

A "GERMAN SPY" IN CO. KILKENNY

SENSATIONAL INCIDENT.

On Tuesday last a great sensation was created in the neighbourhood of Gathabawn, Co. Kilkenny, when the news of the arrest of a "German spy" by two constables, was circulated. In a short space of time the inhabitants in the vicinity of the place where the "capture" had been effected, flocked in their hundreds to catch a glimpse of the enemy, who had been arrested in their midst, and some of the wise-aces admonished their younger and more impetuous neighbours who were rushing to see the "first prisoner of war" in that part of the county, with the cry of "beware of the German mines." However, this precaution proved to be exaggerated optimism, and the enemy that they were subsequently able to catch a glimpse of, was a man of not very formidable appearance, and held in the vice-like grip of two young policemen of fine physique. he presented a very sorry sight indeed.

When the excitement which the "discovery" has caused had subsided somewhat, the "alien" was conveyed by a rather strong escort to Ballyragget police station and brought before a magistrate on the charge of "spying," or being an alien and not having reported the fact.

The evidence of the two constables was to the effect that they had secured their man on a lonely part of the road, near Gathabawn, armed with—a camera.

The accused loudly pleaded his innocence, and named a certain man in Kilkenny as his employer. The machinery of the law was set in motion, and a policeman despatched to this city in search of Mr. Phillips, the "Stickyback man in Irish-town," whom he discovered. From the information which Phillips gave, it transpired that the "German spy" was in his employment, and was no other than a Michael Kelly, who was sent by him to Ballyragget and Gathabawn on business.

Here the incident, which while it lasted, created a kind of "scare," ended. The two constables, however, need not feel abashed over the matter, because if they have not succeeded in capturing a real German, they effected the arrest of the employe of a Jew—and perhaps a German one.

More German Prisoners in Kilkenny.

On Monday evening last four German prisoners of war were conveyed from Dublin by the 12 o'clock train, and removed under police escort to Kilkenny gaol. This brings the total of prisoners of war in Kilkenny gaol up to thirteen. The present "batch" was captured in Bray, Co. Dublin, where they had been staying for a fortnight previous to their arrest. Their names are: Arthur Pantow, barber; Max Nitzel, waiter; Fritz Felber, waiter, and Leopold Bollmast, mechanic. The men were formerly engaged in Dublin, and had gone to Bray in search of employment. Pantow speaks four or five languages, and according to his statement, he was sent by a French employer to this country to learn English.