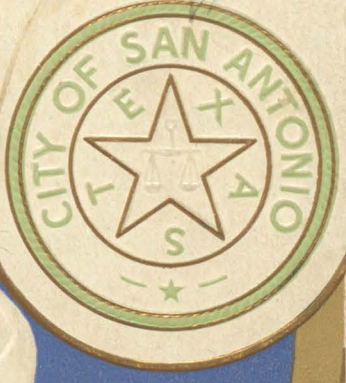
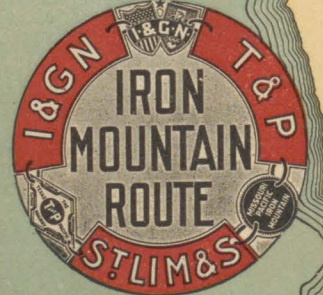


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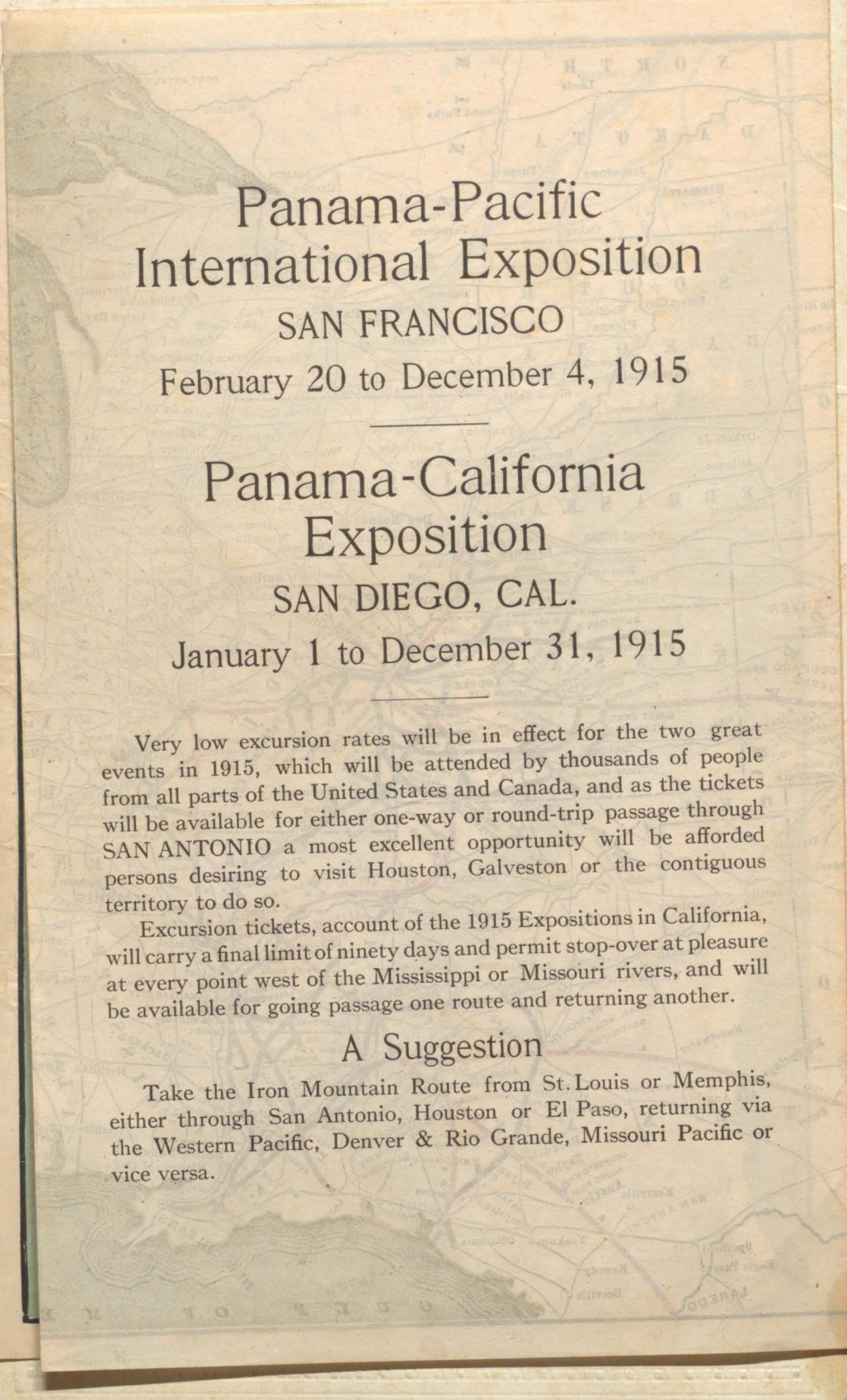


