

:-: ANCON :-:



The site of the greater part of the present day Ancon was, prior to 1905, a meadow where goats and cows browsed. That part of the site opposite the Post Office, known as Santa Rosa, was acquired by purchase. The building of quarters was begun in 1906 after Ancon had been pronounced one of the healthiest sites on the Isthmus. There are lawn tennis courts, a ball park, and other amusements for the employees. The Quartermaster's Corral here is the largest on the Isthmus.

:-: ANCON :-:



DRILLERS AT WORK



BURIED STEAMSHOVEL



WORKING ON QUARRY LEVEL



OLD FRENCH ENGINE



CRUSHING PLANT AND ROCK BINS

Views of the quarry and workings on Ancon Hill, where rock is procured and crushed for concrete for the Pacific Division. The hill is quarried in a series of levels, enabling steam shovels to load the steel cars as expeditiously as it is done in the Cut.



Balboa (La Boca), located at the Pacific entrance of the canal, in the days of the French Company. The channel in the foreground is the mouth of the Rio Grande, now the approach channel to the proposed inner harbor. That dimly shown in the distance is the canal. A present day view of Balboa and the canal taken at the same spot. Notice how the old French channel has been widened.



Overlooking the Pacific, showing the canal entrance, and Naos and Flamenco Islands in the distance. The Naos Island breakwater under construction. The Pacific entrance requires no protection from storms, but the breakwater is to prevent shoaling of the channel. Land at the inner end of the breakwater is being reclaimed for a townsite and other purposes. Over 300 acres have been filled in with spoil excavated from the canal prism.

∴ BALBOA ∴



FRENCH YARDS AND SHOPS



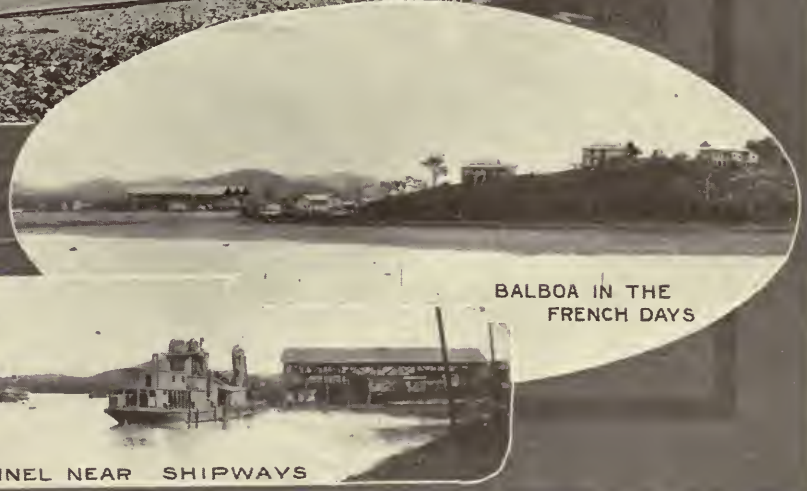
THE FIRST WHARF



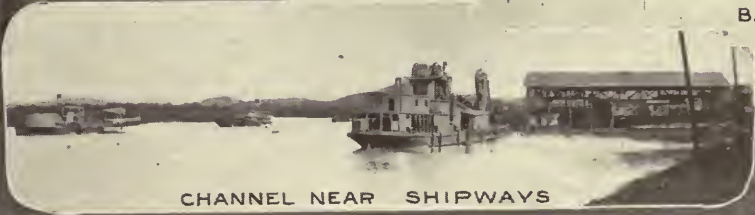
FRENCH DREDGING AT ENTRANCE



SITE OF F. R. F. WHARF



BALBOA IN THE FRENCH DAYS



CHANNEL NEAR SHIPWAYS

A group of views of Balboa and the canal entrance, and operations, during the days of both the First and Second French Companies. The wharf was the first constructed by the French and, with additions, is still used. The one-sided dump cars shown in the land picture are now obsolete.



