

SUBMARINE EARTHQUAKE.

Steamer Argyll Encounters One Off the Mexican Coast.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—When the steamer Argyle was on her way down the coast of Panama from this city just a month ago, and was at a point forty miles off the Mexican coast, a submarine earthquake occurred. A few minutes prior to the disturbance the sea was exceptionally smooth and the weather warm and pleasant. Second Officer Helpner was on the bridge.

Suddenly a rumbling noise was heard and not far off the port bow a small tidal wave was seen approaching. Before it reached the steamer everybody on board understood that an earthquake has stirred things up, for the sea became thick with earth of a reddish color and the sea boiled in a peculiar manner. The wave caused little commotion on the steamer beyond throwing Second Officer Helpner down and injuring him slightly. Five minutes later the sea was smooth again and the rumbling ceased.