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Floods! Floods are due to heavy rains, rapidly melting snows, and breaking up of ice jams, happening singly or in combination. The present floods in various parts of the Mississippi Valley are due almost entirely to the heavy and continuous rains for the past week or 10 days. There were some minor ice jams which broke up in North Dakota but their effect has not reached points where the highest water stages were reported. The rains of the first few days thoroughly wetted the ground, and the rains of the last few days became practically all available as runoff.
