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That these events occurred where great centres of civilization now exist, and during the lifetime of one man, seems stranger than fiction.