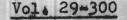
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FLOOD WATERS REACH RECORD IN ARBENTINAL Whipped by a 50-mile gale, the swellen waters of the Rio de la Plata bring Argentina the most disasterous flood in recent history. Spectacular films (by News of the Day cameramen) show the 18-foot floodtide hitting suburban areas of Buenos Aires with the force of ocean surf.

The wild-running flood-water smashes everything in its path. Rescue crews save many lives, but 60 persons are believed to be dead and 300 are missing. Many communities had little warning and thousands escaped by wading through the rapidly rising waters of flooded streets. More than 100,000 are made homeless by the storm. Schools and public buildings provide temporary shelter for the victims. The surging tide of debris tells of homes and villages smashed like matchboxes by the engulfing torrent. A flood riding the wind with nearhurricane force.