Pittsburgh Gazette.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 8, 1862.

CITY AFFAIRS.

OUR OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS for the *Gazette*, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, 55 Fifth street—corrected daily:

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THE WEEKLY GAZETTE is issued for this week, and contains a very large variety of reading, to wit: Notes from the Capital; Case of the Traitor Bright; He is not Fallen; Late from Cairo; From Eastern Kentucky; Hayti and Liberia; From Texas, Mexico and California; From General Lander's Division; Ericsson's Battery; City and Country; Congressional; Commercial, etc., etc. For sale at our counter.

A Patriotic Work of Art--Middleton's Portrait of Washington.

We have recently seen several very flattering notices of this beautiful work of art, and last evening had the pleasure of seeing the portrait itself. It is certainly a most admirable picture, noble and pleasing in expression, and beautiful in color and finish, and in justice to Mr. Middleton and his assistant artists, who, we understand, have been over a year in bringing the work to its present perfection, we must say that it exceeds our highest expectation, and is equal to the high encomiums it has received from the press. We doubt not that it is what its proprietors claim, and what some of the best judges have admitted—the best portrait of Washington ever made since Stuart's original painting, from which this is copied. Of all portraits or paintings this is just the picture, it seems to us, in times like the present, that every patriot and friend of the Constitution and Government of Washington would like to have in his house. It is patriotic as well as ornamental, and can but have a good effect upon the family and the rising generation.

It is ah oil painting, and yet it is not done with the brush; if it was it could not be afforded at the price it is. It is in oil colors, on canvas, and, to all intents and purposes, is an Oil Painting. It is done, we understand, by a new art or process, by which, after months of scientific and laborious experimenting, the artist is enabled, it is claimed, to do what no one has hitherto been able to do—to produce that shading of the features, and those lines of expression, which, in the original, reveal so skillfully the less obtrusive graces of Washington's countenance, and at the same time to produce the smoothness and soft blending of colors of the best painted photographs—and all at a much less expense than if done in the ordinary way. The portrait it what is called "cabinet," or half-life size—just the size for the parlor—and is neatly framed in a heavy oval gilt frame, with the best French plate glass in front.

The work is executed by Middleton, Jordan & Co., of Cincinnati, and is furnished only to subscribers.

Mr. Jordan is now in our city, and will, during the next few days, call upon our leading citizens with a sample copy, for the purpose of taking orders for the work. It is emphatically a Patriotic Portrait—surpasses all previous attempts at copying Stuart's original, and should be in every parlor in the country.

Our Book Table.

THE SECESSIAD. Pittsburgh: published by J. P. Hunt; Allegheny: J. P. Hunt, corner of Federal street and South Common. 1862. Price 10 cents.

IF GREECE had her Homer to sing the 'Wrath of Achilles' and the 'Battle of the Frogs and Mice,' why should not we have our Bard to sing the thousandfold Achillean wrath of a whole Chivalry, and how the Knights of the South, that were foster-brothers of the little pleasanties, rose up to fight the Mudsills of the North? It is, therefore, on the perfectly just and natural assumption that there is but one answer to this question, and that every reader can find that sole possible answer for himself, we at once proceed to state, that, as the SECESSIAD Muse had long since given the world an *Iliad*, because Achilles got angry during the siege of Troy, there would have been an evident gap in our literature, had not some yet unnamed Muse given us the 'SECESSIAD,' to tell us how Jeff. Davis and *his* myrmidons went on the rampage of Secession, and tried to besiege Washington City, but didn't get there till the old Priam of the place had got away—shedding tears and wringing his hands,—unlike the other Priam, not only in running away, but in having no sons to leave behind him—no friends to follow him—no, not even a slave base enough, now, to do him reverence!