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AND CONNECTIONS

MAP SHOWING CONNECTIONS WITH LINES IN MEXICO



Panama-Pacific International Exposition

SAN FRANCISCO

February 20 to December 4, 1915

Panama-California Exposition

SAN DIEGO, CAL.

January 1 to December 31, 1915

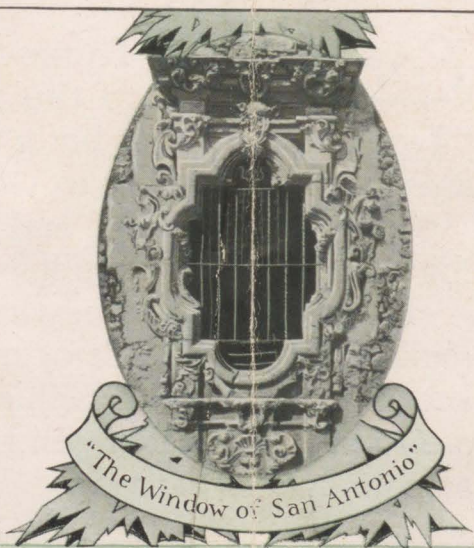
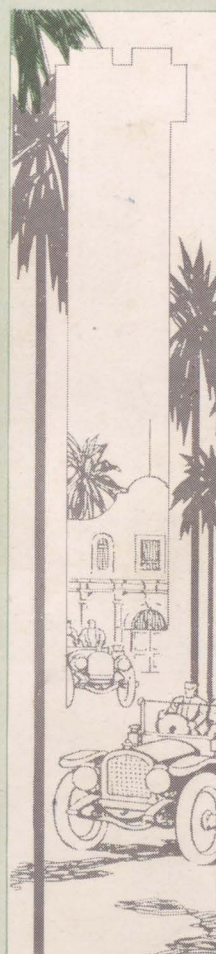
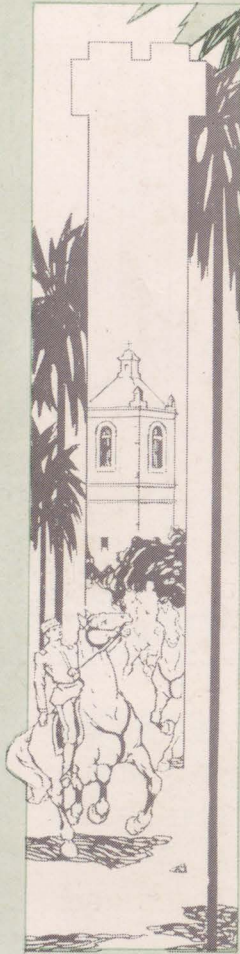
Very low excursion rates will be in effect for the two great events in 1915, which will be attended by thousands of people from all parts of the United States and Canada, and as the tickets will be available for either one-way or round-trip passage through SAN ANTONIO a most excellent opportunity will be afforded persons desiring to visit Houston, Galveston or the contiguous territory to do so.

Excursion tickets, account of the 1915 Expositions in California, will carry a final limit of ninety days and permit stop-over at pleasure at every point west of the Mississippi or Missouri rivers, and will be available for going passage one route and returning another.

A Suggestion

Take the Iron Mountain Route from St. Louis or Memphis, either through San Antonio, Houston or El Paso, returning via the Western Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande, Missouri Pacific or vice versa.

