

JAPANESE TRY TO BUY COAST DEFENSE SECRETS

SALT LAKE, Utah, Thursday, March 6.—Jack Treadwell, a Japanese interpreter, formerly a member of the Twenty-first United States Infantry, made the announcement yesterday at the local recruiting office that he had been offered \$150 a month by an agent of the Japanese government to act as a spy in discovering the location of the mines and in obtaining descriptions of the fortifications in San Francisco and San Diego Harbors and Puget Sound.

The Japanese who made the offer, according to Treadwell, was a man known as Matsassuzika, who represented himself as a salesman for the Japanese produce house of Konada & Co., of San Francisco. Treadwell says the Japanese told him he had come to America as a spy, but had been unable to get the information required. The offer, Treadwell says, was made in a Japanese restaurant on Richards Street, the Japanese quarter, on Tuesday.

Treadwell enlisted yesterday as a private in the One Hundred and Fifth Heavy Artillery, which at present has charge of the fortifications at San Francisco. According to Treadwell, the Japanese, in making the offer, asked him to enlist in the Coast Artillery. Treadwell lived eighteen years in Japan and has seen service in the Philippines.