

A Submarine Earthquake.

Near the end of the year 1910, the Glasgow steamer, Cadillac, 5,000 tons register, while on a voyage to Philadelphia passed through an extraordinary and terrifying experience.

Early one morning the lookout reported the approach of a huge wave and far away in the direction indicated, a huge volume of water could be made out, bearing steadily on towards the vessel. Captain McKay was immediately aroused, and hurried to the bridge. The Cadillac was put about, so that she met the cataract of water bow on, and while everyone clung to any support available, the vessel was lifted high into the air, with many feet of her stem clear. Then, as the wave passed, she slid down into the following trough, her decks partly submerged. Almost everything aboard was washed away.

A phenomenal state of commotion. It appeared literally to boil, and in many places miniature waterpots shot into the air. A strange roaring, due to some submarine disturbance, could be plainly heard above the general din. The water from some of the spouts fell upon the Cadillac's deck, and was found to be distinctly warm. In a few minutes the wind died almost completely away, whereupon sulphurous fumes filled the air and made breathing difficult. Subsequently thousands of dead fish were observed floating on the ocean's surface, among them sharks and porpoises in large numbers.

This submarine earthquake was experienced in lat 46.10 N., and long 48.10 W., or in other words, not very far south of the ocean-liner track between New York and Liverpool.