

Ice-Swell on the Rhine

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On the Rhine, the ice is rising threateningly, in some parts, it has reached a height of about 5 metres. There is a great danger, that the narrow passage at the famous "Loreley" will be completely barred by the ice so that at the upper part of that swell may set in a catastrophic inundation. The road along the right river-side near Lorch is covered with ice, nearly 3 metres high. As the ship-traffic on the Rhine is shut down, and the ships have taken refuge in the harbours, the trains have to transport the goods.

One tries to keep open a small channel by steamers for breaking the ice, to make it possible that the water can run off. They succeeded in keeping open this small channel, but if the deep frost will still lasten for days, it will no longer be possible. A sudden thaw, however, will cause a catastrophic inundation.