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"The Window of San Antonio"

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Swans in Brackenridge Park

“In summertime between
It's sloping banks of green
Gliding along:
All thru the day and night
Singeth the river bright
A winsome song.”

Foreword To the tourist who has confined his travels to the East and to Europe, the name “Texas” often means but a vague, vast extent of area, inhabitable, but not desirably so.

This is unfortunate, and it is the duty of the railroads and the press to correct so unfair an impression.

Education is a somewhat difficult matter, where there is already a groundwork of erroneous information. So by the accompanying photographic views of real conditions as they are to-day, the reader can be convinced more readily than by any amount of language.

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International & Great Northern Railway Station, San Antonio



Lovers' Lane

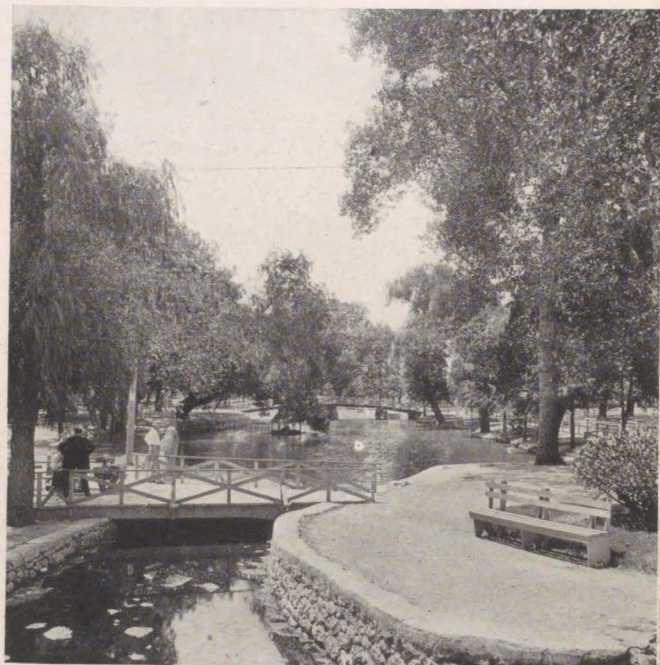
THERE are many beautiful drives and winding walks in the two hundred acres of Brackenridge Park. Its chief charm lies in its natural beauty, which has been left undisturbed. Well wooded, it extends over hill and dale, with the sinuous San Antonio River gliding through it.



In Brackenridge Park

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In San Pedro Park



Travis Square



Alamo Plaza and Postoffice

QUAINT and fascinating are the narrow streets of San Antonio, its many tropical looking plazas, its old-time churches; quainter still its many Mexican inhabitants, with their peaked sombreros and their age-old faces.



The Main Plaza

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The Menger Hotel and Alamo Plaza



Patio, Menger Hotel

CHIEF in size of the Texas cities, and most desirable in climate, is San Antonio. Here are to be found hotels of up-to-date type, in which everything that modern travelers demand, of comfort and luxury, may be had, and that at a reasonable cost. The natural mineral springs found at Hot Wells are sought by people from all over the country.



