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As roads are being improved, faster time is being made by motor transportation from Syria across Iraq and into Persia. The fast service from Beirut to Bagdad seldom requires 24 hours and it is possible to make the trip by special car in 15 hours. The time of transit from railhead at Khanikin across Persia to Teheran, has been cut from 3 to 2 days during the summer months. It is now planned to make a trial run from Teheran to Khanikin in one day of perhaps 17 hours. If connections can be made with the evening train, Bagdad will be reached the next morning, which would make a trip from Teheran to Bagdad possible in one day. Before the war this journey occupied about a month and when motor transportation was first introduced and the railway opened, it took from five days in summer up to 40 in winter. If connection could be made at Bagdad with the desert convoy, Damascus can be reached on the second day. With a fast automobile and no stops it will eventually be possible to leave Teheran early in the morning and reach Beirut late the following night. The minimum running

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time of 36 hours will probably not be achieved this year, as this does not allow for delays at toll gates and custom houses.



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