

60/12.HOME AFTER DYKE BURST.

More than a thousand people led the trek back to their houses on the outskirts of Amsterdam. They were flooded out when the dyke burst on the North Sea Canal. Deep in water, only a few days ago, were more than 3,000 houses. Now, in a wonderfully short time, all was dry again. The water had been pumped back into the Canal and the Dutch could return. Half way up the walls the mark records the water's destructive work. What a homecoming. Everything below is mud and ruin. Where to begin? The Government is helping, and Queen Juliana's sympathy was conveyed by Prince Bernhard.

After the first shock, they got down to work, aiming at business as usual with as little delay as possible. It takes more than a burst dyke to daunt for long a people of such resolute character as the Dutch.