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NEWS FLASHES.

Melting snow and heavy rain have swollen the River Seine. In Paris it has risen by about twelve feet, and has broken its banks in many places. The Suburbs of the city are even worse hit, and hundreds of people have been evacuated to safety. The River Rhone has flooded roads and railways, causing fearful damage in farms near its banks.

Rowing boats put out to bring in victims of the floods. Many vehicles have been completely submerged. Snow is still falling, and now fierce gales are reported to be sweeping across the Continent. In America, the world's smallest airport is introduced. A lorry provides a jet plane's launching platform. A touch of a button fires a booster jet under the plane. This gives it the terrific thrust needed to hurl it into the air like a rocket.

The booster jet falls away as the plane streaks into the sky. From a standing start, another fighter takes off. The Americans, haven't yet devised a system for landing on the back of a lorry, so the planes still have to use a conventional runway.