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MERRITT H. HENRY, Capt., F.A.-Res., Commanding Officer

CAPT. HENRY TO BE TRANSFERRED -

CAPTAIN HENRY ASSIGNED TO NEW COMMAND IN SECOND SUB-DISTRICT

Captain Merritt H. Henry, present Commanding Officer of Company 660 is slated for the position of Second Sub-district Commander and is to be relieved of the command of this Company on March 20, 1936.

In the twenty-seven months that he has been billeted here, he has lived up to his motto, "The greatest good for the greatest number." He has endeared himself to every man in the Company.

Captain Henry took command of Camp Mercer on December 8, 1935, relieving Lieutenant Ellis of duty on that date.

Everyone knows that men only give nicknames to those who are well-liked. Proof of the men's affection for the Captain is his nickname of Captain 'Hank'.

Captain Henry is responsible for such innovations as the Camp pool and billiard tables, ping-pong tables and washing machine. He has also sponsored many other improvements and athletic endeavors, being an interested spectator at many of the athletic contests. The cooperation in all personal and community efforts that he has shown has made possible our worth-while endeavors. He has taken an interest in every minute detail and in so doing has provided a never ending source of enjoyment for every man in Camp.

Through his efforts, Company 660 has grown and prospered. He has guided the destiny of the Company and the personnel for two years and has even taken a crack at the Fifth Sub-district Commander's job for three months.

The men in the Camp love him

and every man in the Company will be sorry to see him go.

Captain Henry will have his Headquarters at Camp Riley Creek, while stationed in the Second Sub-District.

CAPTAIN HENRY, WE SALUTE YOU AND WISH YOU THE VERY BEST OF BILLETTS IN YOUR NEW COMMAND.

LT. ERMENTROUT TO BE NEW C.O.

Lt. Robert A. Ermentrout, who has served as Junior Officer and Sub-District Adjutant since May 17, 35, has been appointed Commanding Officer to relieve Captain Henry March 20.

Lt. Ermentrout has sponsored and actively participated in many athletic and recreational endeavors, as well as lending the fullest cooperation to every activity sponsored by the Camp.

Every man in the Company expresses admiration and loyalty toward Lt. Ermentrout and will back him 100% in his new position.

CAPT. EDLESTEIN NEW FIFTH SUB-DISTRICT COMMANDER

Captain Max Edlestein, formerly C.O. of Company 1680-V; Camp Phelps was assigned Sub-District Commander of the Fifth Sparta Sub-District with Headquarters at Camp Mercer on March 1, 1936.

Captain Edlestein has long been rated as a superior C.O. and will without question make an excellent Sub-District Commander.

MAJOR ROBERTS INSPECTS CAMP

Major S.M. Roberts, District Surgeon, inspected this Camp on Feb. 13.

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SAFETY FIRST

Old Man Safety gives the following six good things to remember to make your jobs safer.

- (1) An ounce of safety is worth a ton of luck.
- (2) Let safety enter your subconscious mind.
- (3) Realize that safety is a part of your job.
- (4) Look for and report hazards.
- (5) See that tools are in a safe condition.
- (6) Remember the new man takes his cues from you.

CAMP MERCER ON THE AIR!

Camp Mercer is now a full-fledged radio station. For the last two months the Camp short wave radio station has been in operation; sending and receiving messages between this Camp, Camp Sparta, Camp Blackwell, and Camp Cable. Together these four stations comprise what is known as the Sparta Net. As for the equipment, we have a 175 watt transmitter and a five tube receiver. The radio net operates on the eighty meter band, on a frequency of 4300 kcs. for the official band and is convertible to 3558.3 kcs. for the amateur operating.

The radio room is a very well-furnished office with a sixteen-foot bench, working desk, and filing cabinet. The operators must keep a record of all messages coming in and going out, logging them in two separate log books before filing them.

All messages for the Fifth Sub-district are handled through this station. Messages for other Camps are phoned to them either through commercial channels or by the forestry phone. No personal messages

are handled. This being only an official enterprise.

The working hours are from eight in the morning until four thirty in the afternoon. Two operators are on duty at all times; One as operator and the other as receiving clerk, phone operator, filing clerk, and messenger. The operators are John Mytas and Francis Garrow.

Mytas holds a class in radio operation three nights a week and anyone desiring to learn something about this highly interesting work may get more detailed information by calling at the radio room any-time of the day.