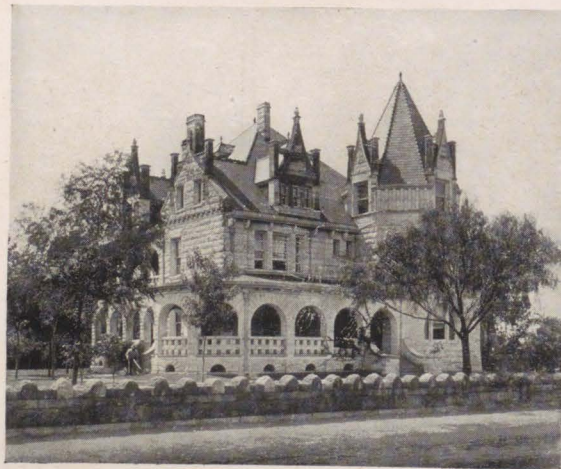
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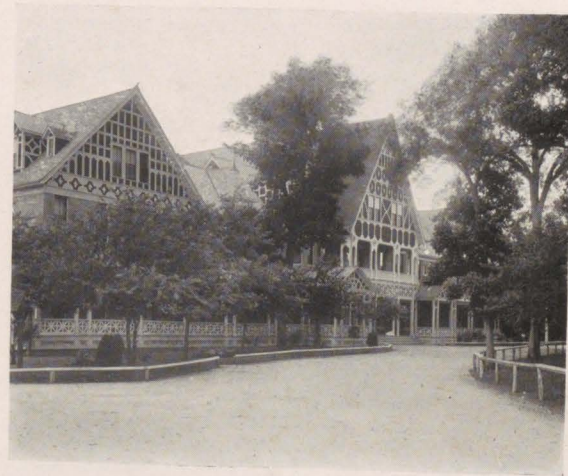


The St. Anthony Hotel



San Antonio Residence

THE Hot Wells Hotel offers, in addition to the usual provision, trained attendants to give baths and massage treatment. To those who, like the late E. H. Harriman, prefer to live out in the open, there is good camping ground adjoining the hotel. Tempered in winter by the balmy airs of the South, and swept in summer by breezes from the Gulf of Mexico, San Antonio offers to the seeker for health a never-ending succession of sunlit days.



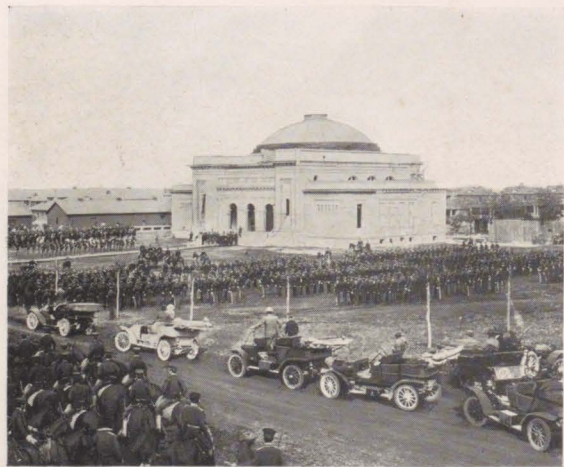
The Hot Wells Hotel

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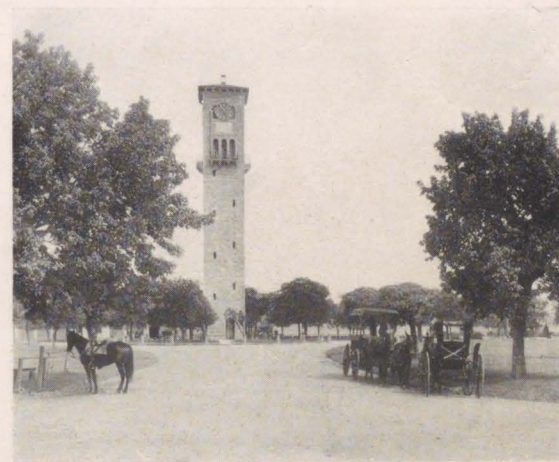


The Gunter Hotel



Gift Chapel at the Fort

THE United States Government has established in San Antonio its second largest Army Post, "Fort Sam Houston," named for the hero of the Texas war for independence. During the recent excitement in Mexico more than fifteen thousand additional soldiers have been comfortably camped on the vast reservation. Reports of the Government Medical Inspectors have shown that never has so large a body of men been camped together under such excellent climatic conditions, and, in consequence, with so little of sickness.



