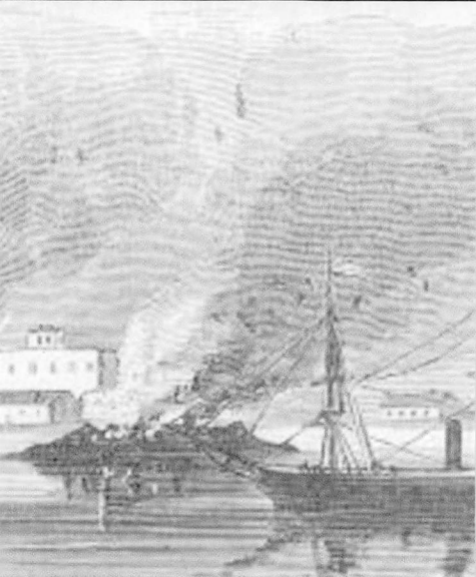


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The Union Takes New Orleans

After spending days bombarding downriver forts, Union ships arrived in New Orleans on April 25, 1862. The port blazed with ships and cotton being burned by city residents. Angry people lined the streets, cursing and waving pistols. New Orleans was now a Union city. For many, this meant the beginning of the end of the Confederacy.

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