FORESTRY

NOTES

by



Bill
Summers

In the last two months the personnel of the Forestry Department has had a few changes. It lost two fine men in Arthur Evenson and Sherman Robinson who were furloughed. Both of these men had been with Camp Mercer a long time. Arthur Evenson had been with the Forestry Department since the inception of this Camp. Edward Frederickson Jr. has been transferred to Star Lake and Hugo Voigt to White Sand. This leaves only seven members in the Forestry Department at the present time, namely Wm. Summers, Richard Kallio-maa, C.E. Heiden, Edward King, Clarence Leuthner, Paul Westedt, and John Badnoch who was transferred to this Camp to take Robinson's place as telephone construction foreman.

With warm weather coming, the Forestry Department has to bring to a close its winter projects. Edward Voyer, who has been feeding the deer hay all winter, will soon have to let the deer find their own food. The Lake Improvement Project is just about all over for this year. It will be several years before the sportsmen can reap the benefits of this project.

The roadside burning projects are still being worked. This work will continue until all the snow has disappeared.

Frenchy Fafford's gravel job is coming along good with Snuffy hauling more loads of gravel every day.

Lieutenant Geischer is going to quit, since he made enough money by hook and crook to buy a camera. He figures on taking moonlight scenes in Milwaukee. By the way, Bill Leum, what do you intend on doing after the first of April.

CHAPLAIN DEAN VISITS CAMP

Chaplain Dean of Sparta Headquarters visited this Camp on March 3. He spoke to the fellows in the Classroom during the regular religious service of Chaplain Richard.

TRANSFERRED TO CAMP NEWALD

Twenty-two enrollees were transferred from Camp Mercer to Camp Newald-2620th Co., CCC. Cavour, Wisconsin on January 20. They are the following men, their home towns and date of entrance in this Camp:--

Amerson, Donald - Tyler, Wis. -
October 16, 1935
Chalker, Rex - Milwaukee, Wis. -
August 1, 1935
Cyganek, Joe - Townstars, Wis. -
July 1, 1934
Drutowski, George - Milwaukee -
August 1, 1935
Groendal, Lester - Milwaukee -
August 1, 1935
Hadrath, William - Milwaukee -
August 1, 1935
Hrobsky, Herman - Edgar, Wis. -
January 3, 1935
Hughes, Danny - Florence, Wis. -
October 16, 1935
Kaminski, Vincent - Cudahy, Wis.
August 1, 1935
Koller, Herbert - Milwaukee -
August 1, 1935
Miller, Clayton - Milwaukee -
August 1, 1935
Przybylinski, Joseph - Milwaukee
August 1, 1935
Rigby, Lester - Milwaukee -
August 1, 1935
Roepke, Myron - Milwaukee -
August 1, 1935
Sery, Anthony - South Milwaukee
August 1, 1935
Sienkowski, William - Milwaukee
August 1, 1935
Siok, Aloise - Gilman, Wis. -
July 1, 1934
Stevens, Kenneth - Fort Atkinson,
Wis. - August 7, 1935
Thompson, Clarence - Milwaukee -
August 1, 1935
Vajarsky, Joseph - Milwaukee -
August 1, 1935
White, Roscoe - Milwaukee -
August 1, 1935
Yarosh, Casimir - Mosinee, Wis.
July 1, 1934

Best of luck in the future, fellows, and don't forget old 660.

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TRANSFERS TO THIS CAMP

The following five men were transferred here from Co.-3674, Camp Section Eleven on January 12, 36.--

Bellow, Abraham
Bellow, Curtis
Carson, Oscar
Christianson, Lowell
Makymowski, Anthony

The following 21 men were transferred here from Co.-3645, Camp Dream - F-52(Mich) on Jan. 15, 36.--

Adleman, John
Baldovin, Lawrence
Beattie, Donald
Bourgo, Harvey

Damon, Duane
Danielson, Norman
Erickson, Henry
Fisk, Charles
Gardner, Wesley
Ginliane, Alfred
Johnson, Conrad
Lukacik, Charles
Makinen, Erling
Ornston, Cecil
Pagic, John
Perks, James
Popelka, Louis
Siriann, Norman
Stella, Emil
Udee, William
Woerle, Paul

John Mytas was transferred to Camp Mercer on January 22 from Co.-643, Camp Trump Lake.

