

## INCOME TAX HELD FOR MAN'S DEATH

Canadian Millionaire Victim of Mental Depression.

Ft. WORTH, Texas, Dec. 17.—Death of John P. Hammill, millionaire Ottawa, Ontario merchant, was due to mental depression from compiling his income taxes in accordance with the Canadian law, Mrs. Hammill, his widow, told authorities here.

According to Mrs. Hammill the execution demanded by the Canadian law in

filling out the tax return were too severe for her husband's mind. Hammill, she said, was making the return for the Murphy-Gamble Company of which he was president. Hammill was found here several days ago on a roadside, dead from exposure. Nation-wide search had been made for him since he disappeared.

It was the mental effort and fear of

making a mistake in his tax report that caused his death. Officials said she showed a telegram from her husband while he was in Ft. Worth which read:

"I am tired and weary, my days on earth are few, death is near."

## SOURCE OF ICEBERGS.

The source of practically all the icebergs of the Arctic regions are Greenland. Owing to the northward set of the West Greenland current bergs of this side are carried first to the north, and is only about the seventy-fourth or seventy-fifth parallel of latitude they begin to make their way westward to come down on the American side.

## The Old Sofa Could Tell Many Tales

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 17.—The following articles were found between the back and the cushion of an old sofa on its arrival at a local furniture store to be repaired:

Thirty-five hairpins, sixteen suspender buttons, twelve poker chips, four pennies, thirty-six wads of chewing gum, two mustache combs, eight matches, four cigarettes, five cuff buttons, and last but not least, a small package of "nerve" powders.

An investigation showed that a sales

man for the furniture store had purchased the sofa from a man having three unmarried daughters.

## 900 Mexican Mines Have Closed Down

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Dec. 17.—Mexico is facing a serious problem of unemployment.

It is reported that 900 mines have been closed in the States of Durango, Chihuahua, San Luis Potosi and elsewhere, throwing a great number of miners out of work.

Some smelters have closed and others have reduced their working forces.

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