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Mention has been made in previous "Why the Weather?" notes of the scientific stations that the Russians have established during the past few years on the coasts and islands of the Arctic Ocean. These stations are chiefly though not exclusively engaged in taking meteorological observations, the results of which are regularly reported to the world at large by radio. The most northerly station - and the most northerly inhabited spot on the globe - is in Franz Josef Land.

One is no longer surprised at anything that happens in Russia; otherwise it would be rather startling to learn that this summer the annual expedition, sent out on an ice-breaker to relieve the observers and reprovise the stations, is to be made an excursion trip for tourists. The vessel to be employed is the ice-breaker "Malign," sister ship of the famous "Krassin," and the party will be headed by Prof. U.U. Vize, a distinguished meteorologist, who is better known to the scientific world as W. Wiese, the German transliteration of his name.

Any tourist who has the price and the courage may join this expedition, which sails from Archangel July 16. Scientific investigations will be conducted along the route and it is not unlikely that new lands will be discovered. The ship is expected to get back to Archangel about August 25.

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