

PAPEN'S BRIBE REJECTED.

Offered Huge Sums For Bridgeport Explosions, Newspaper Says.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 23. — The Bridgeport Morning Telegram prints a story alleging that Captain Franz von Papen offered a large sum of money to Egan von Blankenfeld, alias Solomon Trumpetter, to be used to blow up munitions plants in this city.

Von Blakenfeld declined the job, the

story says, because he did not wish to kill or injure innocent men. The story says a statement to this effect was obtained from von Blakenfeld by Nil Chalmers, an agent of the Department of Justice, who was in Bridgeport yesterday on another case.

The Evening Post carries a story, which is said to have come from Washington, that six bombs were found last week in the Remington arms plant. Officials of the company deny they know anything about it.