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**Excerpt from:**"Things in General: Domestic"

The steamboat *Erie* was burned on Lake Erie off Cattaraugus creek, on the night of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. She had on board over 220 souls, of whom 170 perished by flame or water. The fire originated by the bursting of some carboys of turpentine, which were placed over the boiler.—The boat had been newly varnished, and immediately after the bursting of the carboys, the varnish took fire, and the boat was in a moment wrapped in flames. It is a singular circumstance that the *Erie* was burned in the same spot where the *Washington* met with a similar fate, some years since. Luther Fuller, the pilot of the *Erie*, stood at his post, the wheel, until he was *burnt to death*!