

GNB (2448)

Summer Disasters-

June 18th. '57

Fire at Richmond Show-

Surrey-- One of the major attractions of the summer ~~is~~ the Richmond ~~XXXXXX~~ Horse Show- was in full swing.

Then- suddenly- fire broke out in the restaurant under the grandstand which was packed with 600 spectators. **DRAMATIC ON THE SPOT FILMS**  
In a flash, the 66 ~~XXXXXX~~ year-old wooden structure was a mass of flames. **REVEAL HOW**

Many of the competitors and others became amateur firemen as they used sticks, mats and blankets- to try and stem the blaze.

A marquee used as a stable for 200 horses became quickly involved, but they were all led out to safety.

The restaurant and grandstand were gutted- in <sup>A</sup> ~~one of Richmond's~~ sudden and spectacular outbreaks.

Meanwhile, a <sup>SUMMER</sup> disaster of a different kind struck many French Alpine villages, ~~XXXXXX~~ when violent thunderstorms and torrential rain swept the region for three days.

~~The~~ melting of the snows aggravated ~~a~~ already serious *floods* ~~inundation~~ which caused the evacuation of more than a 1000 inhabitants.

~~For miles, railway lines were torn up by the rampaging~~  
~~bridges down over a wide area.~~

~~THE~~ swollen torrents ~~to~~ have cut ~~XXXXXX~~ nearly all communications between France and Italy