But though the theme of the "SECESSIAD" might suggest as many 'books' as the *Story of Troy*, as many 'cantos' as the *Orlando Furioso*, or as many 'adventures' as the *Nibelungen Lied*, our poet has not yet opened his 'epic' or 'heroic' vein, so as to put to the proof, either his powers for a sustained flight, or what has been called the 'gift of continuity,' or the powers of his readers over their faculty of attention, which may be called patience, especially if we observe that it is not improved by exercise. In fact, the author of the SECESSIAD, though he doubtless knows that Art is long, wisely acts as if he also had the more important knowledge, that Life is short. Hence, instead of the twenty-four books, or cantos, which he *might* have written, all he *has* written lies within twenty-four pages! Had he invoked the Epic Muse, of course it would have been far otherwise. Even Satire may sometimes attain the proportions of a "*Dunciad*" or the unpruned redundance of a "*Lousiad*"—never to mention that the author of "*Hudibras*" left his poem pretty much in the same condition as that famous canto, where

"The story of the Bear and Fiddle"

is told; but breaks off in the middle!"

The "SECESSIAD," however, has none of these faults: it is short and sharp, and seems as obviously a thing of the 'cut and thrust' species, as ever sword that was drawn from its scabbard.

We would fain quote several passages we have marked in reading the "SECESSIAD," but as we have already extended our notice beyond the limits we usually prescribe to ourselves, we must forbear. Some of the double rhymes, however, are so happy, and have so much play in them, that we may be tempted, one of these days, to quote the passage where they occur for the special benefit of our laughter-loving readers. We make this promise only conditionally, we should say,—and one condition must be, that our friend, Mr. Hunt, shall hear a few hundred more dimes clink into his drawer, before we make so considerable an invasion on his rights of copyright.

THE REBELLION RECORD, EDITED BY FRANK MOORE, PUBLISHED BY G. P. PUTNAM, NEW YORK.—We have received Part XII of this excellent work, which we have already characterized as the 'one complete standard reference-book in relation to the history of this Rebellion.' The present part contains two portraits on steel—very well engraved—one of Brig. Gen. McCall, the other of Brig. Gen. Burnside—and with this part the second volume closes. The weekly numbers, or the monthly parts, or the two volumes now complete, may be ordered from any bookseller or dealer in periodicals.

HUNT'S MERCHANTS' MAGAZINE AND COMMERCIAL REVIEW, FOR FEBRUARY, 1862.—This number commences with a paper on "a National Currency and Banking System," which is sure to be read with interest at the present juncture, when this whole subject, next to the War, (and indeed *with* the War, for that, too, must have a money-basis,) engages the attention of the leading men of the country, and is widely discussed among the people generally. There are some other papers likely enough to have their share of interest for various classes of readers—and the monthly reports and journals will of course have the usual attractions for those specially concerned in the matters to which they relate. The Merchants' Magazine may be ordered from the Publisher, William B. Dana, New York, or through any periodical dealer.

DISCHARGED.—The Smiths, whose arrest for the double murder near the South Mountain, Cumberland county, we noticed last week, had a final hearing before Justice Sponsler, of Carlisle, on Thursday last, and for want of evidence were discharged.

MISS CHARLOTTE THOMPSON will appear at the Theatre to-night in the character of Victorine, in the beautiful three act drama, of the 'Work Girl's Dream.' On Monday evening Miss Thompson will produce a new piece, written expressly for her.

Mr. Park's Letter of Acceptance of the Presidency of the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association.

We take pleasure in presenting the following letter of acceptance from Mr. Park, who has just returned from Washington City, where he has been laboring to secure the location of the Armory:

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 6th, 1862.

W. H. KINCAID, Esq., Secretary of the Young Mens' Mercantile Library Association: *Dear Sir*—Your esteemed note of the 15th ult., apprising me of my election to the responsible position of President of the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, was forwarded to me while absent at the city of Washington. I returned home on Tuesday last, but owing to the accumulation of business during my absence, have been prevented from communicating with you until now.

In accepting the honor conferred upon me by the young gentlemen composing the Association, permit me to say, that I do it with the greatest diffidence, and an embarrassing sense of my want of ability and qualifications to discharge properly the duties thereby involved in this relation. I rely, however, upon the assistance, forbearance and courtesy of the members; and trusting that as the result of our united, zealous and persevering efforts, the moral and intellectual character of our city and neighborhood will be promoted. The diffusion of knowledge and intelligence, the culture of the moral and intellectual faculties—as well as the general prosperity and respectability of our city, being the great and noble objects which our institution desires to accomplish by means of the books, magazines and periodicals provided in our Library rooms, and also by oral and popular lectures delivered by eminent and eloquent men, from all parts of our country; may we not be encouraged in the hope that these means may be so used as to accomplish the objects for which they are designed.

