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BALTIC FREEZE-UP.

The big freeze-up extends its grip over hundreds of square miles of the Baltic. Shipping off Kiel is immobilised. Answering an urgent call for help, the icebreaker "Preussen" batters its way through the white desert to the cargo vessel "Iris" one of whose crew is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

A "Preussen" sailer after exploring the escape route comes back to report. From the icebreaker, a doctor is waiting to look after the sick man.

Many of the these vessels have cargoes which should not be delayed. The only way to free them is for the powerful icebreakers to tow them through the frozen sea.

She starts to move - but after her, there'll be another. No rest for the icebreakers until winter relaxes its grip.