

PAYMENTS TO HORN DENIED BY GERMANS

Assert No Cheque Was Given
Man Held for Blowing up
C.P.R. Bridge

VON PAPEN IS DEFENDED

Effort to Stir up Ill-feeling With
the United States
Alleged

Canadian Press Despatch.

Berlin, Jan. 18 (by wireless to Scyville).—A denial that Capt. Franz Von Papen, recalled German Military attache at Washington, paid money to individuals in the United States in connection with attempts to blow up munitions factories or bridges was made to-day by the semi-official Overseas News Agency.

The agency's statement follows: "British press reports state that former German military attache at Washington, Capt. von Papen, had in his possession letters and bank books seized by the British at Falmouth which contain evidence that he paid money to persons connected with explosions in munitions factories in the United States and to other criminals. The Overseas News Agency hears from competent authorities that these assertions are not correct.

"Captain Von Papen's letters and bank books, which were seized in violation of the safe conduct guaranteed to him, are of a purely personal character or have to do with usual business affairs. Capt. Von Papen never paid money to persons connected with attempts or alleged attempts against munitions plants, bridges, or any other American property. No cheque ever was paid to Werner Horn who is accused of an attempt to blow up a Canadian railway bridge.

Essay Defence.

"It is evident that the German Military Attache never lived on the money that he borrowed. Therefore, the payments he received from Ambassador Von Bernstorff were for expenses in connection with conducting his office. The letters and cheque book stubs, if reproduced in fac simile, would prove that nothing in the way of illegal relations was established between the dates of such payments and of criminal attempts.

"The British press reports evidently are intended to counterbalance the bad impression created by the publication of the letters concerning Greece, which were seized from Col. H. D. Napier, former British Military Attache at Sofia. It evidently is hoped to stir up ill-feeling against Germany at a time when Great Britain is observing, with regret, the improvement in German-American relations."