

VON HORN SAYS WAS NOT ON CANADA SOIL

The Question Will Be Whether
Railway Destruction
Was Political.

Special to The Star.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 3.—E. Beatty, chief counsel of the C.P.R., is here to-day to consult with the Department of Justice in regard to the destruction of the bridge at Vanceboro by Von Horn, the German now in the hands of the American authorities. At noon it was stated that no reply had yet been received from the Washington authorities to the request that Canada be allowed to extradite Von Horn. A reply is expected at an early date.

Case Without Precedent.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The Van Horn case presents some novel features and in some respects is without precedent. The question undoubtedly will be whether Van Horn's effort to cut a railroad through which his country's enemy receives munitions of war and reinforcements can be considered as a political offence.

A commissioner designated by the Department of Justice will hear the case. If he decides Van Horn is not guilty of the offence with which he is

charged and orders him released, the State Department may not be called on for any action, but if the commissioner holds that extradition should be granted, an appeal will lie with the department.

Not On Canadian Soil.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Vanceboro, Me., Feb. 3.—Van Horn gave to the press the following copy of a telegram which he despatched to the German embassy at Washington:

"I was arrested here for blowing up Canadian end of bridge at Vanceboro, between Maine and Canada. I am held here by the Attorney-General of Main at the request of the Canadian authorities, who are trying to get extradition papers for me from Washington. Please look after my interests in this matter as I am a German subject, and did not put foot on Canadian soil.

"Answer.

(Signed) "Werner Horn."