Los efectos del terremoto de 1868 en iquique y la provincia de tarapacá:
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escenario de crisis económica y política (Perú, segunda mitad del siglo xix)

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This article addresses, from a review of the local press, the repercussions of the earthquake and
subsequent tsunami of August 13, 1868 on the public opinion of the province of Tarapaca. The
article describes how a series of political, social, and economic problems that existed before the
earthquake resulted in the idea that behind the impact of a natural hazard there was, strictly
speaking, another type of disaster that was much broader and profound, referring to the condition of
structural vulnerability linked not only to the complex situation that Peru was experiencing in those
years because of a deep tax and financial crisis, but also the weak presence of the State in the
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