

A LACK OF DISCIPLINE

CAUSED THE GERMAN MUTINY AT FORT HENRY.

The Guard Allowed the Prisoners
Too Many Liberties—The "Lights
Out" Order Was Not Carried Out

After the mutiny at Fort Henry on Thursday afternoon the discipline of the war prisoners has been ordered to be much more strict than formerly. The principle that the more liberty a man gets the more he wants, was the direct cause of all the trouble at the fort. Some time ago, on the demand of the prisoners, the soldier in charge of the canteen was replaced by a German. The next demand was the removal of the assistant cook who was formerly chef in a local hotel, and a recognized splendid cook. This demand was acceded to and the demand for a complete German staff in the kitchen was granted. The agitators are more educated than the rest and have been creating trouble all the time. The guards had orders to use force only as a last resource. The guards were not as strict as they should have been in maintaining discipline. One example of this was the Germans' defiance of the "lights out" order. Night after night the prisoners would burn their lights until ready to go to bed.

The spirit that prompted the revolt of Thursday was a most natural one. After having been granted all the demands that they made, the prisoners were confident that they would secure control of the kitchen.

It is the opinion of officers here that a portion of the guard should have been chosen from the permanent force. Men who were used to the strictest of discipline would discipline others if they did not obey orders.