

18-20 miles above the mouth  
of the Ohio river

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A gentleman on whom much reliance can be place, that lives within 25 miles of Geradeau and 18 miles above the mouth of the Ohio river, arrived in town on Friday last, confirms the reports that the earth burst open and discharged quick sand and water to a considerable height, about 18 or 20 miles above New Madrid, on the night of the 16th Dec. and that about 6 miles square sunk and water made in 4 feet deep. He apprehends some serious damage since his departure, which was on the 23rd of Dec. last.

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