

DIKE BURST AFTERMATH.

The Northern outskirts of Amsterdam are still an inland lake, 3,000 houses are still flooded. Ten days before these pictures were taken a dyke burst at six in the morning and water surged in from the North Sea Canal. Disaster came in just a few hours. It will be weeks - months perhaps - before the suburb will be rid of the flood. Business of every kind is paralysed. Under the threat of such calamity, millions of Dutch spend their whole life. This time, threat became reality. The task is now to pump dry the thousands of submerged acres. All available equipment has been brought to the job. At this work the Dutch are more expert than anyone else in the world, and all able-bodied men and women take a turn. They know what they're up against. In ordinary floods the water eventually subsides by itself. Here, every gallon has got to be pumped away. There's been no appeal to other countries for help. In fact, very little has been heard of the disaster. In their downright manner the Dutch are fighting their own way through.