SOCIETY, CLUBS, CHURCHES

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KNOCKING.

Put the hammer in the locker,
Hide the sounding board likewise;
Any one can be a knocker,
Any one can criticise.

Cultivate a manner winning,
Though it hurts your face to smile,
And seems awkward in beginning;
Be a booster for awhile.

Let the blacksmith do the pounding,
That's the way he draws his pay;
You don't get a cent for hounding
Saint and sinner night and day.

Just for sordid satisfaction
Drop a kind word in the slot,
And I'll warrant you'll get action
On your effort on the spot.

—Anon.

La Retama Club—

Miss Pauline Williams was hostess yesterday at the meeting of La Retama Club.

Miss Pearl Crawford read "The Deserter," by Richard Harding Davis.

Miss Maud French told entertainingly the story of "The Scar That Couples," which is a sequel to "The Deserter," written after Davis' death by his friend, William Cunn Shepherd.

Those present were: Misses Pearl von Blucher, Mattie Caldwell, Mary Carroll, Margaret Seaton, Pearl Crawford, Maud French, Gladys Williams, Nina V. Parrish, Leona Givens and Mrs. O. H. Judkins.

Mrs. Perkins Welcomed—

For the first time since her marriage, Mrs. Philip Perkins, who was formerly Miss Anna Crawford, is here with her three children, on a visit to her sisters, Mrs. George von Blucher and Miss Pearl Crawford. Mrs. Perkins' home is at Elida, New Mexico. She is a graduate of the Corpus Christi High School and is a former member of La Retama Club. Her friends will be pleased to know that she is here on a visit which will extend through the holidays.

Red Cross Notes—

Mrs. C. E. Morris will be the chairman today in the knitting department at the Red Cross headquarters.

Mrs. G. H. Caldwell was Wednesday's chairman, and those who registered were: Mrs. J. H. Wolford and Mrs. L. D. Tolbert.

Brothers Met In France—

Robert Crawford, who was with the Third Texas Regiment while on border duty and later went to France with the 36th Division from Camp Bowie in October, met his brother, Archie Crawford, whom he had not seen in twelve years, on a battle field in France. Both young men are brothers of Miss Pearl Crawford and Mrs. George von Blucher.

Archie Crawford went to France last February from Camp Funston, Kansas, with a Signal Corps unit. Letters from them were received by their relatives on Thanksgiving Day.

Night School Endorsed—

The City Federation of Women met yesterday afternoon in the sun parlor of the Nueces Hotel. The president, Mrs. G. R. Scott, gave an interesting report of the meeting of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, held at Dallas, which she attended.

The humane committee through Mrs. T. H. Randall, Mrs. W. Hom Gerhardt and Mrs. S. A. Early, with the cooperation of the city authorities and the citizens, will solicit contributions for the needy, consisting of clothing and money to be distributed during the week of Christmas.

The plan formulated by Superintendent W. D. Notley of the city schools of a night school for the non-English speaking people was heartily endorsed by the Federation.

The next meeting will be held on the second Wednesday in January.

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ROOSEVENT IMPROVED

New York, Dec. 11.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who entered Roosevelt Hospital several weeks ago to facilitate treatment by his physicians for sciatica and rheumatism, expects to return home late this week or early next week, it was stated at the institute. It was said the former president's condition is much improved.

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ORDNANCE CHIEF TELLS HOW UNCLE SAM PUT NAVY ON WAR FOOTING

By The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Some idea of the great work confronting the navy when the United States entered the war is set forth in the annual report of Rear Admiral Earle, chief of ordnance, made public today. To this bureau alone fell the task of expending during a single year more than half a billion dollars for guns and equipment.

In discussing seemingly impossible problems, Admiral Earle disclosed that the navy was called upon not only to arm all American war craft, auxiliaries and the merchant fleet, but to provide armament for British, French, Italian, Belgian and Russian shipping. Guns of 3 to 5 inch caliber were at a premium and the demand for them was ten times greater than the existing capacity for manufacture. A total of 931 craft of all kinds, not in the regular navy, were armed between July 1, 1917 and July 1, 1918.

Gun mounts formed a separate knotty problem. The facilities created for their manufacture met all urgent needs. The Linderman Steel and Machine Company of Muskegon, Mich., the report stated, delivered 289 mounts for 4-inch guns 28 days ahead of schedule and established a record for other manufacturers.

Only brief reference was made to two of the most striking accomplishments of the bureau, the designing, building and shipping of the 14-inch rifles on railway mounts which effectually hammered the German rear positions in the closing weeks of the war, and the development of a tractor mount for rifles up to 7-inch caliber from which the guns could be fired. This latter achievement, never attained by the allied armies, the report said, was hailed in France with even greater satisfaction than was the arrival of the first of the 14-inch monsters comprising the naval batteries.

Failure to obtain a sufficient supply of depth bombs used by American destroyers hampered efficient operations against enemy submarines. By strenuous efforts, however, the shortage was overcome and before war ended American destroyers were using depth bombs freely and this, the report said, aided in curbing German submarine operations in the closing months of the war.

The fire control equipment used on American war craft is on a par with that in any navy, Admiral Earle said, and range finding and sighting devices of the fleet have been greatly improved.

"The efficiency of our gunners assisted by these new instruments," he added, "should find our ships in the next sea battle at least equal in gunnery to any enemy."

The first of the 16-inch, 50-caliber main battery rifles for new dreadnaughts has been tried out, with a success that exceeded expectations, leaving this monster of naval warfare as "an exceptionally splendid piece of ordnance." Another new naval weapon, an 8-inch bomb-throwing howitzer, is being delivered to destroyers or larger craft.

