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Europe's bitter cold spell is bad enough on land, but for sailors it's a nightmare. Here's a trawler returning to Hamburg after a fishing trip in the North Sea. Spray from the heavy breakers off the Elbe estuary has turned the superstructure into a fantastic birthday-cake of ice. Our own North sea trawler fleet have experienced these same hardships.

Drastic methods are needed in some places. The temperature's dropped to minus 31 degrees Fahrenheit - that's 63 degrees of frost. And when it gets that cold, ice is mighty hard!

The flavour of the month is - salt!

In an age of giant aircraft, the United States Air Force rolls out the biggest of them all - a 120-ton cargo plane, the C-133A. A huge ramp can be lowered to permit the loading of more than 35 tons of cargo - twice the payload of today's biggest military transports.

The cabin - ninety feet long, looks more like a hangar. If it's used as a troop carrier, it can hold more than 200 fighting men. Powered by four turbo-props, the C-133A will take the air for the first time this spring.