

Rear-Admiral Hugh Y. Purviance took part in the first battle with the iron-clad "Merrimac," a battle that startled the world, again in command of U. S. S. "St. Lawrence" off Charleston, S. C., sank the C. S. Privateer "Petrel" and received a vote of thanks from the State of Maryland through the General Assembly.

Rear-Admiral John H. Russell complimented by the U. S. Navy Department and the thanks of the Legislature of Maryland, commanded the U. S. Gunboat "Kennebec" with Farragut's fleet in the attack upon Forts St. Philip and Jackson in 1862, and thence in the advance up the river as far as Vicksburg, Miss.

Rear-Admiral Winfield S. Schley, a name now known and honored throughout the civilized world, in 1862-3 commanded batteries in the siege and capture of Port Hudson, La., and throughout the Civil War on active duty passed through a school of experience that laid the foundation for his subsequent brilliant career.

So that it is self-evident that the Maryland contingent in the U. S. Navy during the Civil War 1861-5 was a most valuable factor.

