

Britain's Floods pale into insignificance ~~ent~~ by comparison with those in America, but ~~anybody still living by the riverside still finds the water high enough.~~ At Windsor Bridge the water is racing by at high level and at high pressure --- at Egham and Runnymede wide stretches of countryside are still submerged. Our inquiring cameraman looking for a new thrill took some pictures of the floods and then thought he would go one better and find out the cause of them. He tells us that he discovered the cause --- but you don't ~~everything~~ have to believe anything you don't want to.

~~But still very far from being a joke are those floods in America.~~ As we continue to receive despatches from our cameramen in the stricken districts of Ohio and Mississippi, the magnitude of the American tragedy is more surely borne upon us. Portsmouth and Greendale show everyday things transformed into the grotesque; at Evansdale supplies must arrive by air to relieve the starving inhabitants. On all sides, even while the waters are dropping, our travelling camera records a story of a land beneath a deluge. Engineers take a hand. In the battle of man against the water every available hand is turned ~~axis~~ to the building of barricades --- even the chain-gang ~~convicts~~ are pressed into the fight, building sandbag barriers for the common good. But their efforts were in vain --- the waters broke through. Tennessee --- dramatic rescues are the everyday occurrence here --- not the exception. Helpless victims from a sickbed taken away in a coastguard ambulance. And almost, by comparison, --- a light relief --- chickens rescued as they wish they were ducks --- a stranded cat in a tree. Who knows what may have become of that family?