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Inland water transport in Holland is ice-bound over most of the country. At the river end of the Amsterdam-Rhine Canal 300 vessels, ~~and~~ large and small, were still laid up when these pictures were taken. So much money was being lost the Dutch brought their ice-breaker, Whale, ~~to the rescue~~, to ^{put} bring pressure on the ice to get cracking.

For days it was possible for cars to drive from the mainland to the holiday island of Marken, two-miles ~~off shore in the~~ ^{out in to} Zuider Zee. A bit of mild smuggling went on and the customs didn't know how to stop it.

Even in Spain it hasn't been very much warmer. It's many a year since they saw snow like this. In the pass of Pajares ~~near to north coast~~ the state railways were brought to a standstill for some days, despite efforts to plough through the drifts. ~~Muscle power was the only thing when the steam engines couldn't get any further.~~

(driver) Eventually the line was cleared by the work of 500 men and 30 special engines. Quite a winter in sunny Spain.