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NEWS IN BRIEF.

(1). Picture.:- Who said there was a drought ?

This is Scotswood, Newcastle, and the lorry is the first to break, or swim--

--through, for three days.

The floods have been responsible for one tragedy. A little--

--girl swept away by the river and drowned.

(2). Picture.:- An Italian airman challenges the world's altitude--

--record for aeroplanes. Renato Donati succeeded in ascending to the--

--tremendous height of nearly fifty-thousand feet. On his--

--return to earth the airman was in a state--

--of collapse. The rarified air had drained vitality from him. Had he not come down--

--when he did, it is almost certain he would have--

--lost consciousness and crashed. Bravo Signor Donati !

(3). Picture.:- Building a memorial to Bill Adams. This one didn't--

--win the battle of Waterloo. In the--

--16th century he sailed away from Kent,--

--and after agonising experiences reached Japan, founded our--

--trade with the East, and found favour with the--

--Emperor, who gave him a Japanese estate for his services.