FRENCH LADDER DREDGE



SEA GOING SUCTION DREDGE "CULEBRA"



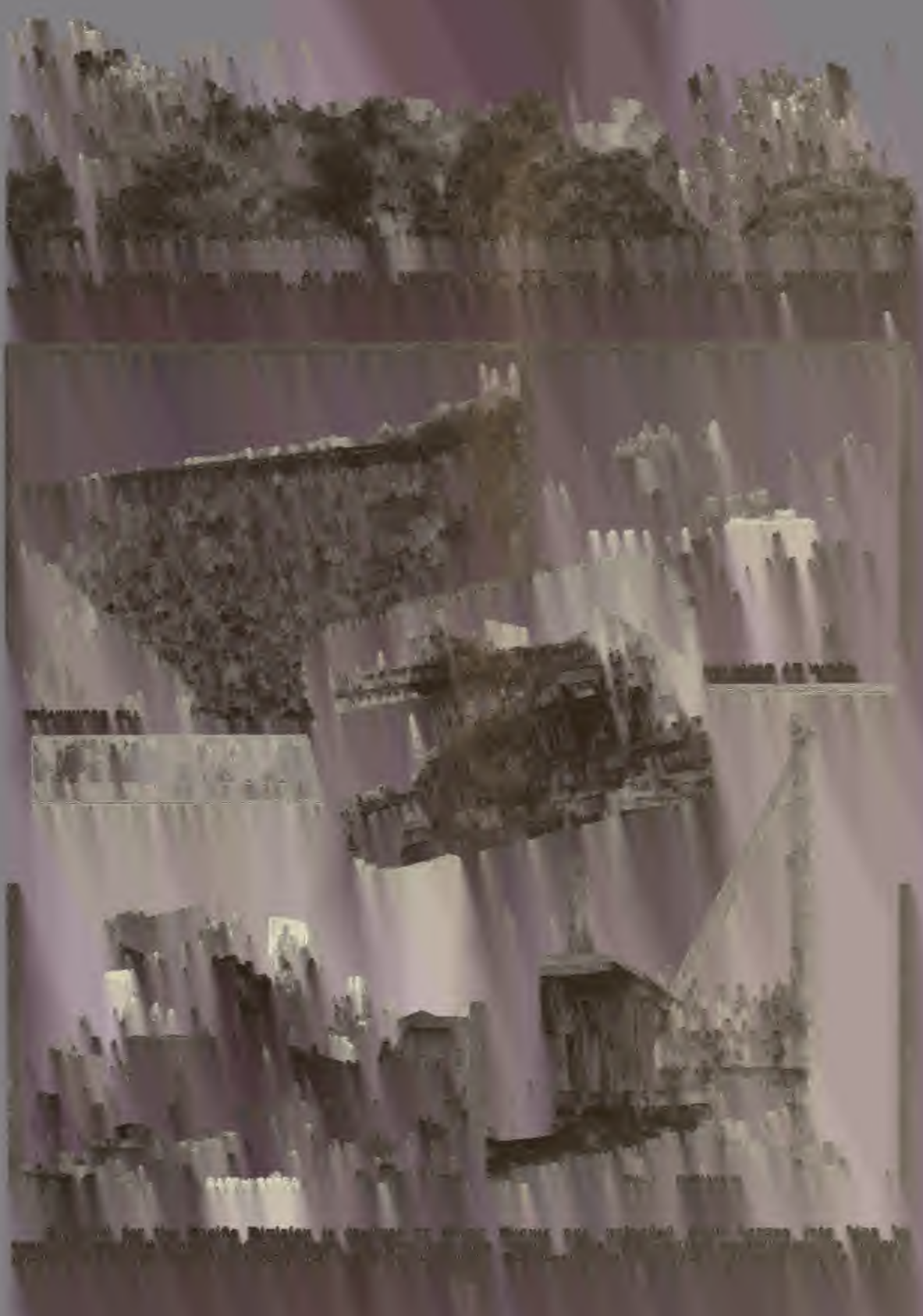
DRILL BARGE "TEREDO"



