

THRILL IN U. S. OVER THE VON PAPEN CASE

Washington, Jan. 18.—Accounts of the German embassy, it became known today, prove in the opinion of embassy officials, that if Captain von Papen, the recalled attache, paid any money by checks to Walter Horn it was not until after Horn had been arrested and charged with blowing up the Canadian Pacific railroad bridge at Vanceboro, Me.

London despatches had stated that stubs in von Papen's check book taken from him by the British authorities at Falmouth showed a check for \$700 drawn to Horn's credit, the day after an attache had received \$2,000 from the Germany embassy. According to the embassy account, it was said, \$2,000 was paid to von Papen within a few days after the explosion at Vanceboro to defray the expense in connection with the defence of Horn, a German citizen.

It was also admitted at the embassy that if von Papen had paid money to Hans Aden von Wedill, indicted in New York for an alleged passport fraud, it had been to assist him legally.

Officials of the state department have indicated that it was important to know whether the payment to Horn was made before or after the explosion. German officials repeatedly have denied responsibility for the action of Horn saying they never heard of him until after he had been arrested. State department officials have intimated that evidence which would prove Horn received money from a German source before he blew up the bridge might result in diplomatic correspondence with Berlin.