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MALAYA - 20,000 FIVE FLOODED
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Acres of land in the Federation of Malaya are under water following some of the worst flooding in years. The monsoon struck with torrential force. Within one hour, two and a half inches of rain fell in Singapore. Johore and Negri Sembilan have suffered even worse downpours. River and streams, swollen with the rain, have smashed scores of bridges along their course. Roads and railways have been cut causing delay in reaching the stricken towns. Nevertheless rescue work has been swift, and within a few days more than 20,000 people have been evacuated to safety.

Loss of property and foodstuffs has been heavy. Shopkeepers co-operate in attempts to save their goods and to hurry them to flood victims. Thousands have to be fed; but thanks to the immediate appeals made by the Governments of the States and Settlements, large quantities of clothing, food and money have been collected. Until the floods have receded completely, it is impossible to estimate the full extent of the damage, though it is certain to run into many thousands of pounds.