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DISASTERS.

A landslide of mud and cinders sprawls along the streets of Moulin-sous-Fleron, a hamlet 8 miles from Liege, Belgium. 12 bodies had been recovered when these films were taken, but it is feared that the total deathroll will be at least 30. A power station slag-heap collapsed, sliding relentlessly on to the houses. The roar was terrifying, as the slag spread itself 30-feet thick, along more than 300 yards. Rescuers toiled through the night and all next day. Prolonged heavy rain is thought to have been the cause.

Belgium's new Queen Fabiola gave her warm-hearted sympathy to the stricken villagers. She and King Baudouin, were quickly on the scene. Belgium, is having more than her share of trouble.

The worst bush fires Western Australian can remember have raged over half a million acres of State Forest. For some time the intense heat kept firefighters too far away to battle against the advancing flames.

In the wake of the flames a thousand people were homeless. The wooden houses of the little townships did no more than add fuel to the blaze. Only the brick chimneys remained as evidence of the dwellings that stood there 24 hours before. People came back to salvage what they could. If they could find any consolation, it was that the fire had swept down on them so suddenly, they could count themselves lucky to be alive. But almost miraculously not one life was lost, nor was anybody hurt, seriously. Ironically it started raining - just one day too late to prevent a major disaster. State help will be required to aid the people.