

GALES REAP MINE HARVEST.

The great gale blew itself out, twenty four hours before the permission of the Air Ministry weather forecast, but not before it had done tremendous damage.

Seafront houses at Sandgate were as thoroughly wrecked as if they'd been bombed.

All along the coast mines were washed up. People ~~were~~ warned to keep away. ~~One of them~~ exploded at Seaford ~~and~~ and firemen were kept busy putting out fires caused by the white hot metal, which was flung as far as half a mile ~~away~~ ^{inland.} Mine disposal squads risked their lives hawling the mines ashore and making them harmless.

quite near to former light house
One ~~mine~~ went off ~~at~~ ~~head~~ ~~less~~ ~~than~~ ~~five~~ ~~hundred~~ ~~yards~~
~~from the light house~~ *in town*
~~who~~ *was* A bomb reconnaissance
a policeman *did* duty as a mine spotter.

(Cuckmere) A naval mine disposal squad, working day and night during the gale, put more than forty mines out of danger on this stretch of coast. Fortunately they were uningured, but the work is perilous in the extreme and they knew that at any moment they might be blown up.

Danger from mines apart it was quite one of the worst gales in living memory.