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THE ROAD TO RUSSIA.

All roads to Russia are paved with steel. The body of Mother Russia is being fed through ~~xxxxxxx~~ an arterial system of roads, railways, waterways and sea ports into which is being poured additional means of sustenance. Here, at harbours at the North of the Persian Gulf are streaming shiploads of fighting material in this war of gigantic movement... focal points in the Iranian lines of communication with the U.S.S.R. Here, in this ancient land of Persia, a dozen different tribes and races work on the waterfronts, helping in the unloading and transfer of the daily cargoes carried from ship to shore: a cosmopolitan mixture ranging from Arabs to Baluchis. And from neighbouring India have come the Gurkhas to help in the guarding of these modern treasures from across the seas.

To support Russia's colossal military activity, our efforts and the efforts of the Empire and the U.S.A. are pledged to speedy transport through every available means of entry into the Soviet. All roads lead to the Eastern front.

Iran is about seven times the size of Great Britain. At Bender Shahpur is the terminus of the Trans-Iranian Railway which cuts a tortuous path from the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea. An important life-line that has to be maintained and strengthened. Britain is seeing to it that this great iron roadway is kept in good order. Rolling stock of all kinds, railway lines and sleepers start their life of usefulness immediately on arrival. An iron road to Russia reaching out across a land of biblical antiquity.

Long supply trains start their journey into the difficult Persian terrain. Waggon, trucks, and tankers hitched to powerful mountain locomotives set off on their long run into the deserted hinterland.

The old caravan routes are also becoming motor roads. This is country which figured prominently in the news during the last war. The routes to Russia are many and varied and good British humour is to be seen in many strange parts of the world.

Steadily the trains rattle on towards the Russian frontier regions.

Nearing the Caspian Sea the line reaches nearly seven thousand feet in 70 miles with the aid of several spiral tunnels. It is across such perilous country as this that many of the weapons and supplies from Britain, America, India, Australia and elsewhere find their way. Across other routes to Russia are streaming others. The signals are set at full steam ahead!