

## **"FLYING SAUCER" BLAMED FOR ECUADOR DISASTER**

**QUITO (Ecuador), April 7.**  
—Fifty persons are reported dead or missing in floodwaters of the Tomebamba River, which swept through Cuenca on Wednesday night.

Fifteen bridges have so far collapsed. Rising waters have driven thousands from their homes. People crowded churches yesterday praying for relief.

The floods have cut off the drinking water supply and have destroyed highways, impeding the transport of food and relief supplies to the city.

The nervousness of citizens was increased yesterday by reports of a "Flying Saucer" over the city. The superstitious people blamed it for the disaster.