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International Railways of Central America

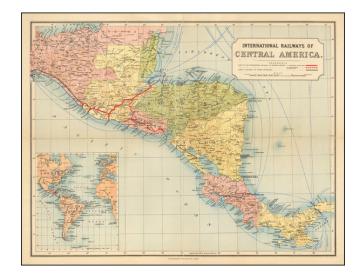
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Size: 18.9 x 14.6 inches

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Description:

United Fruit's Railroad Company in Central America

Rare map of Central America, focusing on the Railroad lines operated by the International Railways of Central America.

The map identifies exisiting lines in red in Guatemala and El Salvador, along with dashed red lines (under construction or projected).

The lines of other Railway companies are shown in black, including, National Railways of Mexico (in Chiapas and Oaxaca) and lines in Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama.

The company was the first to develop railroad lines in Guatemala. Construction of the first railway in Guatemala commenced in 1877 and the first section began operation in 1880, connecting Puerto San José and Escuintla, later being extended to Guatemala City in 1884. The line to Puerto Barrios, known originally as Northern Railroad of Guatemala and still exists, was completed in 1908. The network was soon acquired by United Fruit, and in 1912 renamed the International Railways of Central America which was also known as IRCA.

Detailed Condition: