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Friday Morning, Nov. 16, 1849.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—We have the communication of "An Amateur" under consideration. It is a matter too scientific for a daily paper, but having started the subject ourselves, it is, perhaps, but fair to hear the opposite side.

AWFUL STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION.

Frightful Loss of Life.

TWO HUNDRED PERSONS KILLED.

We are sincerely pained at being compelled to record one of the most appalling catastrophes that ever occurred in our city. The steamboat *Louisiana*, Capt. Connon, bound to St. Louis, was to have left yesterday afternoon at five o'clock. It left at the moment of starting and after one or two revolutions of her wheels, or just before backing out from the wharf—for accounts differ on this point—both her boilers exploded, with a detonation equal to the discharge of a park of artillery. A scene of destruction followed which beggars description. The boat, it seems, was crowded with cabin and steerage passengers, many of the spectators of the terrible event asserting that there must have been from one hundred to one hundred and fifty persons on board. The explosion completely shattered the *Louisiana*, almost literally breaking her into fragments, which were hurled into the air with a force, in motion and velocity, tremendously increasing the scene here, and falling at distant points along the Levee and in the river. As a consequence of the tremendous pneumatic force exerted, we will state that the [illegible] connections and between the cylinders and boilers, more than one hundred and fifty yards. Quite a number of persons were struck by it and killed instantly, and others were thrown into the river, and drowned. Of those who were on board the *Louisiana*, the number cannot be ascertained for sure. But the opinion of those best conversant with the matter is, that not less than two hundred persons have been swept away, or found certain destruction when the explosion took place. The terrors and horrors of those who were involved in the awful scene, cannot be described. The moment of mortality and suffering—Many bodies were buried upon the shore, and quivering members which had been torn from the mangled forms were picked up in our presence; and [illegible] a large number of the crew and passengers must have been thrown into the Mississippi by the shocks