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A shock far more severe than any hitherto experienced, was felt in this place yesterday morning about four o'clock. The inhabitants were generally awakened by the shaking of their beds, clattering of windows, and cracking of houses. The earth assumed a vibratory or undulatory motion. Many who lept from their beds found it almost impossible to keep their feet. Numbers experienced a nausea of the stomach. A rumbling noise was heard to precede the shock. A considerable light resembling the tail of a comet was visible in the west on the evening preceding. A similar light was observed on the evening of the 15th of December.