

## Two accounts – Launching USS Tippecanoe – December 1864

**Launch of the "Tippecanoe,"**—The third, and last of the iron-clad monitors contracted to be built here, was launched into the deep-rolling waters of the Ohio yesterday. It was built by Miles Greenwood, Esq., and constructed after the same models as the other two, which have been described somewhat in detail. Its length is 235 feet, and it is 45 feet wide. There was some difficulty in getting the vessel loosened on the ways, but when it started it glided away like a thing of life, and dipping into the water two-thirds its length, it emerged gracefully and floated away as steadily as a swan. At once the Union Jack was run up, and Miss A. C., breaking the bottle of champagne, christened the monitor, "Tippecanoe." The ladies and gentlemen on board soon sought more comfortable quarters below, where they enjoyed a social and convivial hour while the vessel was being towed ashore. When the workmanship of the Tippecanoe shall be completed, in the style it has been begun, it will reflect credit not only on the contractor, Mr. Greenwood, but on our city itself.

Cincinnati Daily Gazette,  
December 23, 1864, page 2

### LOCAL MATTERS.

**LAUNCH.**—The Queen City of the West yesterday consigned to its proper element her third-born monitor—the Tippecanoe. The launch was to have taken place at 10 o'clock, but considerable delay was experienced in getting her started. At about 12 o'clock, however, the immense fabric of iron and wood moved slowly down the ways, with its burden of invited guests, and entered the Ohio's turbid waters most gracefully. The usual ceremonies of christening were observed, as the new boat righted and floated slowly down, to the great satisfaction of the observers, and, we may add, her builder—Miles Greenwood, Esq.

Cincinnati Daily Commercial  
December 23, 1864, page 2