

CANADIAN POLICE

TRAILING VON HORN

Dominion Officers Building up Case for Extradition Proceedings

APPEAL TO WASHINGTON

German, Now in U.S. Jail, Takes Affair Calmly; is Talkative

From a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Preparations are being continued to-day for the extradition proceedings in the case of Werner Von Horn, the German who attempted to blow up the C.P.R. bridge over the St. Croix River.

No reply has been received yet from Washington to the communication sent last night.

Mr. Edward Beatty, vice-president of the C.P.R. and head of the company's legal department, is here to-day conferring with the Justice Department regarding the extradition proceedings.

OFFICERS THERE.

By Canadian Press.

Vancouver, Me., Feb. 3.—The Dominion authorities were busily engaged to-day in 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 and at once set to work to discover every known circumstance of the dynamiting.

Their business was to establish that Von Horn had deliberately caused damage to a railway bridge and so committed an offence which is extraditable. 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.

Appeal to Embassy.

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 only slightly damaging the bridge. It has been stated that he would appeal to the German Embassy at 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, William H. Pallangall, until an inquiry into the facts of his case can be made.

It was explained that because of the suspicious circumstances he could be held indefinitely unless a writ of habeas corpus on his behalf was obtained.

The prisoner occupies a room in the immigration station. His meals are sent in from a restaurant.

The secret service men paid particular attention to Von Horn's statement that he obtained the dynamite from a confederate whom he met on the Canadian side. An effort was made to learn whether he had any companions on his trip from New York and if other strangers had visited nearby villages recently.