

## Irish Who Took "Dublin Hill."

The Talk of the Army—Warm Tribute by a New Zealander

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"We reached the top of the hill to find Turks galore on the other side. We made a bayonet charge (I bet they did), and the Turks, after putting up some show, bolted. It was getting dark, so we returned to the top of the hill, and spent all night making trenches. But it was too hot. It was up there on that shell-swept hill that Enright and many more of them got it. A game that the Turks have taken to recently is blowing bugles and raising Cain, generally with a view, no doubt, to frightening them. They did that when attacking

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## German Prison Camp at Mesenede Westphalia

Mr. Jackson of U.S. Embassy Makes His Report On Conditions There

CONDITIONS ARE FAIR

Food Good, Baths Provided and Prisoners Little Complained To Make

The Press Bureau issued this week copies of two reports from the United States Embassy upon visits made by Mr. Jackson to the camp for prisoners of war at Meschede, Westphalia, and to the officers' camp at Wahnbeck.

Mr. Jackson states that the Meschede camp was one of the first constructed, and its original cost was more than 1,000,000 marks. It is arranged for 10,000 prisoners. Russian prisoners were transferred to other camps some time ago, and many others have been sent off on working parties, so that at present there are only about 2,000 in the camp, most of whom are French, and most of whom are unfit for agricultural work. Of this number there are only thirteen British and Canadian soldiers, eight of whom are in the Lazarett. A few weeks ago about 130 British prisoners had been transferred to the camp at Giessen. With all the British soldiers—except three who are in the infectious ward of the hospital (adds the inspector)—I talked freely, out of hearing of any German, and none had any important complaint to make.

The food which I tasted was good, and the menu for the week was varied. The French cooks told me that the material furnished is good, and I saw that the kitchens are clean and well arranged. Meat is provided about three times a week. The canteens seemed well stocked. The baths are well arranged, each prisoner being obliged to bathe once a week.

Owing to the fact that the camp is built on a hill side there is no suitable ground for games, but the commandant himself has provided "faust-bills" (footballs) which the men seem to appreciate. The men have planted gardens near the barracks, and in this they are encouraged by the authorities. The sick, it is further stated, have beds and a special diet, and attention appears to be paid to

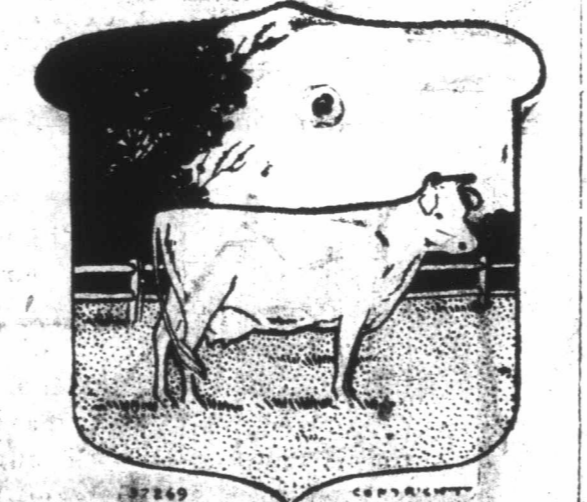
the tastes of the prisoners.

Regarding the officers' camp at Wahnbeck, Mr. Jackson says this was opened only eight weeks ago, and is as yet not entirely in order. The building is an old-fashioned hotel, lately frequented as a summer-resort by persons of moderate means. It contains 99 officers (8 British, 7 Belgian, 40 French and 44 Russian), all of whom were transferred from Osnabruck in June.

The officers' living-rooms are of various sizes, accommodating from three to ten each, which would be overcrowded in the winter, but which cannot be considered as overcrowded at this season when the windows are open most of the time. The officers were permitted to choose their own room-mates, and although all the Britishers do not room together, there was no complaint on this score. There is a piano in the building, the use of which is permitted.

The officers said the food was good. The baths are open at all times and permission to swim in the Weser at certain hours was given. There had been some delay in the receipt of letters and parcels, but this question was rectifying itself. The prisoners are encouraged to plant vegetables in individual garden plots, and many of them had done so. The garden, however, is not large, and the prisoners complain of space in which to exercise.

The commandant has already taken up this question with the authorities, and he is already arranging to have certain gymnastic apparatus provided. In general (concludes the inspector), the officers found their prolonged confinement irksome, but that is inevitable in the case of those who have been prisoners for almost a year.



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## 72nd Year Old French Veteran Now At Front

PARIS, Oct. 14.—According to the Paris Figaro the oldest volunteer in the French army is Aloide Verd, born in April, 1843, at Rompont (Ardeche). He already had celebrated his seventy-second birthday when he became attached to the recruiting bureau at Troyes. A detachment recently was sent from there to fill gaps in the ranks of the Forty-seventh Territorial regiment, and Verd was so insistent on going to the front with the younger men that the commanding officer finally consented to enlist him for active service.

The aged volunteer now is a soldier in the Seventh company of the regiment which is stationed somewhere in the trenches of the first line of defence. He is doing his duty efficiently as any of his comrades in arms, whose unbounded admiration the spy septuagenarian has won through his vivacity and never failing good humor.

Aloide Verd has seen war before. He fought the fathers of his present adversaries during the Franco-Prussian conflict in which he took part up to the ominous battle of Sedan, when he was made a prisoner and with thousands of others sent into captivity in Silesia.

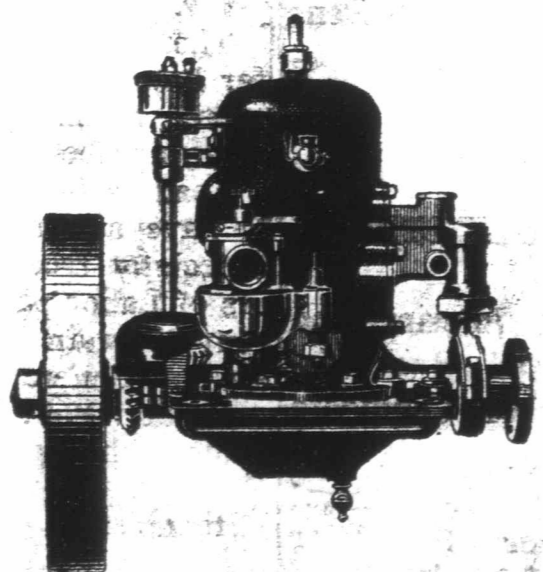
## New World's Record For Egg-Laying

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 16.—A new world's record for egg-laying competitions was established yesterday, when Lady Eglantine, a white leghorn, laid her 287th egg in 330 days at the Delaware college agricultural experimental station, Newark, Del. Lady Eglantine is contesting the fourth annual international contest, under the auspices of a newspaper of this city. The best previous record was 286 eggs in 365 days, made last year by a Plymouth Rock hen. The new champion is an American hen, bred from an English strain at the Eglantine farms, Greensboro, Md. Five hens of this strain have laid 1,138 eggs in 47 weeks. The average hen lays about 170 eggs a year.

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