

ICE IN THE RIVERS.

CRUSHED AND SUNK BY FLOATING ICE—A
GORGE AT RICHMOND—INUNDATION IN
TENNESSEE.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 13.—The ice broke at Ripley soon after 8 o'clock this morning. The barge *Ætna* was crushed and sunk. No other damage has been reported. The gorge below Maysville broke early, and the ice is running at the rate of five miles an hour. At Augusta the ice is running slowly and the river is rising.

There was an alarm from the river at 2 P. M., when the ice started, but it soon stopped, until 4 P. M., when it again broke loose, and has been running strongly ever since. A large number of empty and loaded coal barges have already been carried away, but their number cannot be accurately stated. About 9 o'clock to-night the new steamer *Guiding Star*, which had taken refuge below Newport bridge, behind one of the piers on the Ohio side, was torn loose and swept down by the ice. Passing under the Covington bridge, one of her chimneys was knocked overboard, and she lost the other at the Southern Railroad bridge. She has gone down the stream with the ice, and nothing has been heard from her. The ice now passing is said to be from the gorge at Four Mile.

Dispatches to the *Gazette* report the breaking up of a gorge in the Kanawha at 6 A. M. After running an hour the ice stopped, but broke loose again at 10 A. M., and moved with tremendous force. Several steamers and wharf-boats, harbored in the mouth of the Elk, were thrust against the Keystone bridge and knocked it down. The steamer *Liberty No. 4* was so badly damaged that she sank in 24 feet of water. The ice continued running until 5 o'clock P. M., when it again gorged. At Portsmouth the ice from above Huntington has been passing since 5 o'clock P. M. The steamer *El Dorado* was left on the shore at Portsmouth by a sudden fall in the river. The boat was not injured.

A Frankfort, Ky., dispatch reports that there are 11 feet of water in the Kentucky River, with a prospect of an ice break-up to-night, as a heavy rise is expected from above that point.

A Lawrenceburg, Ind., dispatch says the gorge in the Ohio at Mades broke at 9 o'clock to-night, and the river is rising rapidly.

Eight loaded coal-barges were swept away from Willow Run Distillery Harbor, West Covington. One was sunk at the Southern Railroad bridge. The others passed on down the river.