

BUILDING UP CASE AGAINST VON HORN

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VANCEBORO, Maine, Feb. 3.—The Dominion authorities were busy today building up a case to support their request for the extradition of Werner Von Horn, who yesterday attempted the destruction of the international bridge over the St. Croix river.

Before noon a large party of secret

service officers arrived here from Montreal. Their business is to establish that Von Horn had deliberately caused damage to a railway, and so committed an offense which is extraditable.

Question of Offense

At the same time the question whether Von Horn was a criminal or political offender was to be made the subject of exchanges between Ottawa and Washington.

Von Horn, still claiming to be an officer of the German army and appearing to feel secure in his position that he had properly committed an act of war and so could not be extradited, awaited events with composure. His only regret, so far as expressed, is that he succeeded in damaging the bridge but slightly.

It has been stated that he would appeal to the German embassy in Washington, but so far as known he has made no move in this direction. Nor has he consulted a lawyer.

No charge has been preferred against him and he is detained only on the authority of the attorney general of Maine, until an inquiry into the facts of his case can be made.

Could Be Held Indefinitely

It was explained that he could be held indefinitely unless a writ of habeas corpus on his behalf was obtained. Von Horn has shown no disposition to seek his liberty, but provision has been made to forestall such procedure. A local justice stands to issue a warrant for the arrest of the dynamited on any one of the several charges that have been submitted. These include the illegal transportation of dynamite, and of causing damage in this town, where the windows of some buildings were broken by the explosion.