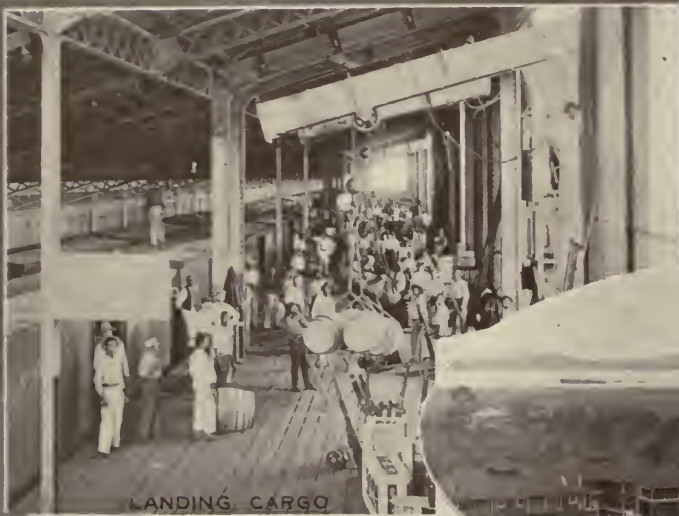
DOCKS

Some of the American operations at the Pacific entrance. Several of the old style French ladder dredges were rebuilt and are now in use. In subaqueous excavation, the drilling is done from a stationary barge, after which dynamite is planted and blasted. Drilling under water is sometimes difficult.

LA PALMIS



:-: BALBOA :-:

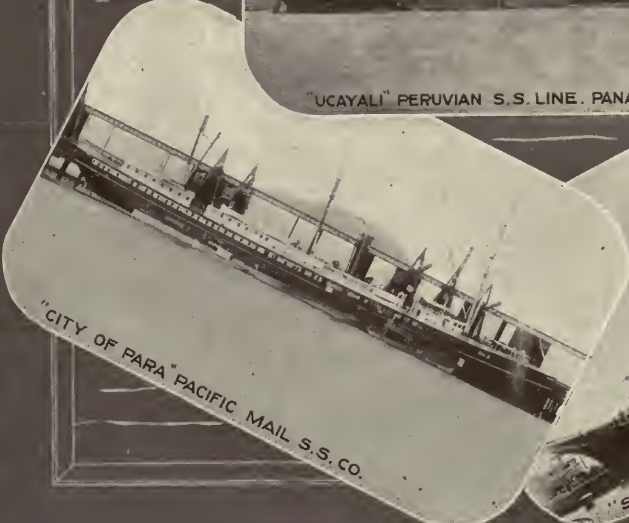


Balboa is a busy place and promises to be busier. The present shops at Gorgona will be moved to this point and used in connection with the proposed dry dock. It is destined to be an important transfer point for the commerce of the Orient. East Balboa is a mile distant from the old town and contains a hotel and a number of employees' quarters.

:-: BALBOA :-:



"UCAYALI" PERUVIAN S. S. LINE. PANAMA-CALLAO-VALPARAISO



"CITY OF PARA" PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.



"S.S. LIMARI" CHILEAN LINE. PANAMA TO VALPARAISO



R.M.S.S. "GUATEMALA" AT IQUIQUE-CHILE



U. S. S. YORKTOWN



SHORE LEAVE



U. S. S. PRINCETON

A group of some of the steamships of the several lines calling at Balboa, which is the port for Panama. The U. S. S. "Yorktown" and the U. S. S. "Princeton" and other vessels of the U. S. Navy are frequent visitors to this harbor.

:-: TABOGA :-:



