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# FORT WARREN WEEKLY DISPATCH

Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War (1861-1865)

## BOSTON HARBOR AND BEYOND

### SEPTEMBER 4 - GRANT ESTABLISHES HQ

Union General Ulysses S. Grant arrived at Cairo, Illinois to establish his headquarters and to try and sort out the fast-moving military situation across the country.

### SEPTEMBER 5 - CONFEDERATE FORCES IDLE

The Charleston, South Carolnia based *Mercury* charges Confederate forces in Manassas, Virginia with "inactivity." The paper claims that with the Union capitol in sight nothing is being done.

### SEPTEMBER 6 - UNION FORCES MOVE INTO PADUCA, KENTUCKY

Grant orders his forces into Paducah, Kentucky in order to prevent Confederates from seizing the city. Surprisingly this action provoked no hostilities or bloodshed.

### SEPTEMBER 7 - OUTRAGE TOWARDS FREMONT ESCALATES

Animosity towards Union General Fremont in Missouri soars as reports come out regarding lavish spending in St. Louis. Fremont had spent nearly $12 million for steamboats, fortifications, uniforms, food, and parties in a seemingly endless spending spree. In response Lincoln has dispatched Gen. David Hunter to "assist" Fremont in the administration of the Department.

### SEPTEMBER 8 - GOVERNORS CALL ON SOUTHERN WOMEN

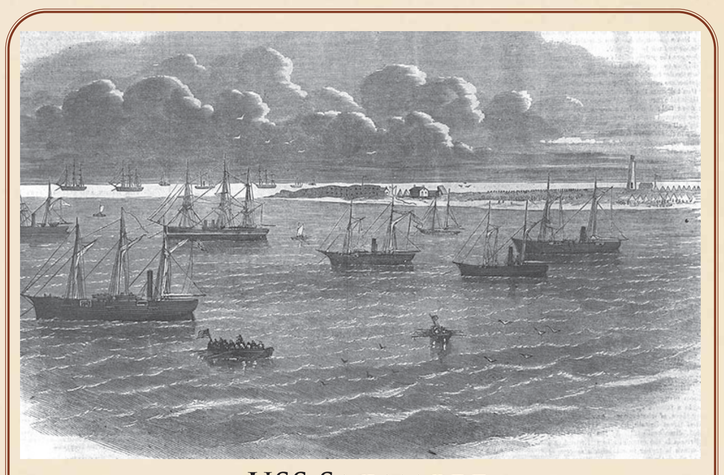
Governors of several Confederate states have issued proclamations addressed to Southern women begging them to employ their time in knitting socks for the army and additionally calling for a subsidy of blankets.

### SEPTEMBER 9 - PASSPORT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED

Secretary of State William Seward issued an order establishing a passport system for foreign travel. No person will henceforth be allowed to go abroad from a port of the United States without a passport and no one will be allowed to land in the U.S. without one.

### SEPTEMBER 10 - LINCOLN MEETS MRS. FREMONT

Mrs. John Fremont, wife of the controversial general, travels to D.C. to meet with President Lincoln. She expressed her concern that Lincoln is being influenced against her husband. By some accounts the tone of the meeting was not calm.



USS Sagamore
(3rd ship from the right)

### USS SAGAMORE LAUNCHED IN BOSTON HARBOR

USS Sagamore, a 691-ton Unadilla class screw steam gunboat, built by the A. & G. T. Sampson and Atlantic Works, Boston, MA was launched in Boston Harbor on September 1, 1861. The ship is expected to join the Union naval blockade of the Confederacy once it is commissioned. It is scheduled to be commissioned December 7 at the Boston Navy Yard.

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