

Torrential rains in Victoria took the Murray River up to its highest level for six years, and all over the great state of the Commonwealth they are sending reports of waters at flood ~~xxxx~~ height and still rising. ~~Trees lining the banks are the only indication as to which is river and which pastureland. Crops destroyed, cattle drowned, bridges carried away farms and homesteads wrecked --- that is the account that man always presents to a giant flood.~~ Reservoirs and dams recently built are ~~xx~~ checking the onward rush of the turbulent ~~xxxxxxx~~ <sup>river</sup> waters, but their efforts are only partly successful. Plunging downward on its course of 1400 miles to the outlet of the sea ---- Murray River is a ~~terrifiexxxxxx~~ terrifying monster --- Nature broken loose!

SHIP BROKEN IN TWO OFF CORNWALL.

Bound from Liverpool to London the American steamer Bessemer City -- 5686 tons ran aground upon the treacherous rocks at Pen Enys, St Ives. ~~Amazing pictures by Gaumont British News flying cameraman reveal a catastrophe probably without parallel in the history of the sea.~~ <sup>Every man on board was rescued, but the ship lay</sup> Snapped in two like a dead twig, ~~the beating of the sea and the pressure of the rocks carved one ship into exact halves. Every man on board was saved.~~