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## DROUGHT ENDED AFTER DOING MUCH DAMAGE

Rains of Sunday and Since are Believed to Have Relieved Serious Conditions Over Island

## WATER SUPPLY THREATENED

Fuel Oil Supply was Critically Low When Rains Brought Relief to Electric Company.

The rains which fell in San Juan and vicinity commencing Sunday noon and which have been falling more or less frequently since that time, and with reports of rainfall in other sections of the island during the latter part of last week, it is believed that the drought of the past two months has been broken.

Damage done by the long drought has been serious. The Weather Bureau states that all crops have suffered, but to what extent is too early to estimate.

How general and how heavy the rainfall has been during the past few days is not at this time known but there is every indication that practically the entire island has been visited with at least showers.

While Sunday's rains in and around San Juan were sufficiently heavy to lead to the belief that the rainfall was general over the island, this was not the case.

Apparently there was too much rainfall in the Cayey district until Wednesday. This is indicated by the fact that the falls at Comerio which have been practically without water for many weeks, were again flooding yesterday morning and it was understood that the dam above the falls was not only filled but

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## "Marie Walcamp"

THE DARE-DEVIL OF THE SCREEN

## "In The Red Glove"

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Episode: No. 13: "TRAPPED"

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show concluding with:

## "Let Fido Do It",

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overflowing. This would indicate a very rapid rise of 30 or 40 feet of water in the reservoir within a period of a few hours.

Not only had the drought threatened the water supply of San Juan, caused great damage to all crops but had it continued it was only a question of days until the city was threatened with a suspension of its electric service for both lighting and street cars. While the rains of Sunday replenished the water supply for San Juan it was not until yesterday morning that the steam plant of the Porto Rico Railway Light & Power Co. in Santurce could be shut down and the water power plant at Comerio used to furnish all of the current needed for the company's system.

Conditions that the drought had brought about have resulted in a scarcity of fuel oil which was alarming. While the army transport Northern Pacific was blocking the mouth of the harbor two weeks ago, a tank ship with fuel oil for the West India Oil Co., to be discharged here, arrived off the entrance to the port and when it was found that the port was closed the tank ship proceeded to Ponce to discharge her cargo.

As a result of the diversion of this fuel to Ponce there was a shortage of fuel here which to an extent was made up this week when the molasses boat Pedrito brought 60,000 gallons of fuel oil from Ponce for use by the power company here.—Porto Rico Progress, May 28th.



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