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The Ice Gorge Broken.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO BOATS.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 8 .- At 2 o'clock this

afternoon the ice gorge began to move, slowly at first, fracturing its icy body with detonations like the sound of musketry. Crunching and grinding the shores, crashing against the great stone piers of the five mouster bridges, on it went, increasing in speed every minute. Nineteen steamers and a hundred coal barges, empty or loaded, at the landing, had but two or three inches of oak planking to present resistance to this ponderous aggregation of power. Every man was at his post on the steamers and every man was a hero. Again and again the ponderous chains that held the steamers and the wharf boats to their moorings were parted, and as often skilled hands repaired them. The two bridges above the public landing broke the ice somewhat, and prevented the otherwise inevitable destruction of every packet. By nine o'clock to-night all apparent danger to the steamers at the landing was over. The gorge was passed and the river was comparatively clear. One tow boat, the Mathewson, valued at \$10,000, was destroyed. Down below the destruction of coal barges and other property from accounts at 10 p. m. have been terrible: Three harbor boats were working heroically to break the ice and save property. The gorge that moved past Cincinnati extended from Coney Island above the mouth of the little Miami to below Anderson's ferry, a distance of nearly 18 miles. For ten miles below this the water was clear and open. Then came another gorge beginning at the mouth of the Great Miami and extending below Lawrenceburg. The lower gorge was about five miles long. The upper gorge with its doomed coal fleets, crashed into it and tore it out, and now both are grinding their way with terrific roar far down the Ohio at five or six miles an hour. It is impossible to get perfect details to-night. Here is the nearest approximation of the distribution of coal barges: Forty-five loaded barges, worth \$4,000 each, \$180,000; 60 empty barges, worth \$2,600 each, \$120,000; grand total, \$300,000. This includes the boats that were carried away last Friday. There is no insurance on this property. The three harbor tow-boats, Comet, Ben Wood and Alice Barr, were heard from at 10 o'clock to night. They are safe, and are working heroically

Tennessee Duelling.

A FIERCE FIGHT WITH HORSE WHIPS OVER A WOMAN.

MILAN, Tenn., Jan. 9 .- Jerry Arkins. and Mann Carter of Sarnia quarrelled about the affections of a woman. They agreed to fight a duel and horsewhips were chosen as weapons. Ye-erday they met in a secluded spot on the outskirts of the town and divested themselves of coats, vests and shirts. They faced each other at a distance of three feet, and at the word "strike" began to ply the whips on each other's naked waist. They alternated, first with one hand then with both, each lash leaving cruel welts. First blood was drawn by Carter. For over an hour the battle raged. The faces and bodies of the men were borribly cut and swollen, and when almost fainting from the torture the seconds interfered. They were allowed five minutes rest. At the call of "time" they both staggered to the line and recommenced the fast and furious lashings. Again the seconds interfered and refused to let the battle proceed. Atkins is badly hurt and his injuries may prove fatal.

Two persons have been frozen to death at Toulouse, France, and one at . Bordeaux.

John Burnes, who had made a fortune in lead mines and outlived it all, died in the poorhouse at Galena, Ill., aged

A great sensation has been caused in Vienna by a report that Spanish brigands have captured Empress Elizabeth of Austria, and purpose to hold her for rausom.

Among other presents which a young lady of Toronto received at Chris mas was a small pill box with " five for a dose" written on top. She did not open it, but laid the box away, and a day or wo ago her cariosity beame around and she uncovered the b.x. which when tained, not pills, but a five dollar both

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