TRANSFERS FROM THIS CAMP

Joseph Fufinger transferred to Camp Whitnall Park, Hales Corners Wisconsin on February 6.

Floyd Beardsley transferred to Camp Upson, Upson Wisconsin on Jan. 25, 36.

DISCHARGES

Anthony Crivello of Milwaukee to accept employment on Jan. 11.
Edward Albright of Superior, Wisconsin to accept employment on Jan. 18.

Adolph Torkelson of Tomahawk, Wisconsin to accept employment on Jan. 18.

Bernard Stark of Shawno, Wisconsin to accept employment on Jan. 21.

Paul Woerle - to accept employment on January 25.

Joseph Gulan of Hurley to accept employment on January 30.

John Rzepecki of Milwaukee to attend school on January 31.

James Segneiri of Milwaukee to attend school on January 31.

Norman Vonderheid of Merrill, Wis to accept employment on January 31.

James Smith of Milwaukee to accept employment on February 3.

Roman Romenski of Cudahy, Wis. to accept employment on Feb. 7.

Peter Thomas of Hurley, Wisconsin to accept employment on Feb. 12

Gilbert Youngbeck of Milwaukee to accept employment on Feb. 24.

Lawrence Allord of Tomahawk, Wis. to accept employment on Feb. 25.

RATINGS

(February 1)

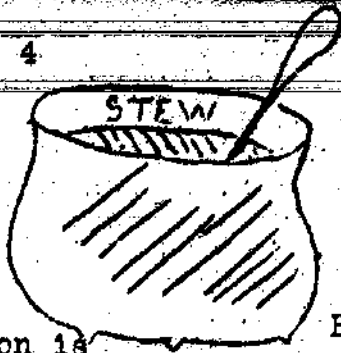
Harld Zimmerman - Leader
Ernest Frank - Ass't Leader
Elmer Neuman - " "
Albert Baker - " "
Michael Markovitz - " "

(March 2)

Roman Grocholski - Ass't Leader

CONGRATULATIONS, FELLOWS.

KETTLES
and
SKILLETS



Bill Watson is still in the mood for love. BY WATSON

Johnny Szurek seems to be following in Bill's footsteps. He apparently is in the mood for love also. The fellows claim he talks in his sleep about how much he loves Bill's daughter.

Why do they call Oscar Frank, Baby-Face?

Anderson, the new dog-robber for the Officers, is said to be the best looking orderly in Camp with the exception of Laedtke.

Singleton is now wearing a pair of non-skid rubber heeled shoes. Did you notice the spring in his walk of late?

The Kitchen Force wish to thank Captain Henry for the new percolator. They say it works 24 hours a day. Between the day crew and the night crew it is kept busy.

The cooks always know when it is 3:30, as that is the time Jellen usually visits the kitchen to test their cooking.

Did you know that Oscar She-Male has a new girl friend by the name of Theodora?

LaFortune is the hardest man to get some dope on in Camp, possibly because he minds his own business

HERE and THERE
by
THE TATTLE TALE

Well here is Spring, just around the corner with prosperity. I know that every one is just breathless with anxiety, waiting for it to pop around. Well as Shakespeare once said, "Ain't we all?"

Have you heard about the miser in Camp? Well anyone that has eight dollars that he has derived from hording deserves to lose it.

Have you noticed that our little Teddy has a new boy friend? Yes, yes, its sad but true. They are just like Damon and Pythias. I have heard Teddy is even saving all his butts to give to him when he gets in from the job.

I wonder who the beautiful brunette is that John Mareski had out last payday night? It seems to me that Helmie ought to hear about this affair, John.

I wonder what the big attraction in Ironwood is for 'Alky' Zimmerman? Could it possibly be 'Natasha' Alky? What happened to

Hilda?

It seems that our most illustrious Company Clerk is tearing up the road to Minocqua to see the 'Goiter Gal' quite frequently of late.

And then there is the one about a peavie in Camp that says, "I can't give you a cigarette, I only have eight packs left."

Did you ever hear of the guy who gave his girl friend a quarter and sent her in to the dance herself? I wonder why he ever got acquainted with her if he as ashamed to take her any place?

Why is Mr. Kelton so popular as a basketball referee? Especially with the weaker sex? Last Thursday night the women almost mobbed him.

Coxey says, "I don't mind sleeping in the barracks, but I don't like to be woke up in the middle of the night by night guards and inspectors doing a tango on the tin around the stoves.

