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GRIM AFTERMATH OF FLOODS;

Grin havoc in the wake of the worst flood disaster in the history of the N.S.W. North Coast. Twenty three people died, hundreds of valuable cattle were drowned, homes were swept bodily away — millions of pounds worth of damage was done. Now these stricken people are struggling to start all over again. THAT takes courage. This house was swept half a mile across the town of Lismore. Over-all lies the sickening stench of death. Cattle losses have been appalling and most of the carcasses were swept to sea. Foul mud and slime covers everything — paddocks, roads, the interiors of houses, shops, churches. And ever present is the threat of disease. A span of the Bridge at Casino was torn out by a wall of water, 30 feet high. But already gangs are on the job making temporary repairs. For traffic must move.

Lucerne hay as been flown in and is distributed to starving cattle. Grafton cleans up. Damage here was fortunately far less serious than at Lismore, Casino and Coraki. The now dry, Collan Hotel, Lismore, which 10 days before the flood sheltered the Queen and the Duke, for a night. They still can find a smile. Shop girls wash out damaged goods that must be sold at sacrifice prices. Store keepers lost tens of thousands of pounds worth of stock. Hens and meat polluted by the river, must be disposed of. According to the Mayor of Lismore, there is over a quarter of a million pounds worth of food, new furniture and clothing bags of grain and other goods dumped on this tip. Devastation in the wake of a flood. Only the people who lived through it can know its real horror.