I. G. BROOKSHIRE DIES AFTER PROLONGED ILLNESS

Following a prolonged illness, I. G. Brookshire, 79 years old, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning at his home, 1220 Mussett Avenue. He was for many years a resident of Corpus Christi, and was well known throughout this part of Texas. He had been retired for several years.

The funeral will be at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from the residence. The Rev. C. W. Sewell of the Staples Street Christian Church will officiate, and the Masonic fraternity will conduct the funeral rites. Interment will be in the Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. R. Stewart Adams.

Mrs. R. Stewart Adams of San Antonio, who was formerly Miss Mildred Fitch of this city, passed away Tuesday at her home, 801 East Euclid Street, San Antonio.

Mrs. Adams was stricken Monday with pneumonia, following a few days' illness of influenza. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fitch of McAllen, and the mother was present when the end came. Dr. Adams, the husband, is also in. One son, James E. Crain, ten years of age, survives his mother.

Mrs. Lloyd Clarkson, a sister, is in San Antonio to attend the funeral, which will be held upon the arrival of a brother, Walter E. Fitch, prominent in railroad circles. Robert Fitch, another brother of the deceased, is in service in France.

Many Corpus Christi friends of the family will receive the sad news with regret.

MRS. LENA EWING

Mrs. Lena Ewing, age 50, died yesterday morning at the home of her daughter in Bishop. Funeral services will be held at twenty-thirty p. m. today from the Staples Street Christian Church, Reverend Sewell officiating. Interment will be made in Rose Hill cemetery.

Deceased was at one time a resident of this city, making her home with her son, R. A. Ewing, who is a well-known contractor.

See real Wool Dress Goods and Suitings at the special sale prices, all this week, at The Gugenheimer-Graham Company.—adv.

TEN OFFICERS AND 50 MEN DISCHARGED FROM ARTILLERY

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 11.—Another step toward bringing the personnel of the coast artillery corps down to authorized peace strength was taken at Fort Crockett yesterday, when ten officers and fifty men were honorably discharged from further service. This was the second increment to be discharged from the coast artillery corps at the local post, and a third increment will be discharged today.

There are about 350 men still wearing the coast artillery insignia at Fort Crockett, and that number must be cut down considerably in the next few days to meet the war department requirements.

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A well-known downtown druggist, says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound now because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use, too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears, after another application or two it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and beautiful. This preparation is a delightful toilet requisite. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

(Advertisement.)

Y. M. C. A. WORKER AIDED AMERICAN PRISONERS IN GERMAN CAMPS

By The Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The condition of American war prisoners in German prison camps was to some extent ameliorated by the work of Conrad Hoffman an American Y. M. C. A. worker who was permitted to remain in Berlin after most other Americans either had left or had been interned.

Hoffman convinced the German government that the more he was allowed to do for the American prisoners in Germany the better would fare German prisoners in American hands. He was allowed to employ neutrals as his assistants on his promise that the members of his organization would not act as spies or propagandists, but solely to improve the physical and mental welfare of the prisoners.

Largely through Hoffman's efforts, it is now stated, prisoners help committees were organized in all prison camps in Germany containing the Americans and their needs were communicated to Mr. Hoffman who forwarded them to A. C. Harte, international Y. M. C. A. secretary in Berne, Switzerland.

Both the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. co-operated in supplying the prisoners with food, clothing, money and other necessities, operating through that channel. Many letters have been received at Y. M. C. A. headquarters in Paris from the American prisoners of war in Germany testifying to the receipt of this aid.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Weather Bureau

Weather bulletin for the 24 hours ending 7 p. m., 75th meridian time, Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1918.

Stations—	Maximum	Minimum	Rain
Abilene	68	40	.07
Amarillo	46	28	.60
Atlanta	60	38	.10
Brownsville	78	68	.06
Calgary		2	.08
Corpus Christi	66	62	.04
Dallas	51	18	.08
Dodge City	38	12	.08
Galveston	66	62	.01
Helena	30		.00
Huron	34	18	.00
Jacksonville	72	44	.08
Kansas City	42	32	.04
Memphis	58	40	.50
Minneapolis	34	30	.40
New Orleans	70	60	.00
New York	58	36	.00
North Platte	40	28	.00
Oklahoma City	56	30	.00
Pueblo	42	44	.00
Pittsburg	52	40	.52
Salt Lake City	36	22	.00
San Antonio	66	54	.00
San Francisco	50	42	.00
Shreveport	60	44	.00
Washington	42	34	.40
Winnipeg	20	18	.00

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Nueces.

To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of Philip W. Philbert, Deceased:

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Philip W. Philbert, deceased, late of Nueces County, Texas, by David M. Picton, Jr., judge of the county court of said county, on the 19th day of November, A. D. 1918, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him at his residence, 801 Chaparral street, Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas, where he receives his mail.

This 19th day of November, A. D. 1918. JOHN W. SYRON, Administrator of the Estate of Philip W. Philbert, Deceased.
—adv.—Nov 20-27 Dec 4-11

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While war production has curtailed, in a way, the production of musical instruments, you will find that our assortment of gifts for a "Musical Christmas" is splendid and the range offered is broad enough to meet the tastes of the most lavish gift and the most simple, alike.

We look forward with pleasure to your visit and inspection of the Musical Christmas Gifts.

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SHIPPING OFFICER RESIGNS

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—Announcement was made today that Frederick Hodenpyl has tendered his resignation as president and director of the American International Shipping Corporation which acted as agent for the United States Shipping Board in the construction of the Hog Island shipyards.

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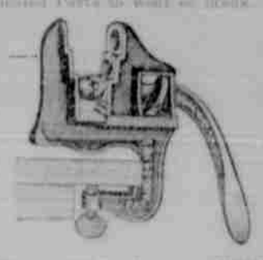
A child can operate the "HOME" Nut Cracker with ease. It is durable and compact having no complicated parts to wear or break.



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