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Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

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Dr. Chesver, of the famous church of the Puritans, New York, lectured last night in the Hall of the House, on the relations of slavery to the present war. This famous divine is known to be the representative man of the extreme abolition wing—quite up to the Wendall Philips type of thought. In manner he is not by any means the equal of Mr. Philips or Henry Ward Beecher. His argument, however, was vigorously and logically put. In fact more matter could scarcely be compressed into two hours than was found in his lecture.

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THE LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH.

THE TENNESSEE RIVER EXPEDITION.

ANOTHER VICTORY!

FORT HENRY TAKEN!

Two Generals, One Colonel, Two Captains and One Hundred Privates Captured!

THE GUNBOAT ESSEX DISABLED!

THIRTY-THREE MEN KILLED!

MEMPHIS AND OHIO RAILROAD BRIDGE IN OUR POSSESSION.

The Stars and Stripes in Tennessee.

&c., &c., &c.

CAIRO, Feb. 7.—Fort Henry, on the Tennessee river, was surrendered yesterday, at 2 o'clock, after a determined resistance. The fight, which lasted an hour and twenty minutes, was conducted by the gunboats Cincinnati, Essex and St. Louis. The Cincinnati fired one hundred and twenty-five rounds, and received thirty-four shots from the rebel guns, but only one man was killed. The St. Louis fired one hundred and ten shots, and received no damage.

The Essex was disabled at the tenth round by a ball striking her boiler. Thirty-two men were killed and scalded to death. Capt. Porter was baldly scalded, but not dangerously.

Two rebel Generals, one Colonel, two Captains and one hundred privates were taken prisoners.

The fort mounted seventeen guns.

The land forces did not reach the scene of action for two hours after the surrender.

The Memphis and Ohio railroad bridge, fifteen miles above the fort, has been taken possession of by our troops.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 7.—The following is announced from Headquarters: Fort Henry is ours. The flag of the Union is re-established on the soil of Tennessee. It will never be removed.

By command of Major-General Halleck.

W. W. SMITH, Captain and Aid de Camp.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 7.—The *Gazette* and *Commercial's* Cairo correspondent gives the following account of the bombardment and capture of Fort Henry:

Yesterday, at 12:30 p. m., the gunboats Cincinnati, St. Louis, Carondolet and Essex, the Tyler, Conestoga and Lexington bringing up the rear, advanced boldly against the rebel works, going to the right of Painter Creek Island, immediately above which, on the east shore of the river, stands the fortifications, and keeping out of range till at the head of the island, and within a mile of the enemy; passing the island in full view of the rebel guns, we steadily advanced, every man at quarters, every gear strained to catch the Flag Officer's signal gun for the commencement of the action. Our line of battle was on the left, the St. Louis next, the Cincinnati for a time being the flag-ship, having on board Flag Officer A. H. Foote, and next the Essex. We advanced in line, when, at 12:30, the Cincinnati opened the ball, and immediately the three accompanying boats followed suit. The enemy, not backward, gave an admirable response, and the fight raged furiously for half an hour. We steadily advanced, receiving and returning storms of shot and shell, when, getting within three hundred yards of the enemy's works, we came to a stand, and poured into them, right and left. In the meantime the Essex had been disabled, and drifted away from the scene of action, leaving the Cincinnati, Carondolet and St. Louis alone engaged.

