

AMERICA'S WORST FLOODS.
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America suffers from its major flood disaster. These are the first actual pictures of the shocking catastrophe, which has devastated large areas of the country. Pittsburgh's damage is unbelievable. Fire has added itself to the horrors of drowning and plague through polluted water. Fire services are helpless. Doctors cannot contend with the fever stricken. Disaster follows on the heels of disaster. Pittsburgh is isolated. No food is reaching the city. Troops are preventing people returning to their homes. Desolation follows and disasters are everywhere. The city of Johnstown is the hardest hit of all. Rumours fly that the huge dam is bursting. To the hills cry everybody, and thousands flee in terror. This town has horrible memories of the flood of 1889, when the whole town was swept away, and 3,500 lives lost. Thirty-thousand people are homeless in this town alone. No-one yet

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knows how many are dead. The flood waters are slowly subsiding, but the angry swollen rivers give a vivid picture of the terrific force that swept everything before it in the holocaust. The residential section, finely planned and built is but a skeleton of the once great city of 66-thousand inhabitants. Military law and the 9 p.m. curfew is enforced by soldiers. The main streets look like huge scrap heaps. Property worth three million pounds has been destroyed in this one area. Red Cross units are doing their utmost under incredible difficulty. Thousands of terror stricken inhabitants stay huddled on the hillsides afraid to re-enter the city. The desolation is even more vivid when seen from the air. Mountains of debris, fatal waters as far as the eye can see. It is a horror equalled only by war. A screen story such as I hope never to comment upon again.