

DUTCH COUNT FLOOD COST

20 A great gap still yawns in the dike of ~~the~~ Texel, one of the flooded islands of South West Holland. To help the Dutch firemen from Italy joined the great army of foreign workers. At first sight the task seemed quite hopeless, but Holland knows by centuries of experience that that is not so. Germans also helped.

On the island of Schouwen-Duiveland the town of Zierikzee is drying out. To a heart-breaking, muddy desolation the inhabitants are returning. Even houses not ruined will not be *decently* ~~habitable~~ *a long* habitable for ~~some~~ time. Here it is the individual man and woman courageously trying to restore their own property, and *bound* ~~to~~ to succeed eventually. ~~For the Government the problem is tremendous but not insoluble. For them the floods has revised a long mooted plan, namely to build a huge dike all along the South Western islands.~~

79 Holland counts the flood damage at a 100-million-pounds at least.

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