

BRITISH BUILT BRIDGE OPENS.

A feather in the cap of British engineering, the Khorramshahr Bridge, is claimed to be the longest and strongest bridge ever built in the Middle East. Completed in record time of 16 months (eight months faster than schedule) it was now to be formally opened. A great occasion for modern Persia. So the Shah himself performed the ceremony.

Having opened the bridge, the obvious thing was to cross it, a walk of 660 yards, half as long again as Westminster Bridge.

Quite a crowd followed the Shah. The bridge joins Khorramshahr, Persia's biggest port, with the Island of Abadan, famous for its oil refinery. Till now, all traffic was ferried over the water. The bridge will carry far more, much more quickly. Of British construction, and a boon to Persia.