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Disastrous winter floods spread death and destruction through four of America's south eastern States. This town is Barboursville, Kentucky - but dozens of other centres in Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee have suffered the same fate. At least two people are dead, and thousands are left homeless by the swirling waters.

Damage runs into millions of dollars and the worst is not yet over - the weather bureau predicts that more rain is on the way for the stricken south.

Firemen search for victims in the smoking hulk of what was once an airliner. Taking off in a snowstorm from La Guardia Airfield, it was airborne for only a few seconds before it crashed on an island in New York's East River. A hundred and one people were on board - 20 were killed.

In such a disaster, it is a miracle that so many escaped. As it is, 60 were injured, and about a dozen of these are in a critical condition. Doctors and ambulance men are hard at work, giving first aid to the sufferers and rushing them off to hospital - Children are among the lucky survivors.

Next day, government experts study the wreckage of the ill-fated aircraft, searching for clues to explain the crash. Icing conditions are given as a possible cause - an ironic tragedy for an air-liner that was on its way to the sunshine of the Florida coast!

To the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington comes America's royal guest, King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, for an eye examination. But he has even more pressing reasons for consulting America's top medical experts - his little son, Prince Maschur, who is partially paralysed.

The news is good - the experts say that with careful treatment, the young Prince may regain the use of his limbs. And when he's given a verdict like that, there's not much difference between an Arab King and any other father!