You may be next?



DISPENSARY

NOTES

by

Sluggor

Hatton

There were more men in quarters during the month of February than any other month within the last eight months due to bad colds and mums. There were five cases of mums. So boys, beware!

New rubber matting was placed on the Dispensary floor last week.

Major S.M. Roberts visited the Dispensary last month.

The Dispensary is still a popular place on Sunday mornings. Aspirins being the big attraction.

Barrack No.-1 has been converted into a temporary isolation ward. The mumpers have a home all their own, but they seem to be anxious to leave. They say, "They are anxious to go to work again." Ask them why.

There was a terrific flurry in the Dispensary a few weeks ago. Radloff went to 'town' to give the girls a break.

Any time anyone wants to hear a good argument, stand outside of Barrack One and listen to Beattie and Bellow rave about their girls in Rhinelander.

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The Major was gratified with the conditions he found in general and expressed the opinion that the Camp was steadily improving.

The Major gave some very helpful constructive criticism as usual for further improvement.

He also complimented the men on their personal appearance.

DIGS

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Did you know that Fred Vick was a motorcycle racing enthusiast and entertains fond hopes of being a racer himself someday? If you wish him to get wound up, ask him to relate the experience he had on one occasion in a motorcycle race.

Why does a certain Sally send Mike Markovitz letters with the following code on the back of the envelope? We wonder if this could mean, Sealed With A Sweet Kiss. Here is the code S.W.A.S.K. Figure it out yourself or possibly Mike might help you out.

What next? Czech is not satisfied with merely threatening to just go out in the woods the end of this month. He is making plans to say good-bye to all of us. Seeing is believing, Czech.

Believe it or not. Block has been more or less hibernating in Camp since New Year's Eve. What's the matter? Are you trying to save enough for that back forty?

The local railroad seems to be sure of one steady customer, regardless of weather, in the person of Hinke.

We understand that 'Silent Sam' Arneberg can be made quite sensitive at times with the proper kind and exact amount of vintage.

A very noticeable change has come over Balfanz since he arrived in Camp. He came a meek lad, but now - - - he is positively shocking at times. Can it be that Higgins, VanRens, and Block are a bad influence to him?

Who else uses the washing machine, but Coxey in the afternoon five days out of a week?

We wonder where Lieutenant Cooper got the stiff neck recently?

Red Thayer seems to be especially interested in dancing and a little brunette up in Ironwood. Will you be able to leave the last month? It certainly will be tough leaving her?

If you are in need of anything, go to 'Rumas' Grochoski. To quote him, "If you can't see what you want, ask for it. I'll get it."

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln Bellow (that's his right name too) reads a book every day?

Minnie Bergschutz has reason to know that you can't go 'out' until 5:30 in the morning and then expect to play in a basketball game the following night.

We wonder if Allan Morgan is still receiving those big letters from Ironwood and Hurley.

What does Carl Golla find of so much interest in Winchester every week-end? Mum is the word.

Higgins has revived the mustache vogue again. Does it work well as a stew-strainer, Earl?

Mr. Kelton is unable to give a plausible cause for his optical trouble.

Through subterraneous channels, we understand there is a possibility of Rehnlow going into the travelling jewelry business.

Bill Summers changes fenders on his car like most people do oil, every 500 miles.

We understand Leuthner needs a bigger and better proving ground for his tractors.

Only 14 more days until payday, boys!

Radloff is proving his worth as a capable pan-bearer.



(Our Yodeling Cowboy, Cotton Rice)



BOXING

Boxing had had a noticeable let down in Camp since the Sub-district Tournament was concluded, although a few of the fellows still are keeping in the pink of condition by working on the bag, sparring, etc.

Woody Rutell, Camp Mercer's welterweight champion of the 5th Sub-District, has engaged in two major bouts since the Sub-District Tournament. He obtained a draw with Billy Vlahakis of Rhinelander in a five-round battle at Merrill, Wisconsin on January 30. This was the most torrid battle on the card. Carrying the fight from the opening gong, Rutell gained a little margin through the first round, although Vlahakis drew first blood and was undamaged himself throughout the fight. Vlahakis broke thru Woody's defense and peppered him with hard lefts that jolted Rutell's head backward. One of the blows slit Rutell's left eye and nearly blinded him for the balance of the fight. Rutell absorbed the punishment easily and kept to his task of boring in on Billy. He knocked the Rhinelander boy off his feet for a nine count in the fourth round to even up the fight up to that point. Vlahakis, apparently unhurt, drove for Woody's midsection as he got back on his feet, but Rutell stepped back in time. The fifth round was full of wild swinging with both boys trying to land a winning punch.

