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ALLIES AGAINST THE FLOOD

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Whenever, in the future, anybody should ask what happened in Polesine in 1951, he certainly would find an eloquent documentary of facts in these sights of Loree.

Under this lagoon there was once some of the most fertile countryside in Italy, and here ran a railroad.

Italian marines have reached the threshold of the submerged town. They had certainly never guessed that their ability as navigators and pilots would be required this way on the Italian earth. They have been mobilised by the headquarters established in Cavarzere for the emergency.

A difficult and hard job is to rescue the herd of cattle. There is, besides the human one, a tragedy of cattle, too. At night in the flooded area one hears a howling chorus which reminds that of a slaughter-house.

At Rovigo, the French Ambassador encounters the French engineers who come to give an hand, allies to the Italians against the flood. They have launched a sort of overbridge between Rovigo and Arquà. We Italians thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

The helpers chronicle bring us back to Rome, with a sudden change of scenery. Here we are in the hall of a movie picture theatre, where a spectacle on benefit of the Don Gnocchi's Invalide Children Institute is taking place.

The offers are generous. The total cheque is given to Don Gnocchi who consign it to a boy of his foundation.

And, on the following morning, some flooded children are guests of the Roman home of the invalid children institute.

And now the boy who got the cheque shows that he knows how to use the arms and hands spared by the mutilation. The invalid children of Don Gnocchi are giving an example to every kind-hearted soul.

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