

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE.

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FLOOD SCENES.

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Picture:- Going down to see a train smash, we stepped off, as the yanks say, to take a few 'shots' of a

few floods. Near Oxford this bridge was receiving a

battering from the terrific pressure of flood water which

threatened its security. Thousands of acres of the country-side had disguised themselves as inland seas. Village streets were like rivers, and ploughmen were

thinking of turning gondoliers. The damage is colossal. The safety of live-stock is causing anxiety, and cattle

are being driven to higher ground, where pasturing is still possible. Bicester has suffered, and up-stairs bedrooms were

being used as dining rooms by the villagers. But I

really went down to see a rail wreck at Potbridge, Hampshire. And here it is ! A

land-slide caused by the heavy rains forced

up the track, causing the wreck

of a goods train travelling from London to Salisbury.

The train was manned by

a driver, firemen, and guard, and they

escaped with only a severe shaking. Most of the train was, as you see, completely wrecked. On our return

journey more floods; The little

village of Holyport was practically cut off from

general road traffic. However, the Staines road was not too deep for buses to splash

along. But on the whole it was rather wet.