

JAPANESE SAID TO BE SPYING IN CALIFORNIA

Two Men, Whose Identities Are Unknown to Authorities, Try to Steal Military Maps in San Francisco.

ATTEMPTS MADE TO BREAK INTO ARMORY

National Guardsmen on Watch at the Building Shoot at Intruders, but Fail to Hit Them.

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Jan. 27.—

The Call says today:

Bullets fired with deadly intent by National Guard sharpshooters early yesterday morning frustrated a second attempt to rob the armory of Companies K and M, Fifth Infantry of the National Guard. In the building, which is located at Buchanan and Waller Streets, are kept valuable military maps of San Francisco's coast defense and topographical plans of the peninsula.

That the attack on the building was not a burglar's ordinary operation seems apparent from the persistency of the mysterious visitors. Early Saturday morning and again in the darkness of Sunday morning, two men tried to gain an entrance into the premises. Fearing that a third attempt might be made, the officer in command ordered the guard of soldiers doubled last night. Armed men watched the premises from night-fall Sunday until dawn this morning.

From the descriptions of the trespassers furnished the officers of the regiment by the sentries, the authorities are working on the theory that Japanese spies were seeking to gain entrance to the secrets of the armory.
