

Holland:

STORMS FLOOD 10,000 ACRES

When these ~~extraordinary~~<sup>last</sup> hurricanes partly died  
down Holland began to count the cost. Dykes were breached in  
50 places in North Brabant. Two polders were under water.  
This below-sea-level land, reclaimed at enormous money-and-  
labour cost, had lost another battle with the North Sea.  
By a hair's breadth this was not disaster on <sup>the</sup> 1953 scale,  
but many people were victims for a second time. 10,000  
acres of good farmland are under salt water again, <sup>7</sup> 600  
people had to ~~leave~~<sup>flee</sup> from Ridderkerk. Damage is estimated  
at half-a-million pounds.

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