

suction dredge captain was spotted in a crack in the ice. Some rivermen ran up and helped him to get out onto the ice. What saved the two men who had broken the safety rules was the fact that the tractor didn't turn over but went upright to the bottom of the river.

This crass disregard for the safety rules and the unsatisfactory way in which the work is organized at the Khanty-Mansiisk port almost led to the loss of two workers. But, you know, a few years ago at the same port, there was similar emergency situation which ended more tragically. It would seem that no one learned from that bitter lesson. Pity!

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The "Cold Pole" - Is Where a Soviet-Italian Expedition is Heading

This event has aroused the interest of many people who live at Yakutsk, for it was from here that the Soviet-Italian expedition started out for the "cold pole" Oimyakon.

It was at Oimyakon that the coldest temperature ever recorded on earth occurred-minus 67.8 degrees Celsius - that being a place where men live and work. The expedition consists of four Italians and the same number of Soviets and it is being led by Jacek Palkiewicz, an Italian of Polish origin. The expedition will first make its way to the settlement of Topolinyi, where the material it