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THE SINKING HOMES:

To a little street in Lancashire, on the border between Farnworth and Bolton, disaster comes without warning. A huge hole in the road, steadily growing, causes seventeen houses and shops to collapse like matchwood toys. Floodwaters gushing up from below ground add to the chaos, and steadily falling rain threatens to make it even worse. Mrs. Lily Greenhalgh and her daughter-in-law are among those whose homes are completely wrecked.

A new peril - the slow motion earthquake reaches the railway line a hundred yards away, and trains are slowed down. What caused the disaster? possibly the collapse of an old sewer, eaten away by years of running water; possibly mine-workings far below the surface. But for the people of Fylde Street, it means ruined homes and the fear of more to come; 400 people have to be evacuated from 100 homes. Some have to move more than once as the trouble spreads. Whatever the reason for this blow, which has fallen on hundreds of ordinary lines, these people will need public and private help - and need it quickly.