The Water Tower

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Deer are Plentiful



Golf at the Country Club



One of the Fine Auto Roads

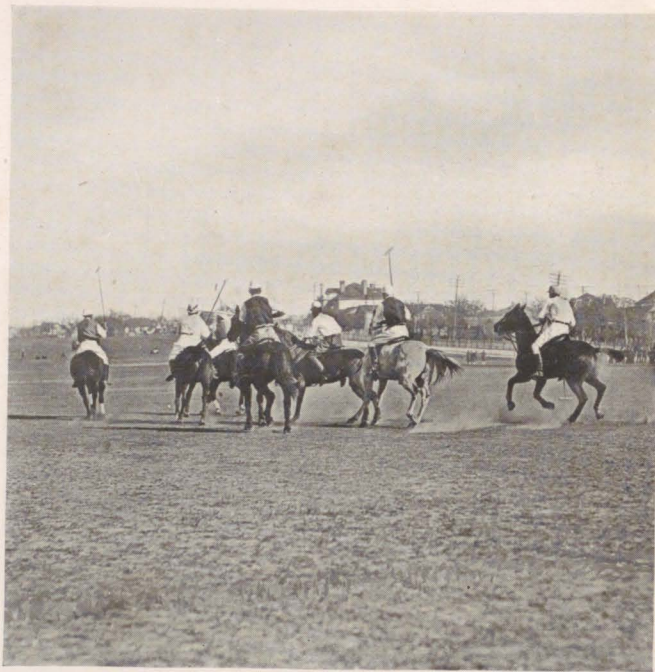
SAN ANTONIO offers many attractions in the way of amusements. There are good roads through beautiful rolling country for the motorist. There is an abundance of small game—quail, doves, rabbits, ducks and the like, for the hunter, while the enthusiast may find, in a few hours' ride, deer and wild fowl in greatest plenty, and the fisherman delights himself with Spanish mackerel and the greatest of all game fish, the tarpon.



Duck Shooting is Good

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Polo at Fort Sam Houston

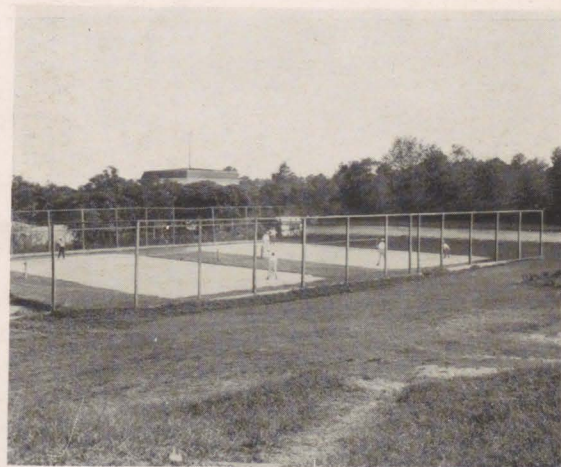


The Travis Club



A Half-Day's Catch

THERE are good people in the Post, and several towns offering high-class attractions. There are a number of city clubs. The San Antonio, The Travis, The Casino, The Harmony, The International, and the delightful Country Club and the Rock Hill Hunt Club.

