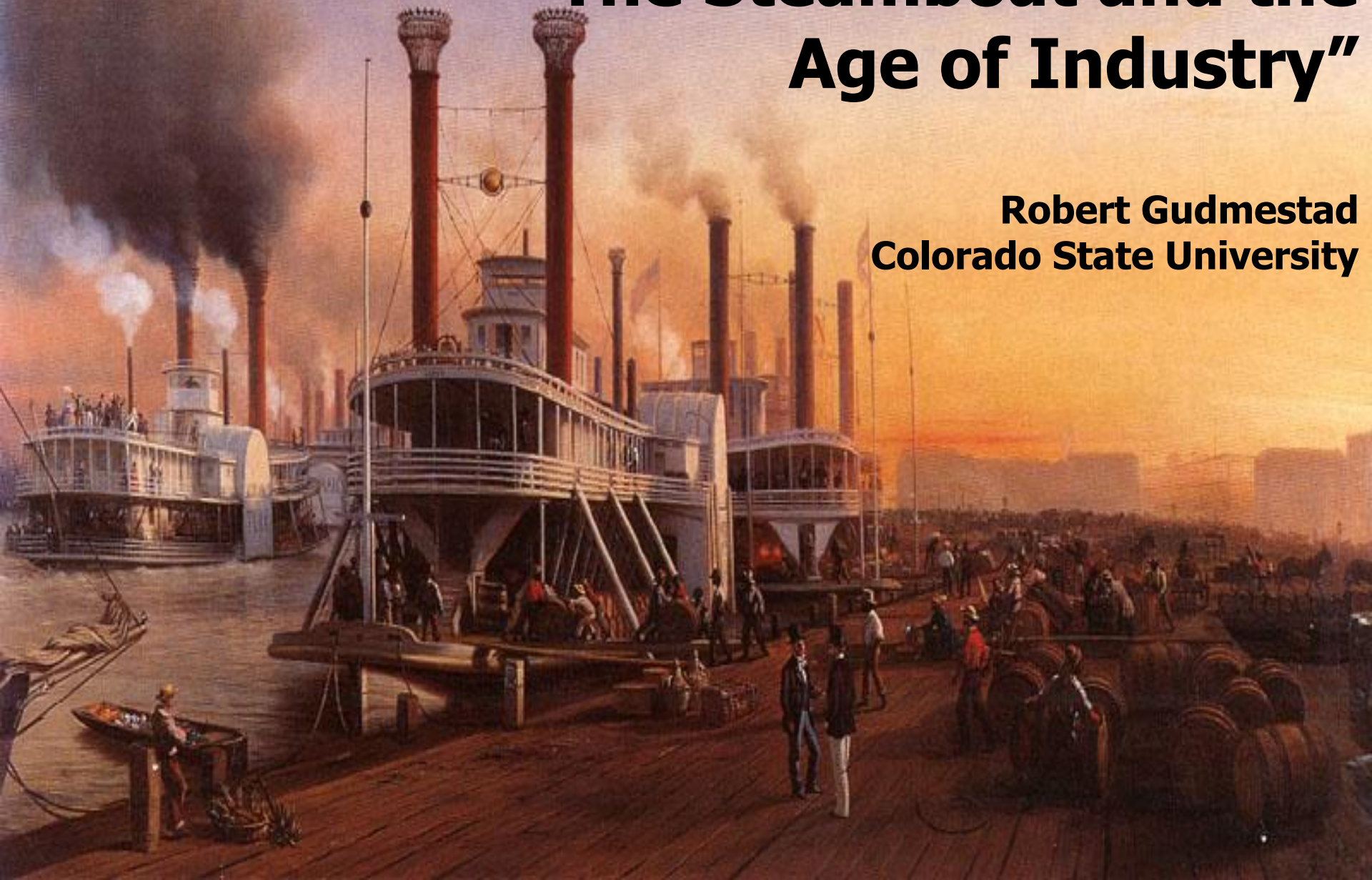
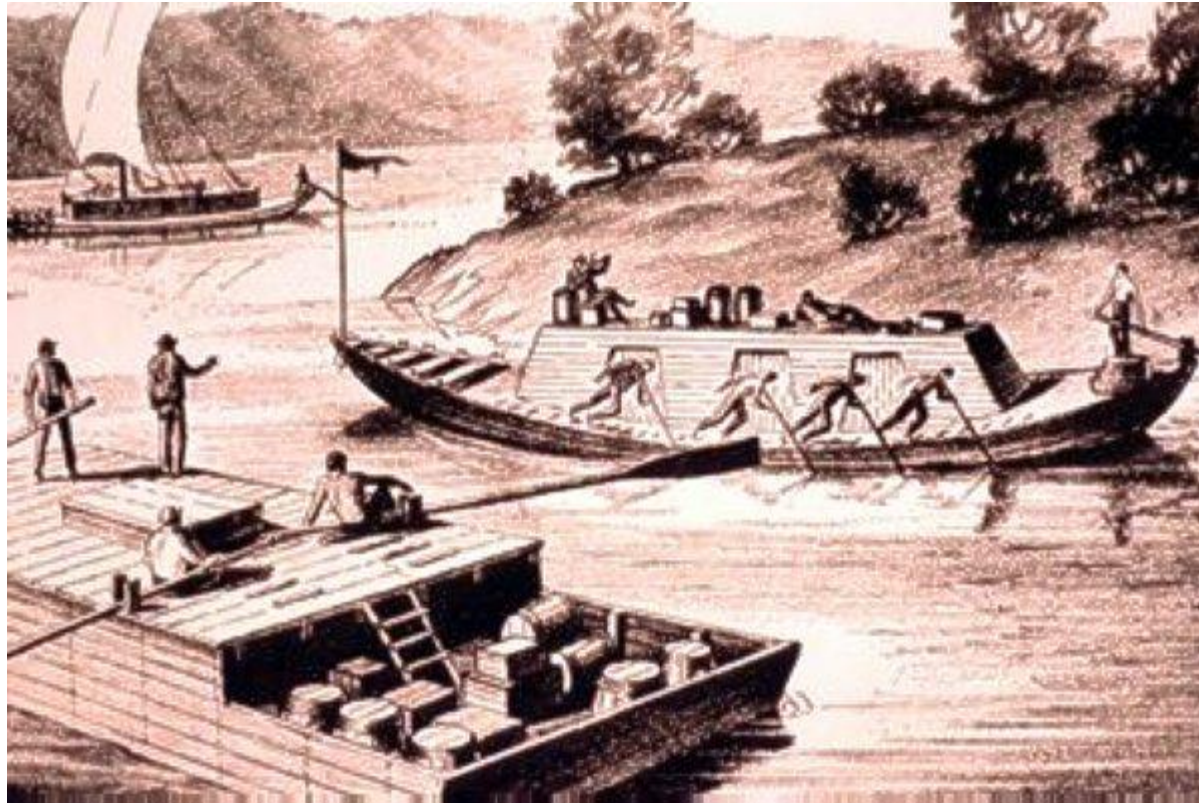


