

peace, no convulsion in state or kingdom, but mingles its echoes with the roar of London. No great bankruptcy or embezzlement, no robbery or assassination, but speeds on lightning wings to this great focus of intelligence. No disaster by fire or flood, by



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earthquake or landslide, but sobs its story here. No ship goes down in Atlantic or Pacific tempest, in near or distant seas, but the moaning winds whisper of it in this ear of the world. The tick of the clock at the antipodes is audible here, and if a storm blow along the Himalayas it instantly disturbs the London barom-