

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

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THE GREAT CATASTROPHE.

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But what shall we do with the wreck? By whose orders were the two thousand men crowded upon a boat the proper capacity of which was not over a hundred?

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Mr. Wade writes: "The specimen wrought from iron submitted by you is a specimen of the iron which was used in the boiler of the Steamer 'John D. Williams' on the night of the 29th of April last."

Mr. Williams informs us that the process by which this unexampled tenacity and strength is imparted to iron will add not about three per cent to the weight of the metal, but will increase the strength of the iron to such an extent that it will support a weight of 100,000 pounds per square inch.

The maximum strength of the best Swedish iron is 72,000 pounds per square inch, but there is iron which does not break under a strain of 100,000 pounds. It was stretched and elongated, and the diameter reduced in a soft state, and in this condition another specimen was stretched and broke. Its full strength was not ascertained.

A patent has been secured for this improvement. It is a chemical in its nature, and is applied to the boiling furnace. The iron, of which the piece which was tested was made, was principally made in this country, with a small quantity of charcoal iron.

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THE VIEWS OF THE PRESIDENT.

The following is an extract from the reply of President Johnson to the Pennsylvania delegation, who waited upon him for the purpose of assuring him of the cordial support of Pennsylvania in his great work.

The words you have spoken are most fully and cordially accepted and responded to by me. I do not think the time has yet come when the people of this nation should be returned to the catalogue of crime.

There are men who ought to suffer the penalties of their treason; but there are also some who have been engaged in the rebellion who, while technically speaking, they are guilty of crime, who morally are not.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

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PIANOS, The Best Pianos Made. PROF. ROBINSON'S OPINION: "An experience of over twenty years with the Chickering Piano has given me ample opportunity to judge of their quality and I have always found them to be the best."

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