

# GERMAN ADMITS BLOWING UP C.P.R. BRIDGE AT ST. CROIX

Bridge is 1,200 Feet Long on Direct Line From Montreal to St. John.

PORTION DESTROYED  
ON THE N. B. SIDE

And Connected Canadian Pacific Tracks With Those of Maine Central.

(C. P. Special to Sault Daily Star.)

Vanceboro, Maine, Feb. 2.—One span of the Canadian Pacific Railroad bridge across St. Croix River, between Vanceboro and St. Croix, N. B., was blown up early today. A preliminary investigation indicated that the explosion was caused by dynamite.

The bridge is on the direct line from Montreal to St. John, and is twelve hundred feet long in three steel spans of granite piers. The portion destroyed was on the New Brunswick side of the river. The bridge connects the Canadian Pacific tracks with those of the Maine Central, over which the Canadian Pacific has traffic rights, between Vanceboro and Mattawamkeag. The bridge was built five years ago, replacing an old one.

Montreal, February 2.—The C. P. R. official report on the dynamiting of the railway bridge near Vanceboro this morning says the structure was only slightly damaged. It is alleged that a German officer under arrest is said to have admitted trying to blow up the bridge. The explosion occurred at two o'clock. Only a slight delay occurred to traffic. Passenger trains are crossing the bridge, the passengers not requiring to leave the cars.

A man claiming to be a German officer was arrested on the American side of the line on suspicion of having caused the explosion.

Vanceboro, Feb. 2.—The man arrested for dynamiting the C. P. R. bridge gave his name as Werner Van Horne. He is a big fellow, just under forty. The police assert that he admits the crime, and that a dynamite cap and a plan of the bridge were found in his pocket. He gave the reason for his crime that his country was at war with Britain, and that Canada was part of the enemy's country.