

UNIVERSAL SPECIAL.

EXCLUSIVE PICTURES OF UP-HELLY-AA.

Norse Festival in Shetland Isles.

Picture.:- Here is a news novelty. Special UNIVERSAL pictures of a ceremony--

--filmed for the first time. Shetland descendants--

--of the ancient Norsemen recreate the Vikings of old, who roamed--

--the North Seas. Fearless sea-rovers, tales of whose courage still--
ring down the ages. Shetlanders are proud of their forebears, and
with this galley, a replica--

--of the Norse ships, proclaim their intention of--

--honouring the spirit of their piratical ancestors. Hundreds of
torches have been prepared for--

--the final spectacular ceremony of burning the galley.

Islanders slip back into the spirit and customs of past
centuries and man their ship.

In bygone days when a respected warrior died fighting,
his body was placed with great solemnity in the ship--

--he commanded, rowed off--

--from the shore by Vikings who shared his--

--fame as great warriors, and sent to the Viking's particular
Valhalla by burning with his--

--ship. To-night this stirring scene is re-inacted. Torches--

--ringing the town of Lerwick with fire, gradually--

--converge on the warriors' galley. Thousands of these--

--flaming arrows are hurled into the air ship. Its--

--wooden walls are quickly ablaze. Soon the proud prow--

--where rests the modern Viking's spirit is licked with fire
and finally devoured. So the--

--warrior journeys to Valhalla, and so Lerwick Town's day of whoopee
ends its whoop.