

Author Discusses Dangers of Spring Ice on St. Lawrence Is.

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GAMBELL, ALASKA — Here at Gambell, Alaska, the snow is still pretty thick, mostly around the homes, so that it is higher than a man standing.

But the seal and walrus hunting is in its high time now. There isn't too much young ice at the ocean around us any more. But there is so much ice piled up close by so that the shore is steep with icy ridges, more in other places. It is dangerous who might play there.

There was a little boy who wandered around down there but was found before any harm that might have come to him. That was after search by his parents and other people.

The little fellow was floating on the ice close to the icy shore. Any minute, he would have been lost in the deep, cold ocean. But he was found

to the great joy of his terrified parents.

There also was another little boy who dropped into the freezing cold ocean from the steep icy cliffs near the shore while the hunters were just going out and the boy was rescued. Things like this happen in spring time at times when the kids wander off.

There are some white men staying for a few weeks getting some young seals and walrus for some zoos. They already got some live baby walrus and seals.

There also are ladies who are artists. They are drawing all kinds of sights, like icy landscapes and people in their Native ways and homes. They are also here for a few weeks.

It can be interesting here for things like this, as we live in icy places. Yet we have modern ways with schools, stores, churches and post offices.

And the airplanes have been

coming every day this month of May.

The snow should be all gone by June. But now we still have high walls of icy snow and icy steps to get into our homes.