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The conversation turning upon the subject of sleep, Mr Lincoln remarked that a peculiar dream of the previous night was one that had recurred several times in his life - a vague sense of floating - floating away on some vast and indistinct expanse, toward an unknown shore. The dream itself was not so strange as the coincidence, that each of the previous recurrences had been followed by some important event or disaster.

The usual comments were made by his auditors. One thought it was merely a matter of coincidences.

Another laughingly remarked: "At any rate it cannot presage a victory nor a defeat this time, for the war is over."

A third suggested: "Perhaps at each of these periods there were possibilities of great change or disaster; and the vague feeling of uncertainty may have led to the dim vision in sleep."

"Perhaps," said Mr. Lincoln, thoughtfully, "perhaps that is the explanation."