morning two of the (larges were swept away. Admiral Portrr, jumping on his horse, rode to the upper falls and ordered the Lexington to come down and attempt the passage of the dam. The water was rapidly falling, and as the Lexington, having squeezed through the passage of the falls, approached the opening in the dam through which a torrent was pouring, a breathless silence seized the watchers on the shore. In another instant she had plunged to safety, and a deafening cheer rose from thirty thousand throats. Porter was afraid that Colonel Bailey would be too disheartened by the accident to the dam to renew work upon it. The other three vessels were at once ordered to follow the Lexington’s example, and came safely through. But Bailey was undaunted, and “his noble-hearted soldiers, seeing their labor swept away in a moment, cheerfully went to work to repair damages, being confident, now that all five gunboats would be finally brought over.” Their hopes were realized when the last vessel passed it safely on May 1st.