

FLOODS IN FRANCE.

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SERIOUS SITUATION.

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Picture:- While our floods go down luckily, those in France get higher. The district of Chalon-on-Saone, the country is disappearing under the waters, and barges ply at street level, and occasionally on the few paths. Long avenue roads are shallow rivers anything from one-to-four feet deep, and screen wipers work overtime to clean flood mud off the glass. Land for sale looks like being sold by the gallon. One may go over this bridge, but nothing can go under it, except the water. Wash-tubs are proving useful, as ferries from house to house. A rather rough journey at times. From the Saone we go to the Rhone. (EFFECTS)

At Lyons - the Rhone ! France's great national road has become part of the river. The bridge of Saint-Esprit is becoming under-mined.

A barge strikes a rock in the shape of a broken lamp standard, and is lost until the water subsides. In the beautiful vale of Avignon water laps at the foot of ancient fortress castles where cattle usually graze. In fact the district is in the deuce of a mess.

The brightest spot being the sun - - when it happens to shine !