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Floods

Bavaria: More pictures of the devastating floods in the Danube valley around Passau. To-day, the town is an island of roof-tops in an inland sea. After hours of incessant rain, the Danube and its tributaries reached unprecedented levels, sweeping across their banks and bringing a flood-tide of misery and despair...

As the waters rose, cattle were taken up into the loft. But better news was at hand, the latest reports say the waters are receding.

Mr Eden in Switzerland

Switzerland: Busy days for Mr Eden. Returning to Geneva, (accompanied by his wife), after the Washington talks, the Foreign Secretary later flew to Paris - for meetings with the French Premier, Mr. Mendes-France, and Mr Dulles of America. Now, with a plan for partition - comes hopes for an Indo-China Truce.

Mrs Petrov

Melbourne: Mrs Petrov makes her long-awaited appearance before the Royal Commission on Espionage in Australia. These are the first pictures of her since the famous kid-napping episode on Sydney airport, which led to her joining her husband in seeking political asylum in Australia... Then, Mr Petrov's sensational disclosures led to this fact-finding enquiry.

Venezuela parade

Venezuela: A procession of 70,000 through the streets of Caracas, marked the 143rd anniversary celebrations of Independence in this South American Republic...

A military parade, too, marching along one of the new boulevards in the Capital. A progressive Nation, Venezuela, looks back with pride - to the day when she won her heritage of freedom...