

1870_Mar_29: Washington, May 23 - Comander Nicholson, of the United States steamer "Benecia", in a report dated the 24th, at Rio Janeiro, mentions that on the evening of the 29th of March, 9:55, while at about latitude 01-28S, longitude 24-40W, two very distinct shocks of an earthquake were felt. The ship was heading south south -west, one-half west, when two large meteors were observed, one falling to the zenith from the south-east, the other from near the star Compas to the west. Immediately afterward the two shocks were felt, the first lasted about four seconds and the other about three. The vibrations were distinctly felt, and were accompanied by a noise resembling thunder. The sky was clear at the time excepting a low bank of cumulus clouds in the SW. Soon after a thick haze obscured the horizon. (New York Times, May 24, 1870