At precisely forty minutes past one, the enemy struck his colors, and such cheering, such wild excitement as cried throats, and decks of the 400 or 500 sailors of the gunboats can be imagined. After the surrender, which was made to flag-officer Foote by Gen. Lloyd Tilghman, who defended his fort in the most determined manner, we found the rebel infantry encamped outside, to the force, in number, of five thousand, had cut, and were leaving the rebel artillery company in command of the fort. The fort mounted seventeen guns, mostly 32 and 34 pounders, one being a magnificent ten inch columbiad. Our shots dismounted two of their guns, driving the enemy into embrasures. One of their rifled 32-pounders burst during the engagement, wounding one of their gunners. The rebels claim to have but eleven effective guns, worked by 54 men—the number, all told, of our prisoners. They lost five killed and ten wounded. The infantry left everything in their flight. A vast deal of plunder has fallen into our hands, including a large and valuable quantity of ordnance stores. Gen. Tilghman is disheartened; he thinks it one of the most damaging blows of the war. In surrendering to Flag-Officer Foote, the rebel General remarked: "I am glad to surrender to so gallant an officer." Flag-Officer Foote replied: "You do perfectly right, Sir, in surrendering, but you should have blown my boats out of the water before I would have surrendered to you."

In the engagement the Cincinnati was in the lead, and, flying the flag-officer's ponant, was the chief mark. Flag-officer Foote and Captain Stembel crowded her defiantly into the teeth of the enemy's guns. She got thirty-one shots; some of them going completely through her. The Essex was badly crippled, when about half through the fight, and crowding steadily against the enemy, a ball went into her port side, forward port, through a heavy bulk head, and squarely through one of the boilers, escaping steam and scalding and killing several of the crew. Capt. Porter, his aid, S. P. Britton, Jr., and Paymaster Lewis were standing in a direct line of the balls passing. Britton being in the centre of the group, a shot struck him on the top of his head, scattering his brains in every direction. Paymaster Lewis was thrown into the pilot house, instantly killing Ford and Pride, the pilots. Many of the soldiers, at the rush of the steam, jumped overboard, and were drowned. The Cincinnati had one killed and six wounded; the Essex had six seamen killed and two officers and seventeen men wounded, and five missing. There was no casualty on the St. Louis or Carondelet, though the shot and shell fell upon them like rain. The St Louis was commanded by Capt. Leonard Paulding, who stood upon the gun-boat and fought the guns to the last. Not a man flinched, and with cheer upon cheer sent shot and shell among the enemy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Secretary Welles has received the following dispatch:

U. S. FLAG STEAMER CINCINNATI,
(*off Fort Henry, Tennessee River,*)
Feb. 6, via Cairo, Feb. 7.

Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy, Washington:

The gunboats under my command—Essex, Commander Porter; Carondolet, Commander Walker; Cincinnati, Commander Stembel; St. Louis, Lieut. Commanding Paulding; Conestogo, Lieut. Commanding Phelps; Taylor, Lieut. Commanding Guion; and Lexington, Lieut. Commanding Shirk—after a severe and rapid fire of one hour and a quarter, have captured Fort Henry, and have taken Gen. Lloyd Tilghman and his staff, with sixty men, as prisoners. The surrender to the gunboats was unconditional, as we kept an open fire upon them until their flag was struck. In half an hour after the surrender I handed the fort and prisoners over to Gen. Grant, commanding the army, on his arrival at the fort in force. The Essex had a shot in her boilers, and after fighting most effectually for two-thirds of the action, was obliged to drop down the river, as I hear that several of her men were scalded to death, including the two pilots. She, with the other gunboats, officers and men, fought with the greatest gallantry. The Cincinnati received thirty-one shots, and had one man killed and eight wounded—two seriously. The fort, with twenty guns and seventeen mounted, was defended by General Tilghman with the most determined gallantry. I will write as soon as possible. I have sent Lieut. Commanding Phelps and three gunboats after the rebel gunboats.

(Signed) A. A. FOOTE, Flag Officer.

PROMOTED.—By a special order issued by Gen. Rosecrans, Capt. D. L. Smith, of Allegheny City, has been appointed Commissary of Subsistence at Clarksburg, Western Virginia, and will proceed thither to relieve Lieut. Charles Allen, of the Third Ohio. Lieut. Allen is ordered to Kentucky, where his regiment now is.

ROBERT ALLEN, of Co., D., Ninth Pennsylvania Reserves, Col. Jackson, is now in this city, and will leave for camp on Monday next. He will take such small packages and letters with him as may be left at 102 Grant street.

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XXXVIIth CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 7, 1861.

