

EARTHQUAKE

At Sea Brings Vessels to a Standstill.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 8.—An earthquake at sea was reported by an incoming vessel, and hydrographical officers believe it was a gigantic ocean eruption. The earthquake which occurred early in the morning of March 1, was preceded by a calm sea.

The first warning of the earthquake came in the form of a deafening roar which seemed to rise out of the sea. In an instant the ocean was lashed into a mass of foam, rising in places in great geyser-like columns. Vessels stopped with a crash as if they had struck on a rock. News of the advent of a new island in mid ocean or the disappearance of one is expected at the hydrographic office.