

ROMANCE OF PANAMA CANAL

Paper by Miss Mary E. Bidwell Before Faith Trumbull Chapter Meeting—Mrs. Arthur H. Lathrop Gave Report From 21st Annual Meeting of State Association—Mrs. Edward J. Hunt Described Forms of War Relief Work.

The regular monthly meeting of Faith Trumbull chapter, D. A. R., was held on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Mary E. Bidwell on McKinley avenue, with a good attendance. It was conducted by the regent, Mrs. Will L. Stearns and opened with the singing of America. Mrs. George L. Ingalls presided at the chair.

a cleverly written paper upon the Romance of the Panama Canal. This romance began four centuries ago with the travels of Marco Polo. Columbus furnished a thrilling chapter when he thought he had found the desired route to the orient. Balboa was a great discoverer. Panama became a great city and the metropolis of America. Across the isthmus were two paved roads and the richest trade route in the world for two hundred years. A canal was planned but the acquisition would not allow it. Then came the days of the buccanniers and its glory departed. The gold fever in 1849 re-established a trade route and the railroad was another chapter in its history. The most pathetic of all was the story of De Lesseps and the French canal.

CONNECTICUT BOYS ON THE BATTLESHIP.

May Have Christmas Home Before Sailing For Expedition.

Connecticut boys on the battleships will have a chance for a brief Christmas furlough, unless something unforeseen happens. It is the understanding in naval circles in New York that every dreadnought and every other first-line battleship in the Atlantic fleet, with the exception of the flagship New York, will sail from Hampton Roads, via the Panama canal, for the Panama-Pacific fair on February 15. The New York will remain behind to take on board President Wilson, who will join the ship immediately after congress adjourns and proceed to the Panama Canal zone, to be present at the official opening of the great Isthmian waterway to the commerce of the world.

On the way to San Francisco the fleet will call at San Diego, where a great reception, rivaling that accorded to the old fleet when it went around the world under Evans, Thomas and Sperry will be tendered to the officers and men. As understood in New York these are the battleships that are going to the Pacific: First division: Arkansas, (Flagship of Rear Admiral H. T. Mayo, division commander), Delaware, North Dakota, Texas Wyoming. Second division: Utah, (Flagship of Rear Admiral C. J. Boush, division commander), Florida, Kansas, Michigan, South Carolina. Third division: New Jersey (Flagship of Rear Admiral Frank L. Bettig, division commander), Virginia, Georgia, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Connecticut. Fourth division: (Flagship of Rear Admiral Walter McLean, division commander), Connecticut, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Vermont. The torpedo flotilla will comprise the scout cruiser Birmingham, the flagship; the auxiliary cruiser Dixie and the following destroyers: Drayton, Warrington, Henley, Mayrant, McCall, Burrows, Ammen, Patterson, Paulding, Trippe, Fanning, Beale, Jarvis, Jenkins, Jett, Cummings, Cassin, McDougall, Balch, Benham and Parker. The dreadnoughts will remain in New York over Christmas and will sail for Guantanamo early in January.



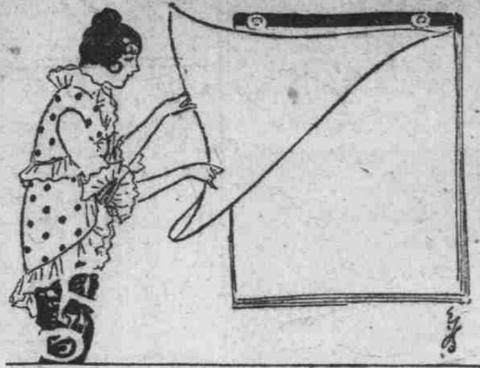
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BOYS' GLEE CLUB.

Held First Meeting at Academy and Elected Officers. The Boys' Glee club of the Norwich Free Academy met for organization at the close of school on Tuesday. The first meeting of thirty-five members chose the following officers: President, Charles Crowe; recording secretary, Howard L. Fendleton.

Eagles Elect Officers.

At the meeting of Norwicherie of Eagles No. 847, Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Worthy president, Charles Drescher; vice president, Victor Payment; chaplain, William E. Connors; secretary, J. C. Koenig; treasurer, J. G. Rainey; inside guard, Prentice W. Chase; outside guard, Samuel Evans; trustees, Martin Keough; physicians, Louis Cassidy, William T. Driscoll.

The state tuberculosis commission met at the capitol Monday. Only the ordinary routine business was transacted. All members were present.

TRADE CONFERENCE.

"Made in New England" to Be Key-note of Export Meeting in Boston. The date for the Latin-American Trade Conference which the New Haven road has been arranging with the idea of helping New England manufacturers and booming business, has been fixed. The conference will be held at the New American house, 50 Hanover street, Boston, Tuesday, December 15. Howard Elliott, president of American Trade, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Co., and chairman of the board of directors, is to preside at the meeting, at which there will be many well known speakers.

"Made in New England" will be the keynote of this meeting.

While some of the addresses will be on Latin-American trade in general, including some of its technical features, it will all be with special reference to it as a market for New England made goods. The conference proper will be preceded by a luncheon at which those present will be the guests of the railroad. This luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock noon, after which the addresses and general discussion of Latin-American trade opportunities will follow.

Left an Estate of \$18,072.16.

(Special to The Bulletin.) New York, Dec. 8.—Theodore Altschul—father, in Norwich, of Albert Altschul—left a net-estate of \$18,072.16 when he passed away on March 29 last, according to an appraisal of his estate, made by one of the transfer tax state appraisers, which report today is on file here in the office of the clerk of the surrogate's court, the entire estate, under the direction of his will, executed Sept. 11, 1907, in the presence of three witnesses, passing over completely to his widow, Ida Altschul, of No. 5 West 91st street, she being also the executrix. There are four children.

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