

IMPROVEMENTS TO COST MUCH

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, June 27.—The Pennsylvania Railroad system has begun a series of improvements to cost more than \$125,000,000, according to an announcement made by the road here recently. Work has already begun on improvements costing more than two million dollars in the northwest region, which includes most of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. The largest single improvement will be at 55th street, Chicago, where the tracks will be elevated at a cost of \$12,500,000. Another expenditure of \$12,500,000 will be made just four blocks south, at 59th street, where the Pennsylvania shops are located. Facilities for making heavy repairs to freight cars will be installed in these shops so that disabled cars can be put on the tracks promptly, in accordance with the present campaign to keep all equipment in constant service. Pennsylvania railroad coal docks at Sandusky, O., will have their slip deepened to permit the entrance of large ships and allow continuous passage to Chicago. A second track will be extended from Webb to Wallbridge, Ohio, with a 125-car capacity siding at Webb, at a cost of \$400,000. This improvement will expedite the handling of freight from Toledo and relieve the Toledo yard from considerable congestion. At Ft. Wayne, Ind., a 110-foot turntable will be installed to replace a 75-foot turntable, which has become inadequate for the large, modern engines. This will cost \$98,000. The announcement says that these improvements are in accordance with the nation-wide campaign being conducted by the American Railway Association to have all railway equipment in constant service for the expected traffic this summer, when the present business boom will reach its height.

WOULD ALLEVIATE HUNGER PANGS OF PHILIPPINE PAGANS

MANILA, June 27.—Governor General Wood has taken steps to bring about the economic development of the Mountain Province where the people, who belong to the non-Christian tribes, are engaged in what the chief executive terms "a desperate struggle for bare existence." In a communication to Jose Sanvictores, director of the bureau of non-Christian tribes, General Wood asks that a plan be prepared which would eliminate the handicaps to the economic improvement of those regions. The governor's communication to Mr. Sanvictores is based on a report submitted by Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Johnston, member of the governor's staff, who has just made an inspection of the Mountain Province in company with Colonel Edward L. Manson, United States army. General Wood in his communication says: "I have always been very much concerned about the economic development of these people. In the course of 2,000 years they have been able to reclaim from their mountain a limited area of land to which water can be brought. In past years feudal strife between settlements and tribes, as well as a very high death rate, prevented undue increase in population. "However, with the restoration of law and order and the development of hygiene, sanitation, services of hospitals and doctors, the population has been continually increasing without a corresponding increase of arable land. At present the mass of the population is engaged in a desperate struggle for bare existence. In the majority of districts there is not sufficient rice, and the people eke out a very meager existence with sweet potatoes. They lack clothing, proper shelter, salt and the tools necessary in their labor. I am informed that prices for necessities in the stores throughout the Mountain Province average from 200 to 1,000 per cent above those that prevail in the nearby lowlands." The governor general recommends that means of promoting trade between the mountain people and the

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SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., June 27.—There are over 400,000 deaths in the United States every year from preventable diseases, said Dr. William F. Rock of New York in addressing the National Tuberculosis Association today. "The death rate from such disease as tuberculosis, syphilis, gonorrhea, infantile diarrhoea, typhoid fever and others have declined largely as a result of the application of scientific knowledge and community organization. The most forward step in further life saving in this country must come through more effective coordination of existing health agencies. "In addition to the officially constituted health officers in various states and cities throughout the country, there are from twenty to fifty different voluntary health agencies, each striving to get over a particular program. To reduce the death rate from preventable diseases to a practical minimum there must be a getting together of these organizations. "This is a task which the National Health Council has set for itself. Already very definite steps have been taken in this direction by the national health agencies, including the American Social Hygiene Association, National Committee for Mental Hygiene, National Organization for Public Health Nursing, National Tuberculosis Association, American Public Health Association, American Red Cross Conference of State and Provincial Health Authorities of North America, Council on Health and Public Instruction of the American Medical Association, the American Society for the Control of Cancer, and a number of other associated national agencies."

DANISH BUILDING CURTAILED
COPENHAGEN, June 26.—The French occupation of the Ruhr is materially affecting the welfare of Denmark, according to the Scandinavian Shipping Gazette. No iron, steel, coke, dyes or other goods have come from the Ruhr since the French went in. Danish shipbuilding has been hard hit, work on 12 new ships in Copenhagen having been stopped. The lack of supplies increases the number of unemployed and extensive building programs have had to be curtailed.

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BRAZIL TO REVISE LABOR LAWS

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national labor council. The purpose of the council is to study all matters touching labor interests to suggest and outline labor legislation, and to visualize and supervise the application of labor laws. The council will be composed of 12

members appointed by the president of the republic, two of whom will be chosen from among actual workmen, two employers, two high officials of the ministry of agriculture, industry and commerce, and six other persons of recognized authority in social questions.

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