

pier, deliver vegetables or pick up a load of meat or fish. The first convoy of these "floating refrigerators" is on its way to the consumers.

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Arctic Shipping Season Gets Underway

Following a brief lull due to spring drift ice on the great rivers of Siberia, navigation has once again resumed in the Arctic. The summer working season along the northern sea routes was begun by the motor ship "Noril'sk" which left Murmansk and headed for Dudinka.

According to aerial reconnaissance, ice conditions in the Kara Sea are quite favorable at the present time. The seamen aboard the "Noril'sk", which is fairly well-equipped to break through ice, expect to break through into the mouth of Yenisei Bay. Further along the river, where the drift ice at its worst, they will have to be escorted by the icebreaker "Kapitan Sorokin".

Navigation in the east today is beset with many difficulties. The nuclear-powered "Arktika" which is heading here from Murmansk in order to ensure that ships delivering cargo from the east to the Arctic coast may go about their work without interruption, has now been unsuccessfully trying to break up the Aionskii ice pack in the approaches to the port of Pevek.