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High in the Andes -- over, around and even through the mountain peaks -- Ecuador is forging the final rail link between its capital of Quito and the Pacific Coast.

Men -- and not machines -- are the backbone of the rugged job, which includes the stringing of bridges ...

and the dynamiting of throughways.

There are new obstacles and new dangers every day. Here, a pile of heavy timber, slips and a workmen hangs on desperately.

Almost one hundred miles of track will have been laid when the twenty million dollar project is completed early next years and the service begins from Quito the coast.

Steers must make way as civilization comes to the ancient land of the Incas.