Woody fought Vlahakis, the Rhinelander welterweight, again in a return bout on February 25 in the Armory Arena at Merrill, Wisconsin. For a few moments after Rutell and Vlahakis had squared away, the boys figured each other out, then they followed with a toe-to-toe slashing fight that brought roars from the spectators. Rutell carried the fight through the first two rounds, essaying to keep Billy so busy protecting himself that he had no chance to get set for a punch. When Vlahakis did try to open up in the third round, Rutell had the better of each exchange and scored with heavy punches that staggered his opponent. Whereas Vlahakis in their first fight troubled Rutell with a stinging left hand, he missed most of his punches in this bout. While the fight was more or less even at the close of the fourth round, Rutell opened the fifth by driving Billy to the ropes and his advan-

tage in the last round along with the points he had piled up in the earlier part of the fight gave him a decisive decision.

Rock also fought a three round bout in the Ironwood Memorial Building on February 5. He piled up a big enough margin in the first two rounds of his bout with Gregory Skroch of Ashland to take the decision from the Chequamegon Bay youth, although Skroch came back in the third and gave John plenty of trouble. In the second Skroch was taken by surprise and was knocked flat on his back halfway outside the ropes and took a nine count before resuming the fray.

BASKETBALL

Camp Mercer's basketball team completed its schedule with the playing of the Fifth Sub-district tournament which was held at Minocqua Sunday-March 15. Although the team was handicapped in not having a gym for practice sessions, they put up a good fight in every game they participated in -- forcing their opponents to bear down to the end.

Possibly the best showing Camp Mercer gave this year was at the Tournament. Mercer drew Camp Nine Mile, District Champions of last year, for their first opponent. They were eliminated by the score of 39-23. Nine Mile's tall, quick-breaking, and well-coached team had things much their own way in the second and third quarters. Mercer really went to work and rang up most of their points in the first and fourth quarters.

Crystal Lake defeated Star Lake in the second game 25-9.

Camp Mercer came back and defeated Star Lake for consolation honors by the score of 25-20. Mercer led at the half by 16-8, but had to extend themselves to keep Star Lake in check the latter part of the contest.

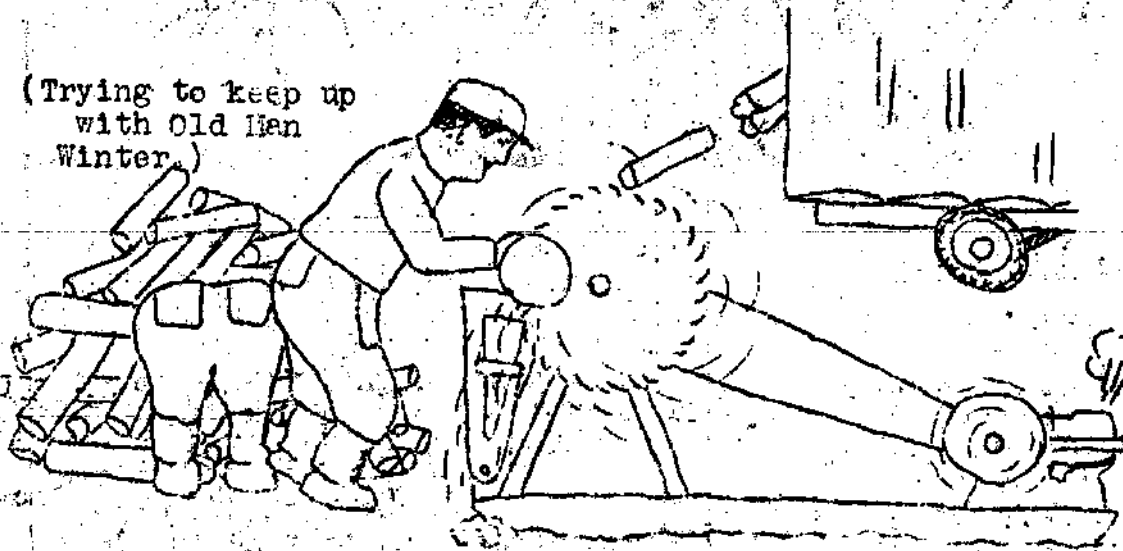
The fellows, who played in the tournament were Garrow, Stella, and Coxe - guards; Hinke - center; Higgins and Thomas - forwards. To say the least, all of the fellows were in there fighting all the way. The scoring was fairly well distributed by the team.

