

WARNING OF THE FIRE

GIVEN THREE WEEKS AGO

By Providence, R.I., Journal, Which Learned Of It From Employees of German Embassy at Washington--
Germans To Attack Munition Plants.

Special to the White
Toronto, Feb. 1. The Globe carries the following special from Providence, R.I.: The Providence Journal publishes its story of the Ottawa Parliament building fire this morning with the following statement:

The Providence Journal three weeks ago notified the Department of Justice that it had received information directly through employees of the German embassy that the Parliament House at Ottawa, Rideau Hall, the home of the Governor-General in Ottawa, and large munition plants in Ontario were to be the next objects of a German attack on this continent, in the order named.

The Journal furthermore notified the Department of Justice at the same time that the German Embassy had given instructions that the work of destruction in American munition plants should be temporarily suspended, and that the next move to be made would give the people of Canada a few things to think about.

The statement was also made by Embassy officials that the arrest of Paul Koenig and the prevention of the destruction of the Welland Canal would only stimulate these activities in Canada.

This information given by the Journal to the Government was conveyed to the Journal through a channel which Government officers at once declared when notified of the source had to their knowledge been in constant touch with members of the German Embassy for many months past.

Britain Likely Warned Too.

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Washington, Feb. 1. If the Providence Journal, as it declared to day, had warned three weeks ago that German conspirators planned to fire the Canadian Parliament building, the Department of Justice officials to day said it was extremely probable the British Government had the same information. As an act of friendship, the officials said, such information if received would have been given the British Embassy.