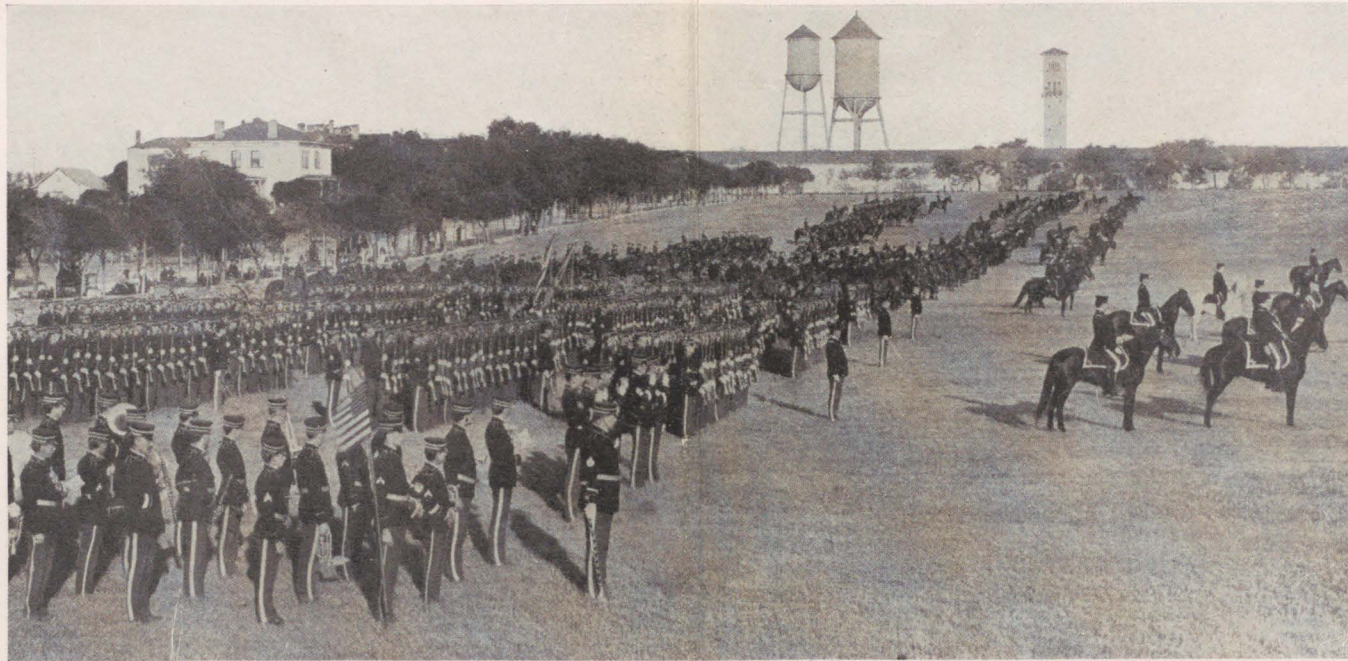


Tennis is Popular



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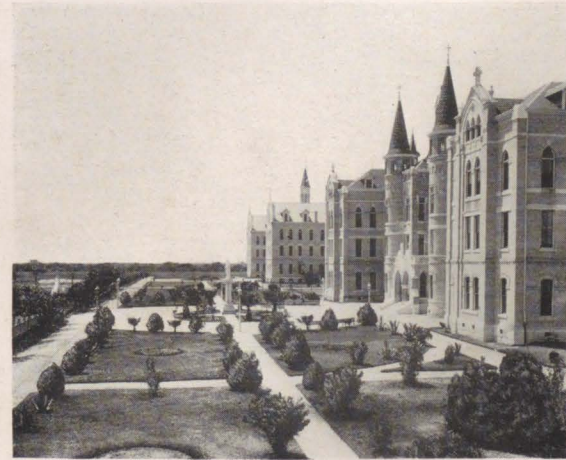


On Parade at Fort Sam Houston



Patio of a Residence

ON the outlying hills many charming houses and semi-tropical gardens speak of wealth and comfort, and a certain restful relaxation almost unknown in the crowded cities of the East. Here are excellent schools, for San Antonio is the educational center of this southwestern country, and pupils come from the adjoining states and from Mexico.



Convent and School, "My Lady of the Lake"

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Granary and Tower, San Jose Mission



