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PEKING-HANKOW RAILWAY SERVICE IS BEING IMPROVED

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The Peking-Hankow Railway is planning to cut down its running time between terminal cities to forty four hours. The distance between Peking and Hankow is 755 miles. The railway administration is making improvements to main line road-bed and is repairing sixty of the 190 locomotives owned by the line. These repairs are being made in various shops. The South Manchuria Railway Company has already completed work on some of the locomotives, the Shanhaikwan shops of the Peking-Mukden Railway have some locomotives which are now being repaired and some have been sent to the Kiao Tsi Railway shop.

Considerable work will also be necessary on the steel bridges. Today's press reports state that a bridge located south of Paotingfu at Fangshun collapsed under a load of freight cars carrying salt. Six of the freight cars were wrecked.

The locomotives being repaired are of the prairie type of Baldwin and Belgian makes. There are approximately forty each of these in use. Work on other locomotives will be completed later.

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