BAY SCENE



FROM SANITARIUM



SANITARIUM



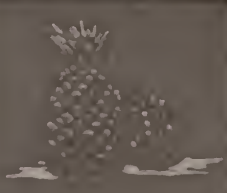
PINEAPPLE FARM



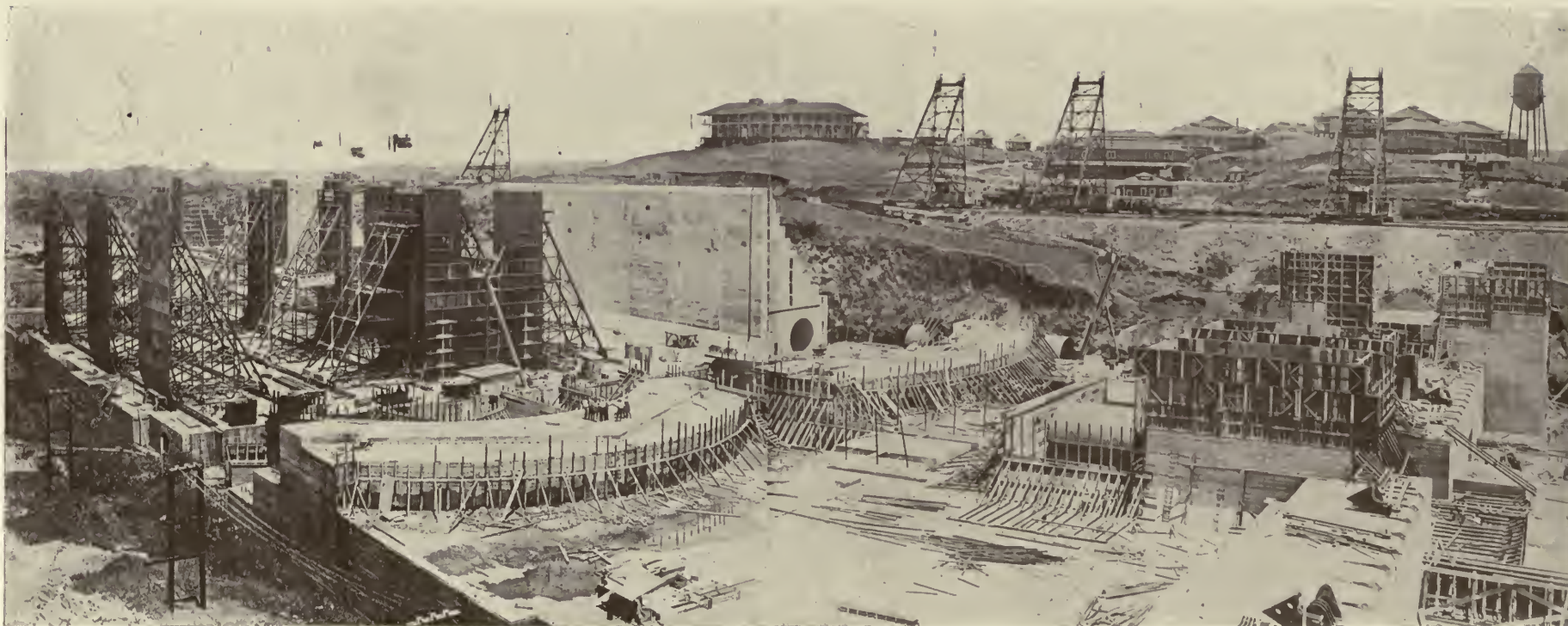
A TABOGA HOME



HISTORICAL CHURCH



This island is 12 miles from the mainland and is noted for its beauty. The I. C. C. Sanitarium, a place for convalescents, non-employees as well as canal workers, overlooks the water. The native section is primitive and picturesque, and contains one of the oldest churches in these parts. The juicy pineapples grow here in abundance.



Photograph of steel towers and forms for making concrete walls for the locks on the Panama Canal.

The United States Steel Products Company, No. 30 Church Street, New York City, have furnished the Isthmian Canal Commission with large quantities of rails, corrugated sheets, pipe, structural material, special track work, frogs, switches, fabricated material for scales, bridges, conduit slot covers, conductor rails, lock gate recess covers, structural material in gate anchorage, eyebars, box girders, miscellaneous structural material, furnished and erected movable towers and forms for lock walls, and have the contract for furnishing and erecting the emergency dams.

NATIVE CHILDREN



AT PLAY



BOTH AT HOME



WASH DAY

LITTLE WAITRESS



A CHAGRES LILY



HIS MIDDAY MEAL



LOST



PREPARING SUPPER



POSING

The children of the tropics love to play as ardently as do those in the cooler climes. They have the same childish joys and sorrows, and look forward with some desire to the time when they are grown up. They play marbles, baseball and other well known games, and in addition have pastimes that are peculiar to the Isthmus. One of these, which resembles shooting "craps," is a game played with the seeds of the maranon, a native fruit.

WASHERWOMEN



The various streams are favorite washing-places for the native women. The method of beating the clothes on the rocks is customary. It cleanses the garments, but robs them of most of their buttons.

:-: P A N A M A :-:



Panama City in 1857 and to-day. Both pictures taken from Ancon Hill. The city is under the discretionary sanitary regulations instituted by the I. C. C. All the historical features of the bygone Spanish days are preserved in this old capital, with its balconied houses, ancient churches and flowery plazuelas. Some modern methods of construction have been introduced within recent years.

:-: PANAMA :-:



Christening of the Panamanian flag, November 3, 1903, on which date celebrations are held.



Panama is now the only Republic without an army—the only force maintained is that of the police, who may be seen everywhere uniformed in blue; rifles are kept in reserve.