HOUSE.—Mr. Stevens of Pa., said that the United States Note bill, passed yesterday, provided for the payment of the interest on bonds semi-annually in coin. This, he said, was inadvertently inserted, and by the unanimous consent of the House, he, to-day, amended the bill by striking out these words, leaving it to the convenience or option of the Treasury Department to pay interest in coin or paper.

Mr. Holman, of Ind., from the Committee on Government Contracts, reported a joint resolution declaring that certain lands were granted to Missouri on condition that the Government troops and military supplies be transported over such railroads as might be constructed from the proceeds of the sales thereof free of charge, but in consideration of the fact that the ability of the Hannibal and St. Joseph and Pacific Railroads has been greatly impaired by the public enemy, the Secretary of War is authorized to make such an adjustment with these roads for transportation as may be just and reasonable during the existence of the rebellion, provided that the charges do not exceed those fixed by the War Department.

Mr. Holman showed the necessity for the adoption of the resolution, and maintained that the Government could not transport troops, munitions and supplies as economically, were it to take possession of the road, as private parties.

After a debate, the resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Government Contracts.

Mr. Holman, of Indiana, from that Committee, reported a resolution requesting the Secretary of War to inform the House of the amounts paid to each of the several railroad companies for the transportation of troops and supplies since the commencement of the present difficulties, together with other information on the subject.

Mr. Van Wyck, of New York, moved that the House proceed to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Government Contracts. He spoke of the advantages taken of the trembling necessities of the country by speculators of the cattle contract, made in this city, whereby $50,000 was realized on 2,000 head; of the agency of Alexander Cummings, of New York, of the immense amount of money paid out to him without any vouchers of his purchase; of linen, pantaloons, London porter, Scotch ale and Dutch herring for the use of the army. He next spoke of the charter of the steamer Cataline, and of the horse contracts at Huntendon, Tenn. A huge contract brokerage system was sought to be established at the commencement of the difficulties, whereby five per cent. was to be paid on contracts. As a friend of the administration, he had the right to insist that it shall drive corruption from the land and treason from the capital. He then spoke of Mr. Morgan's agency, and the peculations in the Department of the West.

Mr. Davis, of Pa., said that no man was more earnestly desirous than himself of bringing to justice every man charged with fraud on the Government. He was particularly interested in bringing one man to justice—namely his own brother. He asked the Committee and House to unite with him in his efforts to have Captain Davis, Assistant Quartermaster, who is charged with crime, arrested, court-martialed, and if found guilty, and the penalty is death, have him shot. His brother knew nothing of the charge of defrauding the Government and soldiers until it was published to the world through the report of the Investigating Committee. He, Mr. Davis, had in vain sought to have his brother's transactions inquired into, and had been before the Committee with that view, but he was told that it would cost $500 to bring Capt. Davis to vindicate his reputation. All these investigations will amount to nothing, unless means are taken to punish the wrong doers. His brother's reputation was worth more to him than that of any other man living. All he asked was, that if his brother was guilty, punish him, and if he is innocent, let the fact be declared.

Mr. Davis, of Mass., said that he could appreciate the sensitiveness of the gentleman touching the representation of his brother, Captain Davis. He said that the first knowledge he had of the charge against him was in the report of the Committee. Now the truth is he came before the Committee and furnished them with certified copies of the papers himself. If Captain Davis led the Committee into error by giving as true copies those which proved not to be so, the Committee are not to be blamed. If Captain Davis would come before the Committee, he would have a chance to correct his own mistake; but to enable him to do this, it could hardly be expected that they should send for him.

His friend, Mr. Davis, had done all he could to have his brother court-martialed. He honored him for it, but the gentleman should not find fault with the committee that he had not been successful.

Davis replied that he had simply intimated that his brother knew nothing of the charges of fraud against him till it was published. The committee had interrogated him as to General Fremont's body guard, whether they rode on bay horses with drawn swords; how they were dressed, &c. His brother stood before the country as a felon. He repeated that he only asked that he be punished if guilty, and righted if innocent.

Mr. Dawes read from the testimony to show that Capt. Davis purchased from his son, in Philadelphia, certain blankets, and repeated that Capt. Davis could appear before the committee to set himself right.

