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Abadan, terminus of the Iranian pipe-line, largest oil refinery in the world is delivered from the threat of Nazi capture. Anglo-Soviet action - taken not before time - effectively scotches German attempts to get the Iranian oil by the familiar method of lies, blackmail and corruption. Traffic regulations in Persia are now, Allied troops in, Nazi tourists out. In peace time Iran produced five million tons of oil a year. Five hundred tankers filled up at Abadan dockside every twelve months.

Iranian gunboats were captured and put under British guard. Others were sunk by a naval sloop when they tried to escape down the Persian gulf. They had been ordered to resist by the pro-German Shah, who's now been pulled off his pedestal. He doesn't live here any more.

The Indian troops relaxed after the skirmishing action in which they captured the town. Some were detailed up country to guard the vital pipe-lines. The nearest oil wells are more than a hundred miles distant. German hopes of a new oil supply have been thwarted here in Iran. Britain must now give maximum aid to Russia, and bar the threatened Nazi drive towards the Soviet oil at Baku.