, or buy a meal once in a while. The grub is horrible. I have had no smoke for ever so long. So you may know what I suffer and at times I do think my senses will leave me. I have not heard from Capt. Coughlan since he knows where I am and is stationed at Mare Island. But I must repeat to you, that he stands right pat with Coleman and you know Coleman owns a big part of the Fuller. I inclose you a notice against Radovich, Please have it recorded in Harrisburgh and then send to Sitka, this boat, so the d_____ black sneak may make a transfer behind my back and try to beat me out of it. I want this notice to be on Record first. The recording fees can be collected per Wells Fargo and Company by addressing me in care of A.P. Whitell M.D. 906 Market Str. He has promised me to pay for it. Another favor to beg of you. Please send me about 25 to 50 lbs. of nice basin ore, it would help me ever so much if you will send it to me sure on return steamer. By any means send me some; address also to Dr. Whitell. Are there no letters for me at Post Office? Please send them, but letters only.

Now Dick will you attend to all this for me to wit: serve and record notice to Sagemiller, record notice to Radovich Send me down some ore. Have some work started on Pilz II, and for God's sake send me a little money.

In regards to Sagemiller's notice, serve it to him before witnesses, let them acknowledge their presents on the back of document, before you file it. And further more, let me know by return steamer per telegram from Nanimo, Victoria or Townsend what you can do for me in money matters, so that I may know what I am about with a lawyer. Mrs. Pilz called last night to tell me, that she had heard that Radovich had written up to you, that he could not advance any money, but for you to send down some in his care and he would use it for me, further that he had put up a big lot for me. That d_____ liar, to Mrs. P. signature he promised to get me out and provide for her, but all he gave her was \$5.00 and then not a cent more and to me he turned in a bill for whiskey cigars for \$70.00 which he claimed he had treated to on (?) my account to officers and s.f.(so forth) while in City Prison. The d_____ S. of B. he let me walk around hungry often and never paid any money out for me. He has blown all over town that he had put up a big lot and it is all a d_____ lie. He came here since to transfer assay interest in a claim in Calaveras Co. to him and I got so d_____ mad I knocked him down in prison and would have choked him but for the officers. He offered me \$20.00 and he could get \$500.00 The jailers did not know where I was, they went to him to be told then he would get them I send for the parties and when they came to me Rad found it out, rushed up to Calaveras, bonded the other 2/3 interest for \$10,000.00 for 90 days, while the others were going to beg for \$1,000.00 So of course it broke the trade up as they did not want 2/3 interest. Don't send nothing to him nor write the d_____ cur and if he comes up remind the boys that if it had not been for me none would have gotten a cent of the \$3400.00 he owed and I paid it out of my own pocket. Tar and feather the dam bastard. Hoping you will help and to hear from you sure. with regards from Mrs. Pilz. I remain as ever. sincerely,

Geo. E. Pilz