

FLOODS IN FRANCE.
VAST AREAS INUNDATED.

Picture.:- France is suffering from a somewhat damp spell. In fact the present floods are causing a very grave situation in many parts of the country. More serious than has been experienced for many years. This is a district in close proximity to Caen in Normandy. One comic notice struck by the sign "Trespassers will be Prosecuted". If anybody tried to trespass now, they would be all wet. Most of the roads, main, and otherwise are impassable, except for the most amphibious of traffic. That's an avenue, that was ! Farm work is entirely dislocated, and the loss to many agriculturists is disastrous. Water in some parts is three to four feet deep. The Caen race-course is just a nice lake.

Many factories are at a standstill in the South West. Villages are isolated, and the dwellers marooned in their houses. And another thing ! Vineyards are flooded, so the vin blanc will probably be blander than ever !