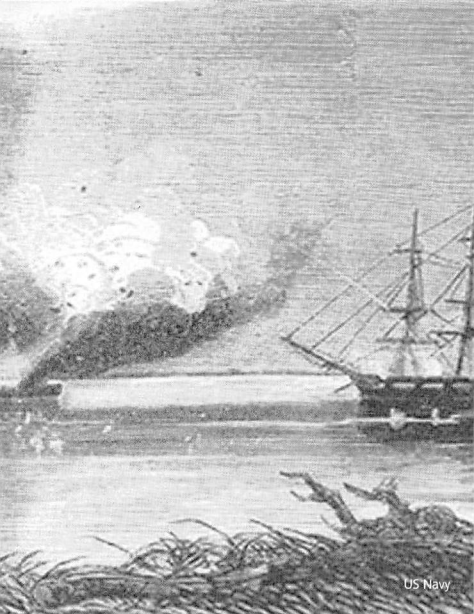


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A Big Victory for the Little "Mosquito Fleet"

When Union ships gathered in the Gulf of Mexico in October 1861, six Confederate riverboats steamed down the Mississippi River to save New Orleans from invasion. The tiny "Mosquito Fleet" commandeered a private ironclad ship and fought the Union where the river meets the gulf, forcing the bigger Union fleet to withdraw.

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