

VAN HORN SAYS HE WILL FIGHT EXTRADITION.

Vanceboro, Me., Feb. 5.—Pending the determination at Washington of his political status, the state of Maine today caused Werner Van Horn, alleged bridge dynamiter, to be sentenced to thirty days in the county jail on a charge of damaging property.

Van Horn has appealed to the German ambassador at Washington, Count von Bernstorff. He told the latter that he had not been on Canadian soil, and asked for protection from extradition to Canada.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, has presented a brief note to Secretary Bryan based on a communication from the Canadian Minister of Justice at Ottawa informing the embassy that Van Horn was wanted on the charge of attempting to destroy human life through the wilful and unlawful destruction of the St. Croix river bridge.

Secretary Bryan referred the communication to the solicitor of the department for examination as to its form. If the application is found to be regular Van Horn will be ordered before a United States commissioner nearest to Vanceboro, where he is now under detention; and the Canadian authorities will be allowed the privilege of appearing by counsel to make out a prima facie case sufficient to justify the demand for the surrender of the prisoner.