

## THIRD EROSION CYCLE.

To us the third cycle is most interesting, as it overlaps the second glacial epoch and less time has elapsed to obliterate its records. As a result of its uplift, apparently warped, the river cut down through the alluvial fillings of the second

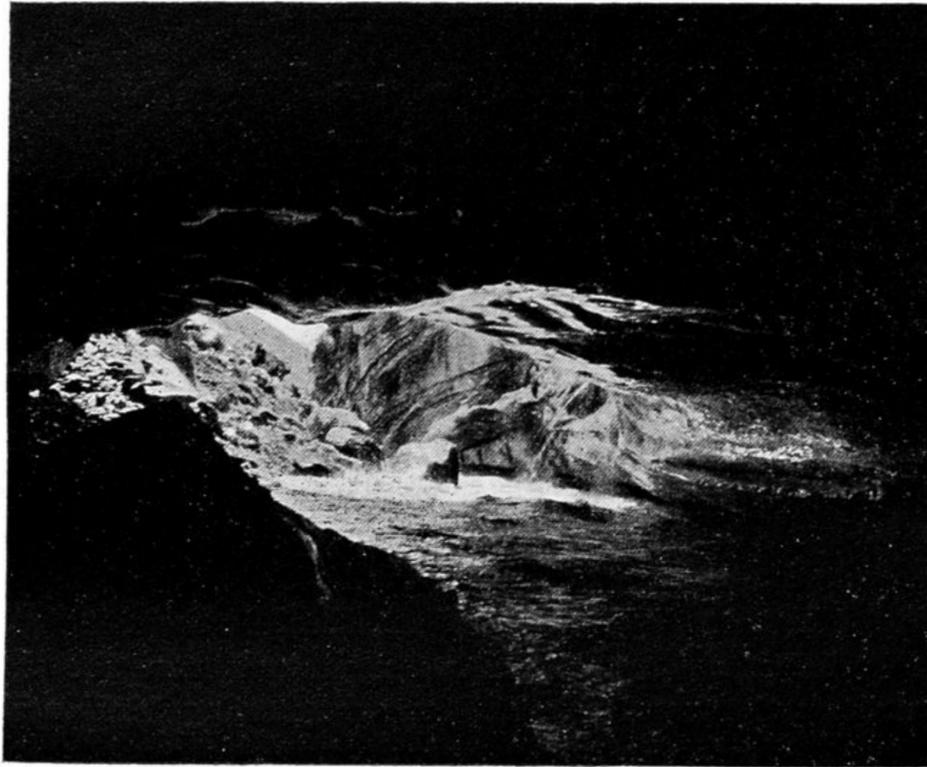


Fig. 455.—Ice-cave of the Zerafshan, Looking from within.

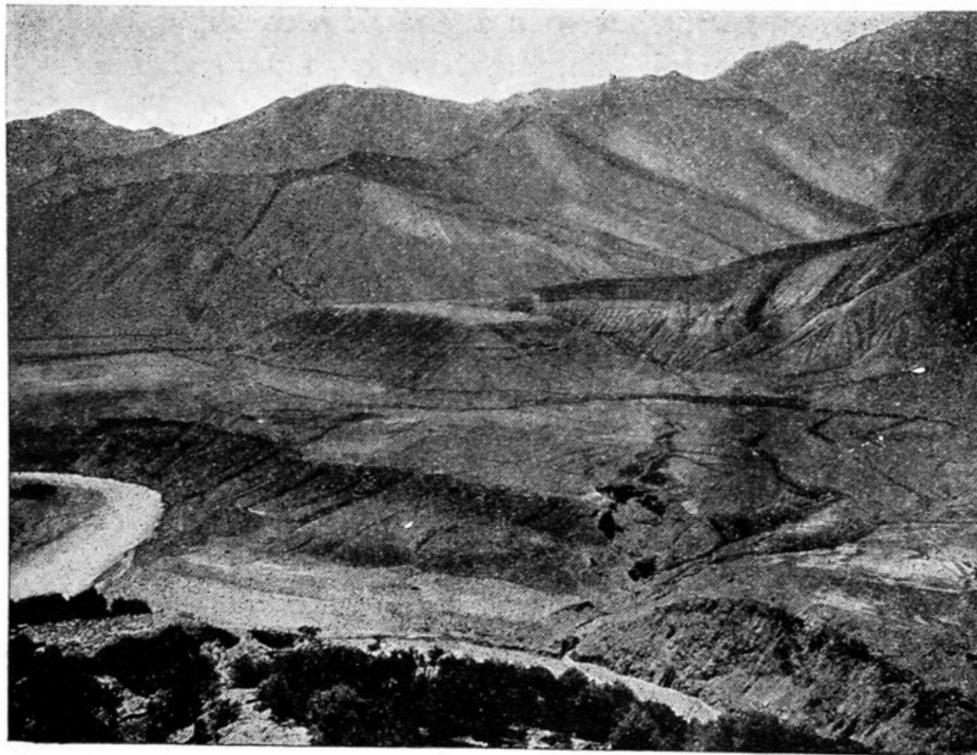


Fig. 456.—Terraces of the Zerafshan.

cycle and into the old rock bottom to a depth of from 50 feet in the lower to 300 feet in the mid-warp part of the valley with a canyon about as wide as the present and reaching about the same depth. Then the uplift appears to have stopped