Camp Nine Mile went on to defeat Crystal Lake, giving them the Championship of this Tournament.

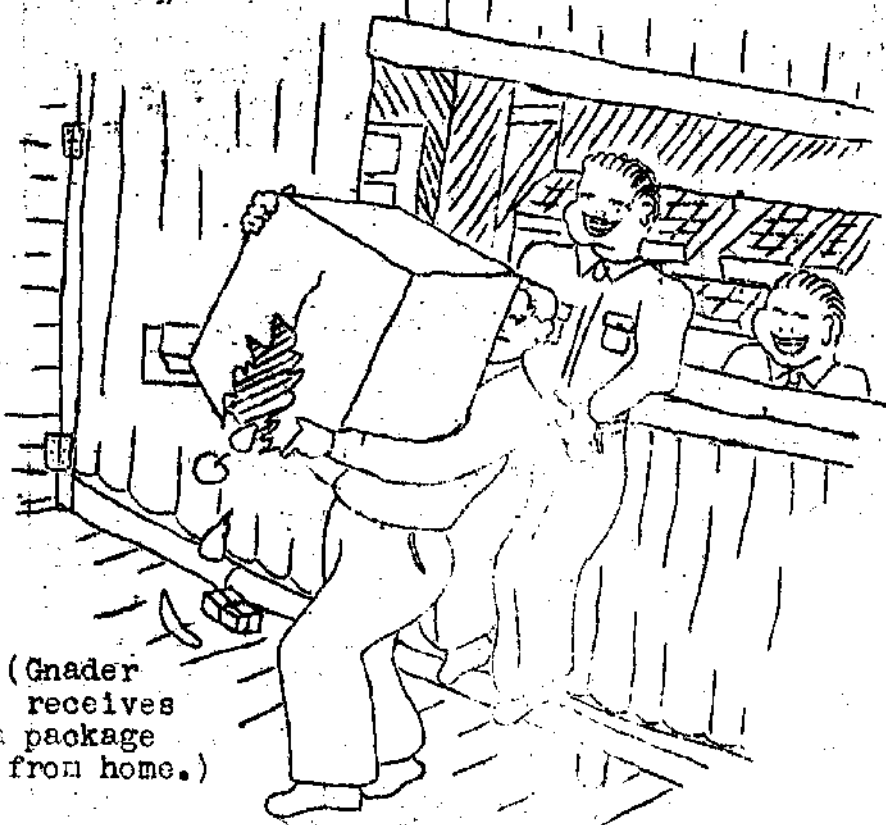
CAMP MERCER ON

PARADE

(Trying to keep up with Old Man Winter.)



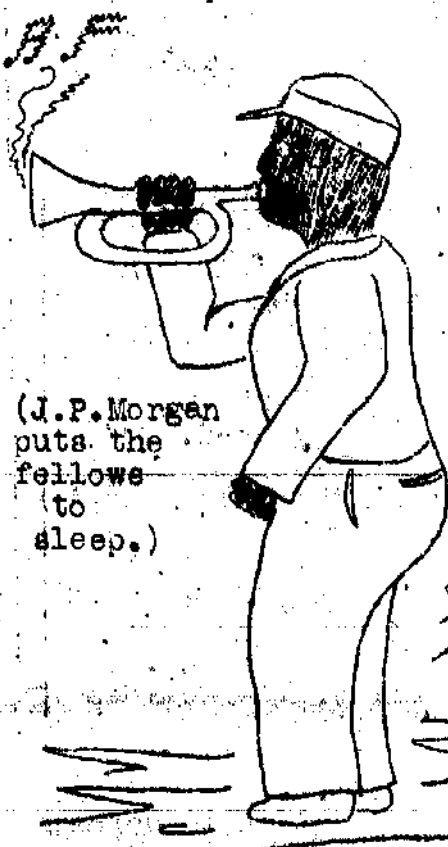
(Gnader receives a package from home.)



(Striebel and his little 'dogs'.)



(J.P. Morgan puts the fellows to sleep.)



(Garrow hard at work.)

