

Effect of the Earthquake at Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 25.—The American bark Hesper, Captain Sodergren, twenty-seven days from Kobe, Japan, reports her standing rigging carried away by the force of the earthquake shock of October 28, in that harbor, and that other vessels in the harbor also suffered. The damage to the town was very great. On October 30, when the vessel was about twenty-five miles from Kobe, on its homeward trip, another violent shock occurred shortly after daybreak. A rumbling as that of a submarine volcano was heard and the sea was lashed into a foam, the waves breaking over the vessel. The bark was shaken and tossed about most violently, and the main topmast cross-trees went by the board. The deck was flooded with water of a temperature so high as to seem almost boiling hot, and the air, which was filled with a sulphurous odor, became stifling. The strength of the vessel and crew were taxed to the utmost for an hour and a half, but it was fully five hours and a half before the storm ceased.