

2 P 2541

THE FLOOD PERIL
BRITAIN UNDER WATER.

Picture :-

The damage by flood has now been estimated in some quarters at one million pounds.

All along the upper reaches of the Thames, fields, villages, and towns are under water. The playing fields of Eton, where battles are said to have been won, suggest that the battles must have been swimming races. Hunting is now anything but a pleasure.

It's a necessity ! The convenience is that the temporary ferry

can take dwellers right to their front doors. Oh ! Excuse lightning ! He's drowned his Sexton Blake !

Walking the plank is everybody's punishment in these parts, while

shepping on the new Bath Road is like

shepping on a new bath road ! Extract from recent police evidence "I was swimming down my beat

when I saw the defendant sitting in

the road - - his head was just showing, and he complained

to me that his bath-water was cold."

2. P50541

(CONTINUED)

Picture:-

And after that crack, here's another !

Bridges are flopping badly these days. This one over the railway line at Patney, Wiltshire, has been affected by nothing stronger than water. The recent heavy rains have caused a subsidence at one end, and the twist has proved too much for it. The oldest inhabitant says he knowed them there new fangled bridges weren't no good, and he now crosses the line by rail as his father before him.