

FOE AGENT DENIES DYNAMITE PLOTS

Bopp Says "Agents Came to Canada to Investigate Submarine Sales

PARTS SENT, SAID SCHWAB

Unneutral and Unfriendly Act Alleged by German Consul

Canadian Press Despatch.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Counter accusations of violation of neutrality are expected to continue to-day at the trial of Franz Bopp, German Consul General and six assistants who are charged with conspiracy to violate the American neutrality by hampering shipment of munitions to the Entente Allies.

Consul Bopp, whose cross-examination was completed yesterday, said that American manufacturers were not over-scrupulous in their regard for strict observance of "neutrality and that" in various ways they sought to aid enemies of the German Government. It was to trace these alleged violations that the local German Consulate employed agents to visit various parts of the United States and Canada, Bopp said, but not for the purpose of dynamiting railroad tunnels and munitions ships, as the Government alleges.

Theodore Roche, chief of counsel for the defense, introduced correspondence yesterday from the Department of State to Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, on the subject of American-built submarines for the British Government. Included was a statement from Charles M. Schwab to the effect that the Bethlehem Steel Company was not building any submarines for the Entente Allies. Schwab explained that the Fall River Shipbuilding Co. had undertaken to build ten submarines, but that none would be delivered to any of the belligerents during the war.

Parts Shipped, He Said.

Secretary of State Lansing quoted Schwab in another communication to Count Von Bernstorff in connection with the protests which had been made by the German Ambassador on the question of parts of submarines made in this country. Schwab said in his statement that submarine forgings and castings made by the Union Iron Works in this city were sent to Montreal, Canada, but that the company's interest in them ceased when they were delivered to the owners. Bopp maintained that this act was unneutral and unfriendly.

John A. McGregor, president of the Union Iron Works, is to be called to-day by the defense and questioned as to the delivery of submarine parts to Canada and also as to the truth of reports that the company sent workmen to Canada to assemble the submarines. The defense contends it will prove that Consul Bopp was justified in sending agents to Canada to find out the facts and make them the basis for protests by the German Embassy.