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A short while ago Gaumont British News presented pictures of the Soviet expedition to the North Pole, when a party of scientists was left behind for the winter to observe climatic conditions and the drift of Polar currents. We now give you the first pictures taken on board the ice-ships that went to the rescue of these men, when the ice-floe on which they had made their camp broke adrift. They were helpless, and their S.O.S. sent three ships to find them --- the Yermak, the Taimyr and the Murman. Through the Arctic seas, ~~xx~~ searching for four men who had drifted 1,000 miles in ten months, the rescuers ploughed their way. Planes were sent up from the Taimyr, but the floe on which the explorers were marooned was too small to permit a landing. The only hope lay in forcing the ice-ships through.

Those steel bows rammed an ever-widening path in the fields of ice. After many days of hazardous conflict with the elements of the frozen north, the lost explorers were sighted. Signals were hoisted on the rescue ship and an answering wave came back from Leader Papanin. The end of the chapter was nearly reached in that lonely, desperate vigil of four men on the peak of the world --- Papanin, Krenkel, Shirshoff and Fedoroff. ~~xxx~~ The joy on those faces speaks more clearly than a peal of bells. That morning they had shaved specially to greet the friendly smiles of their own people who came through the ice-barriers to save them. The rescuers ~~ran wildly to surround them~~ <sup>surrounded them - to congratulate</sup> and bring them home. ~~After months of loneliness and privation,~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~living in the space of death,~~ four brave men sailed back to life.