

## OCEANOGRAPHY

**Mariners Report  
Iceberg Visibility**

**H**OW far away can an iceberg at sea be detected by a man on watch? Mariners, cooperating with the U. S. Hydrographic Office, report that a berg one to three miles away can be seen in the daytime during a fog or a drizzling rain, while on a clear, starlit night it can be seen only when it is a quarter-mile distant.

When fogs are light, the mariners report, a man aloft will "spot" a berg sooner than one on deck, but if the fog becomes dense, a man on deck will be the first to detect the breaking of the sea on the base of the ice, or the ice fragments broken away from the main berg.

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