San Juan Mission



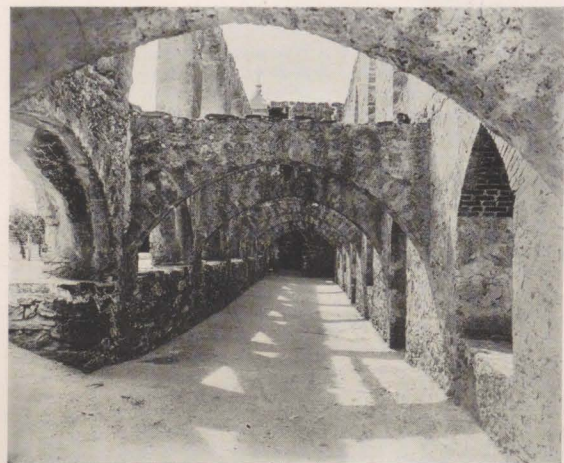
San Francisco de Espada Mission

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Cathedral San Fernando



Arches, San Jose Mission

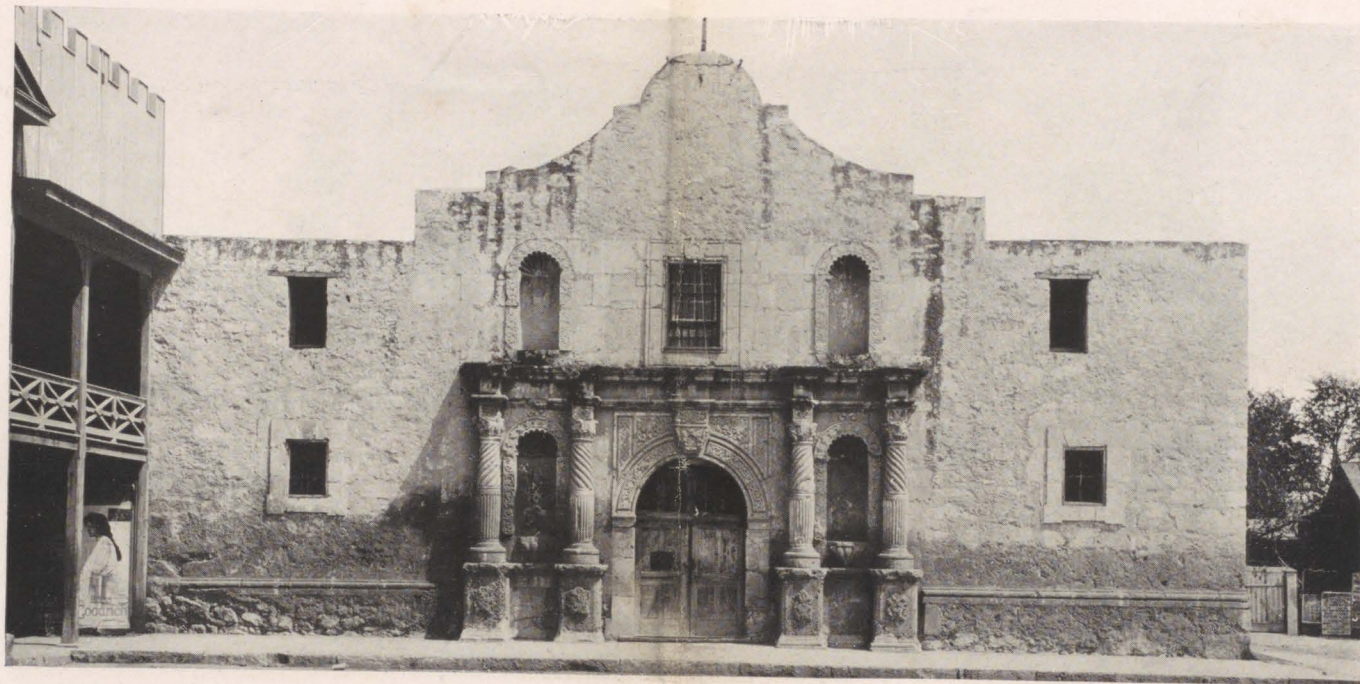
SAN ANTONIO was founded more than two hundred years ago by the Franciscan Monks. Coming up from Mexico they claimed the country for Spain, laboring to convert the native Indians to Christianity. The early history is a series of battles with vicious savages and wild beasts. The chain of Missions on the outskirts of the present town were connected by an underground passage with the chief Mission "San Jose," where grain and supplies were stored in the old granary. It is said the Monks made use of this tunnel to work on the superstitions of the Indians, appearing in the different Missions without visible means of travel.



