

U. S. WILL PREVENT HUNS THERE FROM TAKING ANY ACTION AGAINST DOMINION

Assurance is Given by Republic
That no Attacks on Canada Will
be Permitted From an American
Base.

PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES A POSSIBLE INVASION

Former Consul-General Franz Bopp
Attended Parliament Opening
in Ottawa—Could Then Learn
of Conditions Here.

Press Gallery.

House of Commons.

The United States authorities have assured the Canadian government that they will not allow that country to be used as a base for hostile action against the Dominion. Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, stated in the Commons last night that this assurance had been given.

The question was brought up by F. F. Pardee, the chief Liberal whip, who asked the government for a definite assurance that every possible precaution was being taken along the international boundary to prevent any possible invasion or damage on the part of alien enemies in the United States. He referred to the despatches from San Francisco telling of the sixty-one indictments in connection with alleged plots to do extensive damage in this country, including a plot to wreck the entrance to the Sarnia tunnel on the Canadian side.

Submarine Warfare.

Mr. Pardee referred also to the threat of Germany to resume the submarine warfare. He said he did not wish to be an alarmist, yet if this was about to happen, and if it would have the effect of stirring up the German feeling in the United States it would be well to have an assurance from the government that everything was being done and every possible precaution was being taken to prevent any trouble at points along the boundary.

The situation created by Germany's latest move was a grave one, he added, and the feeling amongst the German population in the United States was apt to be strong. There was a mere line constituting the boundary between the two countries, and if a serious attempt was made to carry out these plots it might result very seriously.

U. S. Assurance.

Hon. Mr. Hazen, replying on behalf of the government, said he was very glad to be able to give the assurance asked for. Every precaution was being taken, and the government here had been assured that the United States government would prevent the country from being used as a base for hostile attacks. The minister added that everything possible was being done to frustrate any designs of enemies to the Dominion in the United States.

Hon. Charles Marcil said that Franz Bopp, who was formerly a consul-general at Montreal for a number of years, and who is one of the leading men in politics at San Francisco, had attended an opening of parliament in Ottawa so that if he were actually implicated in any plots against Canada he was certainly well acquainted with conditions in this country.

The House spent most of the day on marine estimates.