Mr. Holman, of Ind., offered the following:

Resolved, That the conduct of Secretary Cameron, in employing Alexander Cummings without legal guarantee, to make purchases without restriction, of large amounts of military supplies, and the conduct of Secretary Welles, in employing Mr. Morgan without requiring guarantees, for the purchase of a large number of vessels, the compensation depending on the prices paid, instead of employing responsible officers, have adopted a policy highly injurious and destructive to the public service and interests, and are deserving of the censure of this House.

At this point, Mr. Sedgwick, of N. Y., sent up the dispatch, received from flag officer Foote, by the Secretary of the Navy, informing the latter of the capture of Fort Henry. Applause both on the floor and in the galleries followed the reading of the dispatch.

The motion at the earlier stage of the proceedings, that the consideration of the report be postponed till Tuesday of next week, was then agreed to.

Mr. Blair, of Mo., from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreement of the two houses to the amendments to the bill making the appropriation for the defences of Washington, made a report, which was agreed to. It provides that no volunteers or militia, in any State or Territory, shall be mustered in on any terms or conditions, to continue in service therein, beyond 40,000 in Missouri and 4,500 in Maryland, according to the former authorization.

Mr. Blair explained that the committee did nothing with regard to the home troops in Kentucky, for the reason that the bill in which the raising of them depended, was pending in the Senate.

Several private bills were then passed, when the House adjourned till Monday.

SENATE.—Mr. Anthony, of R. I., presented a resolution from the General Assembly of Rhode Island in regard to the permanent location of the Naval Academy at Newport. The said State had tendered exclusive jurisdiction to the United States the necessary land, &c. He referred briefly to the loyalty of the State and the fact that Newport had suffered greatly by the rebellion, and was one of the finest harbors in the country.

Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, presented the memorial of a number of Mercantile firms of New-York against any repeal of the present warehousing system.

Mr. Wilmot, of Pennsylvania, presented several petitions in favor of emancipation. Also in favor of homeopathic surgeons.

Mr. Doolittle, of Wisconsin, presented the resolutions of the Legislature of Wisconsin, requesting that Senators and members of Congress from that State vote for the abolishment of the franking privilege.

Mr. Harris, of New York, from the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the credentials of Benj. Starke, and other papers, without expressing any opinion as to the effect of the papers, or any action of the Senate, reported a resolution that Mr. Starke was entitled to take the Constitutional office as a Senator.

Mr. Trumbull, of Illinois, asked to file the minority report the Committee had not seen fit to report on the testimony. He could not agree with the majority of the Committee.

Mr. Harris said the Committee did not express an opinion as to the effect of the papers on any subsequent action of the Senate. The papers were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harlan, of Iowa, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to reduce the expenses of the Government in the survey and sale of public lands.

Mr. Hale, of New Hampshire, from the Naval Committee, reported a joint resolution tendering the thanks of Congress to Captain Samuel F. Dupont, and the officers and seamen under his command, for the victory at Port Royal. Adopted.

Mr. Hale, from the Naval Committee, reported back the bill providing for the construction of twenty iron clad steam gun-boats, with an amendment. The United States Note bill was received from the House, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wilson, of Mass., introduced a bill to increase the efficiency of the Medical Department of the army. Referred.

Mr. Latham, of Cal., introduced a bill relative to the warehouse system in the Pacific ports of the United States.

Mr. Grimes, of Iowa, moved to take up the gunboat bill. He said that if the intelligence which came to the city this morning, of the capture of Fort Henry by our gunboats, on the Western waters, was true, then no bill was more important. The bill was taken up. The amendment of the committee appropriates $10,000,000 for the purposes of the act.

Mr. Hale, of N. H., read a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, saying that the Department could probably build ten or twelve boats in six months and double that number in a year. That the Department do not intend to conform to any particular plan, but intend to avail themselves of the experience gained in the progress of the work; that the cost ranges from $360,000 to $580,000; but, that Captain Ericsson proposed to build four in six months at $225,000; that the purposes of the boats were to reduce the harbors of the enemy and open them to the Union army. The Secretary earnestly recommends the appropriation of $10,000,000.

Mr. Hale, said that the vessels already built by Capt. Eric