HIGHWAY WORK IS TO BEGIN SHORTLY

State to Have Large Contract Letting March 16 at Springfield

highway construction program is rapidly getting under way, as evidenced by announcement lettings this year, there will be of the State Division of Highways of another large road letting to be held at Springfield on March 16. Bids will be received for 19 sections of pavement, aggregating 108.17 miles in length; 8 sections of grading, aggregating 8.01 miles in length, and consisting of 420,220 cubic yards of excavation; also 22 sections of bridge ficial decoration from the Syrian govwork, aggregating 32 bridges, and in- ernment is Dr. Bayard Dodge, son of cluding 12,580 cubic yards of con- the great American philanthropist and crete and 954,480 pounds of structural copper millionnaire, Cleveland H steel. The proposed work is scatter- Dodge. The award is made in reced among various counties of the ognition of his services with Near state, and forms important links in East Relief and the Near East colthe state highway system.

department has held on sections in- Mr. Dodge has been the president of cluded in the \$100,000,000 bond issue. at American university at Beirut At the first letting, held on January since 1923. He is a graduate of 17. bids were received on 132 miles of Princeton. property to miles of grading and 50 separate bridges. Contracts have tions included in that letting, and plained that they often neglect to put awards will be made on the remain- in all their deductions.

ing sections as rapidly as right of way for their construction is obtained.

In addition to the work on which bids have been received this year, there was awarded last year and carried over into 1927 for construction, a total of 215 miles of pavement, 40 miles of grading and 50 separate bridges. With the award of contracts for all sections included in the two total under contract of 455 miles of pavement, 88 miles of grading and 132 bridges.

#### FIRST AMERICAN IS DECORATED BY SYRIA

The first American to receive an ofleges on behalf of the under-privil-This will be the second letting the eged children and refugees in Syria.

The taxpayers more forget many been awarded for a number of sec- items of income, but it is not com-

RAILWAYS PAY MORE TAX THAN DIVIDENDS

Last Six Years, According to Writer In Magazine; Points Moral

In the last six years the large railways of the United States have paid \$80,000,000 more to the tax collector than they have paid in cash dividends to their stockholders. In five of the last six years, railway taxes have exceeded railway cash dividends by amounts varying from about \$300,000 in 1920 to \$36,000,000 in 1923. In 1925, the excess of taxes over cash dividends amounted to about \$18,000,-000. Striking changes have occurred in the past fifteen years. In 1911, the year in which the Interstate Commerce commission adopted the present system of railway classifica-

ways amounted to \$98,600,000, while their dividends were \$397,100,000. with the result that in 1925 taxes had increased 263 per cent over the 1911 level, while dividends were 14 per cent SAVES ORPHANS FROM below the 1911 mark.

To illustrate even more strikingly what has occurred, it appears that in 1911 the railways paid twenty-five cents in taxes for every dollar of dividends; in 1925, for every dollar of dividends, the railways paid one dollar and five cents in taxes.

able than railway owning, comments the Nation's Business.

for in the first six months of last ing on the Mediterranean sea shore Then taxes started their upward year railway taxes have increased 8 in front of the orphanage when a climb and dividends began to slip, per cent over the corresponding mad dog rushed across the beach and

ATTACK OF MAD DOG

An American girl, Miss Agnes Evon of Pittsfield, Mass., is the heroine of a mad-dog incident which threatened the lives of 35 orphan children in the Near East Relief orphanage at Sidon.

The children are students in an in-Truly, tax collecting is more profit- stitution appropriately called "The Bird's Nest," which houses 500 Armen and Syrian orphans of ages from attack.

And the end, apparently, is not yet, two to seven years. They were playsnapped angrily at several of them.

> Miss Evon, a Red Cross nurse in charge of the orphanage hospital, captured the dog in a blanket and then rushed the children in a motor truck to the Pasteur institute at Beirut, 50 miles away. Prompt administration of the Pasteur treatment saved the lives of all the children, although several of them are still suffering from the results of the dog's

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