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### SPRING BRINGS FLOODS

Seven Midwestern states are hard hit by floods as melting snow and ice raise the level of rivers. Six thousand persons are reported homeless, at least eleven killed. These pictures show the Platte River in Nebraska carrying along big chunks of ice in its eastward course to join up with the also swollen Missouri. Some of the pieces are estimated to weigh as much as four tons. Butting against bridge pilings, they pose a threat to the bridges themselves. Where the ice piles up dangerously, plans are made to dynamite it. Besides Nebraska, the badly affected states include South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Wisconsin. Floods also in South America, as the heaviest rains in 36 years leave this aftermath in a four-state area of northeastern Brazil. A valley of the Jaguaribe River suffers the worst damage, with some fifty thousand people, forced to flee their homes along a stretch of one hundred forty miles. Cause of the disaster situation here is a broken dam. How many are dead is not yet known. Ironically, the flood hits an area that only a year ago suffered from a prolonged drought.