

# GERMAN PRISONERS WERE BAYONETTED

**They Attacked 14th Regiment Guards at Fort Henry Thursday Evening and the Guards Repulsed Them With Bayonets.**

**Two War Prisoners Were Slightly Wounded, One in Breast and Another in Wrist---Their Attack on the Guards Was Made When Supper Was Served to Them.**

A mutiny of German prisoners at Fort Henry occurred on Thursday evening at meal time, and the result of it was that two of their number were taken to the hospital, one of them in a serious condition. The latter was bayoneted over the breast and the other in his wrist by the 14th Regiment guard.

From information given to a Whig reporter on Friday morning it seems that three of the German prisoners had been locked up in the "clinker" all day Thursday for being unruly. Nothing had been given to them to eat for two meal periods. At supper time food was taken to the confined prisoners, but instead of taking the food, the Germans, who were formerly

employed in the kitchen, kicked the tables out of the servants' hands. At the same time other Germans who were about started to trounce the English servants.

The thirteen guards, who were on duty at the time, fixed bayonets and charged the angry mob. One guard thrust his bayonet into the breast of one of the German ringleaders, causing him to fall. Several of the other Germans were more or less injured and after a short pitched battle, the guilty parties were all confined in dungeons.

For a time it was thought that some of the guards in the city would have to be called out, but order was finally restored.

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**Cause Of The Trouble.**

It appears that the trouble arose over matters pertaining to the management of the canteen. A member of the 14th Regiment has been in charge of it, but Germans raised an objection, stating that he did not understand their language and asked that a German be appointed to look after the canteen. A German was placed in charge and then the prisoners also wanted to command the kitchen as well, stating that they would not eat the food unless it was prepared "by Germans. The trouble reached a climax when the German prisoners refused to eat, and kicked the food out of the hands of the men who brought it to them.

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**Four German Ex-Officers There.**

There are four ex-officers of the German army confined to Fort Henry. They are given separate quarters that are comfortable, though not luxurious. Their food is the same as that of the rest, but each has a German prisoner as a servant. The food supplied to the prisoners of war is better than that supplied to the soldiers. Each man gets a pound and a quarter of bread a day. The menu consists of bread, butter, meat, potatoes and coffee for breakfast; soup, bread, butter, vegetables, meat, potatoes and tea for dinner, and the same for supper, except that Irish stew is usually the first course.

Dr. A. W. Richardson, at the request of American Consul F. S. S. Johnston, inspected the fort a short time ago, and the doctor had a complete meal the same as it supplied to the prisoners. He expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with the food supplied.

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**Five Were Bayoneted.**

A later report received that instead of two Germans being injured there were five who suffered from bayonet wounds. It was also reported that one of the guards had his side arms taken from him, but finally recovered the same.