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NEWS IN FLASHES

Mount Etna, highest volcano in Europe, pours forth lava from its crater nearly 11,000 feet above sea-level and villagers of Milo and Pernasso watch as the 30-foot-high flaming tide flows towards their homes. Fed by two huge cascades of blazing lava, the 600-yard wide stream moves forward 50 yards every hour and man is powerless before its menace.

LONDON

In London in a setting that suggests Etna by night, Fat Stock line up for the Smithfield Show. In the old days they used to fatten cattle for the Christmas market and you were liable to get some of it. Nowadays there's no such risk - and that's bully for you!

Ever hear about the gentleman who drinks his own bath water? And here's another bean peeping.

CHALONS, FRANCE

At Chalons-sur-Saone, somewhere in the middle of France, a bridge fell into the river and Chalons was flooded. Judging by the elevated side-walk, either they expected trouble or else they've got a first class organisation. Meantime, till somebody does something about that bridge life is damp if not dangerous. It's awkward, of course, but you can still get bread from the baker if you've got enough dough.