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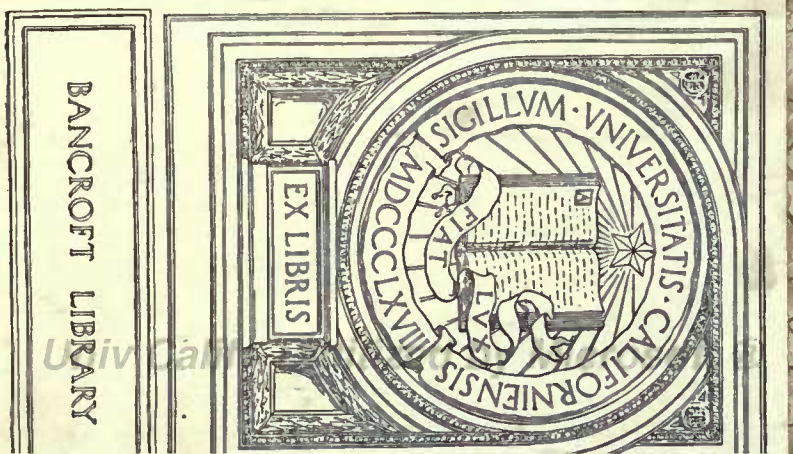

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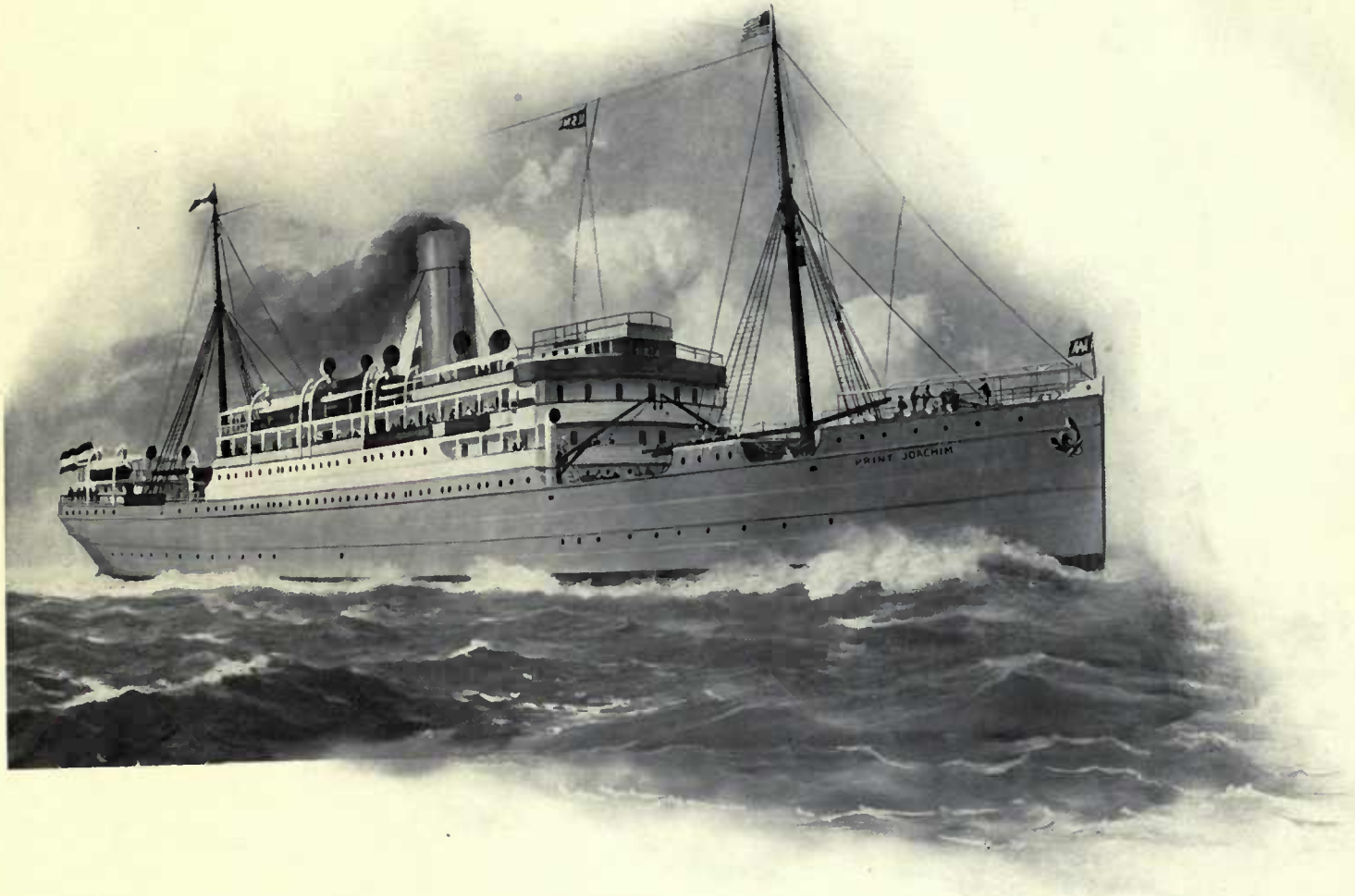

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The Narrative of a Tour of Observation through The Canal Zone, with some Account of Visits to Saint Thomas, Porto Rico, Jamaica and Cuba, by the Commercial Clubs of Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis, February 18th—March 14th, 1907

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St. Louis, 1907

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"I am informed that representatives of the Commercial Clubs of four cities — Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis — the membership of which includes many of the leading business men of those cities, expect to visit the Isthmus for the purpose of examining the work of construction of the canal. I am glad to hear it, and I shall direct that every facility be given them to see all that is to be seen in the work which the government is doing. Such interest as a visit like this would indicate will have a good effect upon the men who are doing the work, on one hand, while on the other hand, it will offer as witnesses of the exact conditions men whose experience as business men and whose impartiality will make the result of their observations of value to the country as a whole."

