

"Tell the boys in the engine room to take heart," said the captain, "we've got only two miles left to go."

Day broke. The temperature stood at only -20°C . We had delivered two drilling rigs, a bulldozer and drilling pipes for the arctic marine geological expeditions. Boatswain V. Pakholchuk, seaman N. Zenkov, seaman and crane operator V. Kostyuk and other experienced arctic seamen headed by first mate V. Pugachev managed to unload this cargo in 1 1/2 hours.

The construction of the Yamal-Vorkuta-Uzhgorod gas pipeline begins this year. The underwater portion of the pipeline will pass through Baidarata Bay, and the first of the lines is expected to be laid next year. Point Yara-Yakha, located at the mouth of the river after which it has been named, will become a major ice wharf at which a large quantity of freight, including large-diameter pipes, will be unloaded.

The "Arkhangelsk" did not start up its engines until Captain Igritsky was certain that all the people and machinery had reached the shore safely. After that, we proceeded northward along the western coast of Yamal to the second unloading site, 90 miles away, at the mouth of the Mordyyakha R. That's the distance on the map, but it seems much farther when travelling through the heavy ice of the Kara Sea.

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