

# WAS HORN BRIBED TO WRECK BRIDGE?

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Von Papen's Stub-book Says He  
Got Seven Hundred  
Dollars

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DENIED BY OFFICIALS

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*Canadian Press Despatch.*

Washington, Jan. 17.—It was made clear at the German Embassy to-day that Captain von Papen was in no way responsible to Count von Bernstorff for his expenditures. It was freely admitted that the withdrawn military attache had been given money on various occasions, some times because of his inability to draw funds for himself from Berlin. When he needed funds and could not secure them otherwise, he drew them from the Embassy accounts. He was not responsible to the Embassy for his expenditures, however, being solely responsible, it was said, to the German war office.

Embassy officials seemed inclined to regard the matter as not being serious. They consider that as Von Papen was withdrawn for his military activities, the question is at an end and the publication of evidence which might or might not show what those activities consisted of is of little importance.

As for the alleged payment of \$700 to Werner Horn, it was said

at the Embassy that the money might have been spent in counsel fees. Embassy officials were much interested in the question of whether the cheque stub was dated before or after the explosion which blew up the Canadian Pacific Railway bridge at St. Croix, Maine. It was said the office had never heard of Horn until after his arrest. They still maintain, however, they did not believe the cheque stubs showed any payment to Horn.

Secretary Lansing allowed it to become known to-day that the state department would not consider the contents of the documents until official copies had been received from Ambassador Page at London. The Ambassador has not yet forwarded any information on the subject.