

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.**

That "Everybody Welcome" sign outside the K. of C. building did not mean a warm welcome until last week, when the camp Q. M., on receipt of authority from Washington, issued some wood for heating the building. This week he went still further, issuing some coal. The hot air furnaces are now doing their bit in fine style.

Joseph A. Cummings, who has been secretary in charge at the K. of C. building in camp, has been recalled to New York for service as a soldier. He had been a member of the Enlisted Reserve for about six months before coming to camp early in November. His friends here may next see him "somewhere in France."

Two knockouts every week are the attractions that bring out super capacity audiences to the weekly boxing bouts held under Frank Moran's direction at the K. of C. building. Major-General John F. O'Ryan and many other officers are interested spectators at every set of bouts.

Director Kazamak's band and orchestra have given several fine concerts recently at the K. of C. building.

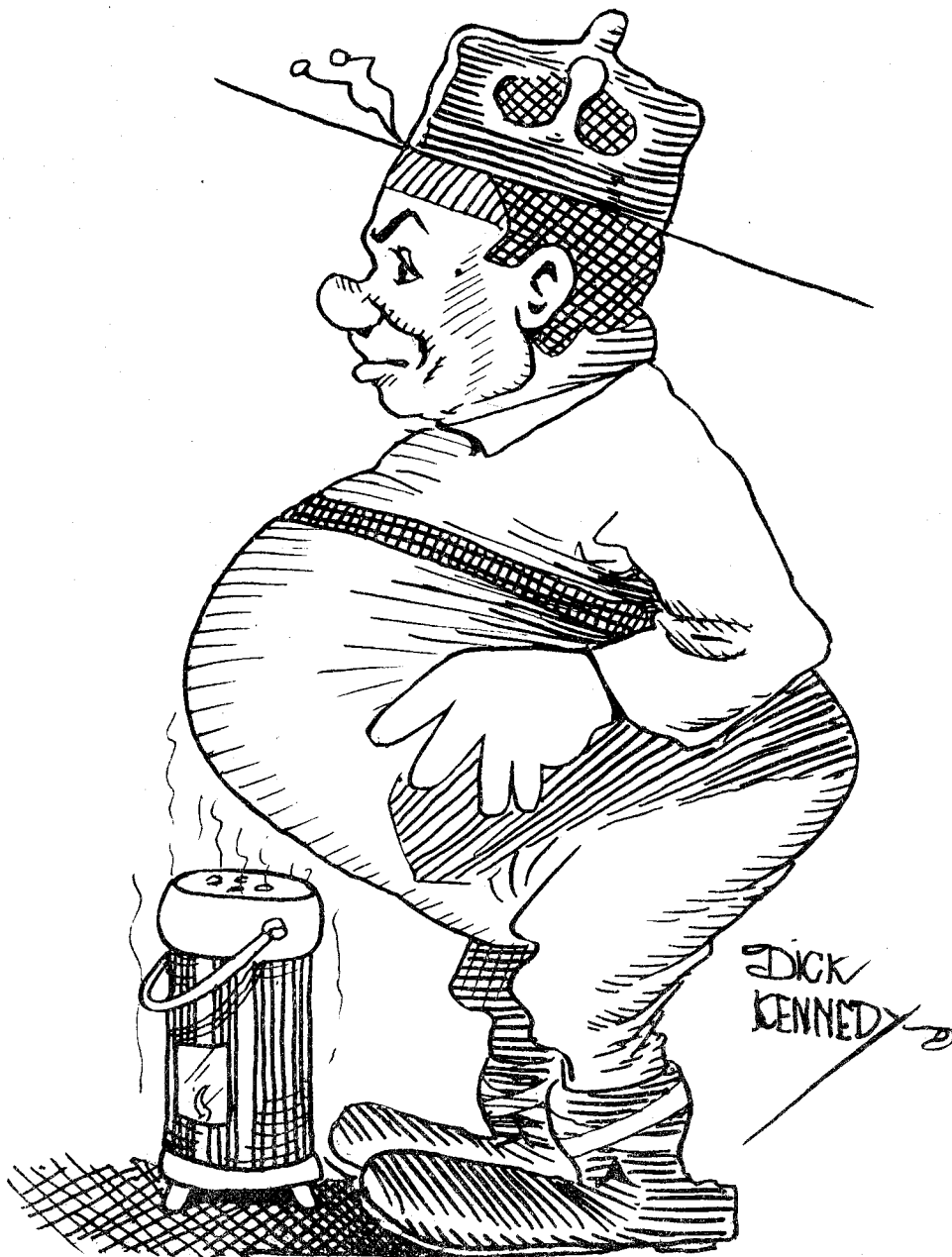
The Fourteenth Regiment boys are always able to provide a well balanced program, and the violin solos of their leader never fail to bring down the house.

A small outside chapel for the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament has been built at the K. of C. building. The chaplains are now able to administer the last rites of the Catholic Church at any hour of the day or night should any soldier, either at the Base Hospital ill, or elsewhere as a result of accident, find himself in danger of death.

Two post chaplains are now resident at the K. of C. building: Rev. George A. Crimmen, of Buffalo, and Rev. William P. Brennan, of Albany. Father Crimmen has been in camp almost two months.

"Getting right with God" was the big occupation for the soldiers who thronged the K. of C. building on the three days preceding Christmas. 2000 men made their confessions in the building in preparation for Christmas, and every one of them received Holy Communion at the masses on Christmas Day. Four masses were celebrated in the building, and the big Midnight Mass was held in the Red Triangle tent.

The Midnight Mass, celebrated by Rev. Peter E. Hoey, Chaplain of the 106th Machine Gun Battalion, was the outstanding feature of the observance of Christmas in Camp Wadsworth. 3,500 men and about 50 women were in attendance. The huge tent was too small to accommodate the throng, and the tent walls were removed that the hundreds standing outside might obtain a



"How warm my stomach feels! There must have been tobasco in the slum to-day!"

view of the altar. French and British officers were present in large numbers, and Protestants vied with their Catholic brothers in arms in seeking to participate in the observance of the great Feast of Peace.

The climax of the Mass came at the Communion, when 1630 men came forward to receive the Eucharist. In administering the Sacrament Father Hoey was assisted by Rev. William P. Brennan, the K. of C. Chaplain.

Other midnight masses in camp were celebrated by Rev. Walter Fornes, chaplain of the 106th Field Artillery, and Rev. Francis E. Kelby, chaplain of the Tenth Infantry. About 2,000 were in attendance at each of these masses. Rev. George A. Crimmen, K. of C. Chaplain, celebrated a similar service for the men encamped at the range, 600 being in attendance.

Christmas night was the occasion also of the first Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament being given in camp. This ceremony took place at the K. of C. building, Father Hoey being the celebrant.

**NO MORE "BOB-TAILS" FOR SLACKERS.**

Dishonorable discharges from the army, which many officers believe have been seized upon by slackers and objectors as the vehicle of escape from military service, will no longer provide such an opportunity under an order issued by Secretary Baker. For several weeks the army has been losing men at the rate of 100 to 150 a day. They chose to commit offenses which led to their dishonorable discharge.

In the future, Secretary Baker ordered, such men will get terms of imprisonment with their discharges, and wherever possible some other form of sentence will be used.