From the Special Message of President Roosevelt to Congress, December 17th, 1906.

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"I recall that while at the meeting of the Commercial Club of Cincinnati last year, proposal was made that a steamer be chartered to visit Panama this winter, and I agreed to be one of the party, or at least to time my annual visit so that I should be on the Isthmus when you were. My impression is that it would be wiser to postpone your visit until about this time next year when I understand you have, perhaps, a twenty years' anniversary. I do this, because at that time there will be a hotel constructed at Ancon, on the Panama side, sufficiently large to take in all of the members of the Clubs likely to make a visit — a hotel fresh, and new, and clean, free from any contagion, where you can be comfortable and feel safe at the same time. I sincerely hope that the proposition to visit Panama will not be given up. Those who go will feel richly rewarded for the definite information that the eye will give them of the task which this government has undertaken, and which under the inspiration of energy breathed into the enterprise by the words and action of President Roosevelt, it will certainly perform."

From the address of Honorable William H. Taft, Secretary of War, before the Commercial Club of Saint Louis, November 18th, 1905.

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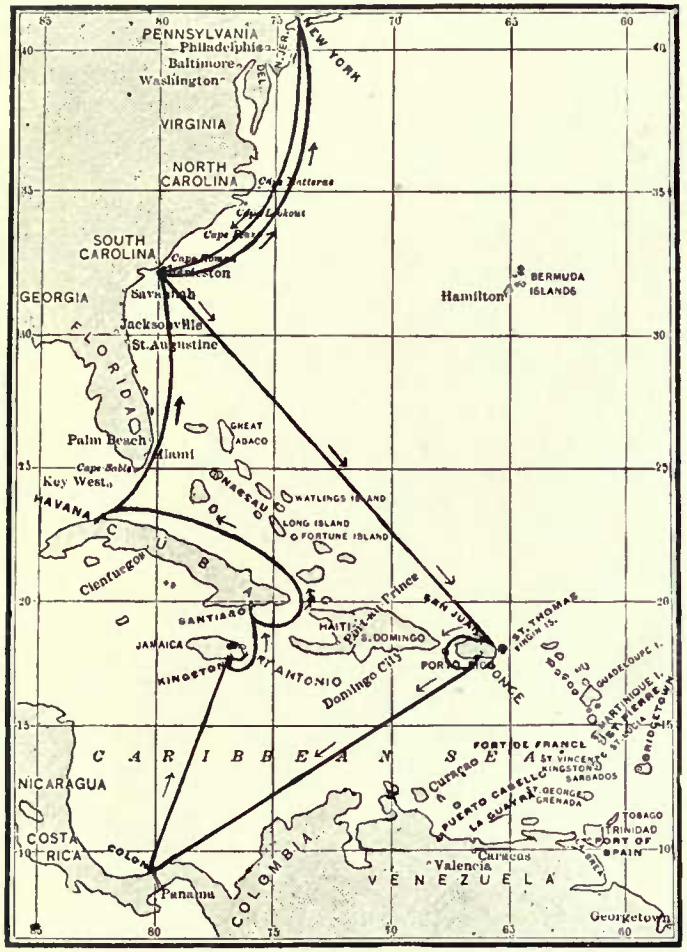

Route of the Commercial Clubs — Trip to Panama.

Itinerary

			Miles.	Stay.
Left New York	6:15 a. m.	Feb. 18		
Passed Scotland Light	8:00 a. m.	" 18		
Arrived Charleston	3:10 p. m.	" 20	626	5h. 5m.
Left Charleston	8:15 p. m.	" 20		
Arrived St. Thomas	6:15 p. m.	" 24	1186	5h. 25m.
Left St. Thomas	11:40 p. m.	" 24		
Arrived San Juan	8:50 a. m.	" 25	70	8h. 55m.
Left San Juan	5:45 p. m.	" 25		
Arrived Ponce	6:40 a. m.	" 26	142	3h. 5m.
Left Ponce	9:45 a. m.	" 26		
Arrived Colon	7:20 a. m.	March 1	934	38h. 35m.
Left Colon	9:55 p. m.	" 2		
Arrived Kingston	8:55 p. m.	" 4	550	21h. 5m.
Left Kingston	6:00	" 5		
Arrived Santiago	7:00 a. m.	" 6	166	6h.
Left Santiago	1:00 p. m.	" 6		
Arrived Havana	1:15 p. m.	" 8	641	42h.
Left Havana	7:15 a. m.	" 10		
Arrived Charleston	3:30 a. m.	" 12	636	10h. 14m.
Left Charleston	1:44 p. m.	" 12		
Arrived New York	3:00 p. m.	" 14	626	
			5577	140h. 24m.

Time New York to New York—24 days, 8 hours, 45 minutes.

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