Mission San Jose

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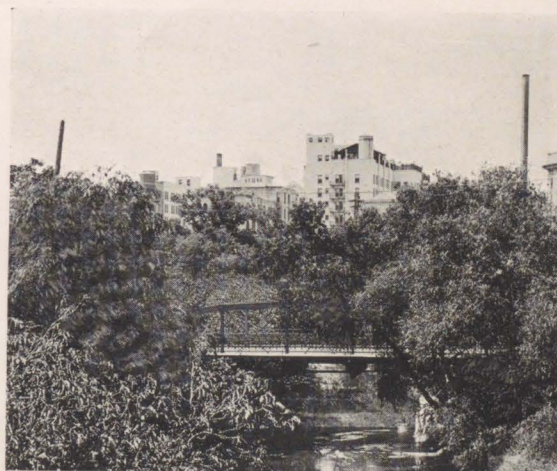


Thermopylae had its Messenger, the Alamo had none



Concepcion Mission

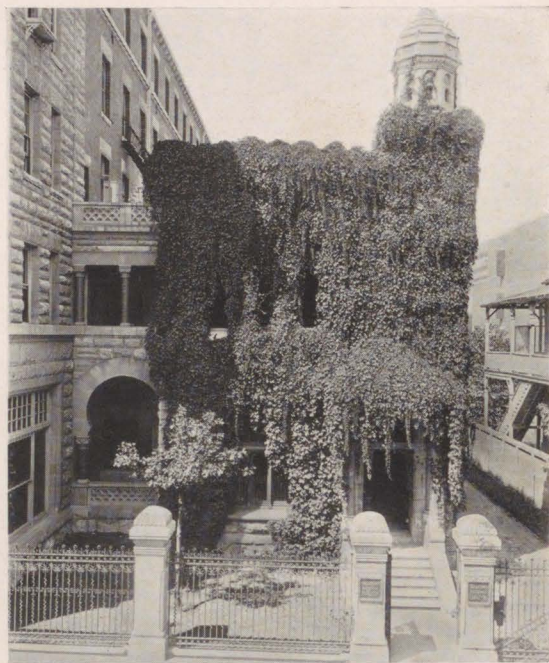
SAN ANTONIO has been under six flags, the Spanish, the French, the Republic of Texas, the Mexican, the Confederate and the American, or Union. The story of the struggle which threw off the Mexican yoke is a thrilling one. One of the best-known events was of the Alamo, where 183 men withstood an army and gave up their lives for liberty. In all the annals of history there is no story of heroism more superb. Davy Crockett and Bowie both died with the fall of the Alamo.



San Antonio River

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A San Antonio Bank



An Automobile Meet



A San Antonio Residence Street

COMMERCIALLY San Antonio is of no mean importance. The center of a contributing territory as large as the State of Ohio, it has developed more rapidly than any other city of the Southwest. The soil immediately north and west is very rich. Well populated, chiefly by thrifty German farmers who settled on this land some sixty years ago, it has, through their industry, been transformed from a region given over to sheep and cattle raising into a rich agricultural country. Between San Antonio and the Rio Grande, 152 miles away, in the past few years the country has been wonderfully developed through irrigation, both from artesian wells and streams flowing to the Gulf. Last year there was shipped to market from this district over 3,000 carloads of Bermuda onions alone, as well as 1,000 cars of other vegetables. Only a few years ago nothing but mesquite and cacti flourished in this desert land, which has now begun indeed to "blossom like the rose." The manufacturing interests of San Antonio are of considerable importance. It supports six National, three State and four private banks, with deposits amounting to fifteen million dollars annually.

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IN SAN ANTONIO

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Representatives of these companies at Union Station in St. Louis give special attention to lady passengers, children and invalids, and may be freely

called upon for information and assistance. The train employes are courteous and accommodating and strive to make the journey pleasant.

The route follows the Mississippi River for more than twenty miles south of St. Louis and thence through the famous Ozark Mountains and on to Little Rock, the capital and metropolis of Arkansas.

Passengers taking the Iron Mountain Route to San Antonio have the privilege of stopping off at Little Rock or Benton, from which a side trip can be taken to the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas for a slight additional cost. This is one of the world's famous resorts and anyone passing so near should by no means miss it.

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