

WANTED SOME WARMER WEATHER

Even Switzerland complains of the cold. On Lake Constance ice breakers are trying to keep an open passage. ~~Summer~~

Among the worst sufferers are ~~some~~ ^{the} water fowl. Some of the ducks have frozen to death.... For human beings, of course, it's really very healthy weather. But you must avoid piling on too much clothing.... Now home to breakfast and a cold bath.... From a nice warm seat isn't it lovely to look at.

On the little Dutch island of Marken they welcomed the big freeze, sitting down to a wedding feast on ice; a custom they have whenever the ice is thick enough. ~~Old pipes~~ ~~on~~ In 17th century costume they trod a frosty measure. A cold start to a wedding, but young love finds a way.

Italy: snowploughs put an end to the six-day isolation of Rieto, only 50 miles from Rome. Up in the mountain area of the Abruzzi it was the deepest snow anyone remembered. The people enjoyed it at first, till they had to rescue their sheep, exposed on the freezing hill pastured during the lambing season.

When most of the sheep were safe there was still the problem, how to feed them, with supplies rapidly running out. And sheep weren't the only things short of food. Poultry, especially the always hungry turkeys, soon had a sad tale to tell. It was the sort of weather when a chap simply must have a good roof over his head.

But just imagine being in Rio! where ice is unheard of, it's really hot, and for three days and nights Brazil's largest city forgets everything else and holds its famous carnival, ~~timidly dancing the samba, hour after hour.~~

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Rio Carnival is such a crowd there are always a few casualties - though nothing this year to what they have known; just 39 killed and 114 injured. And they haven't even begun to count the broken hearts.