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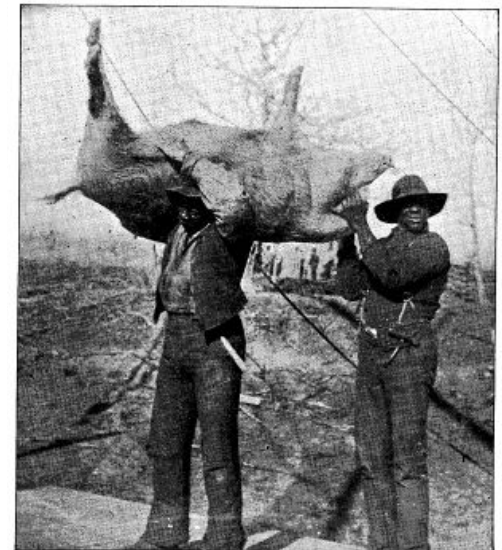
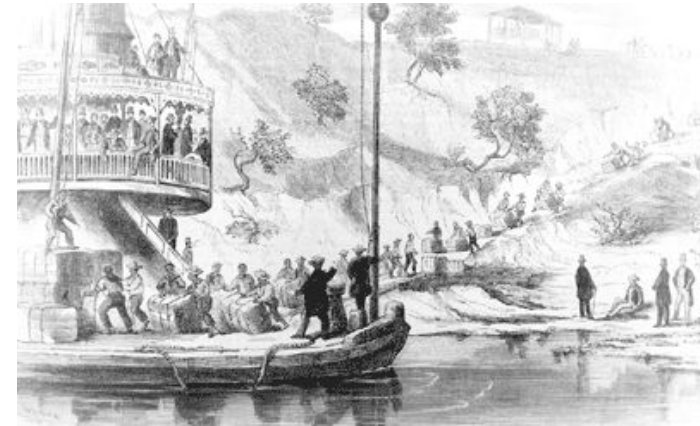
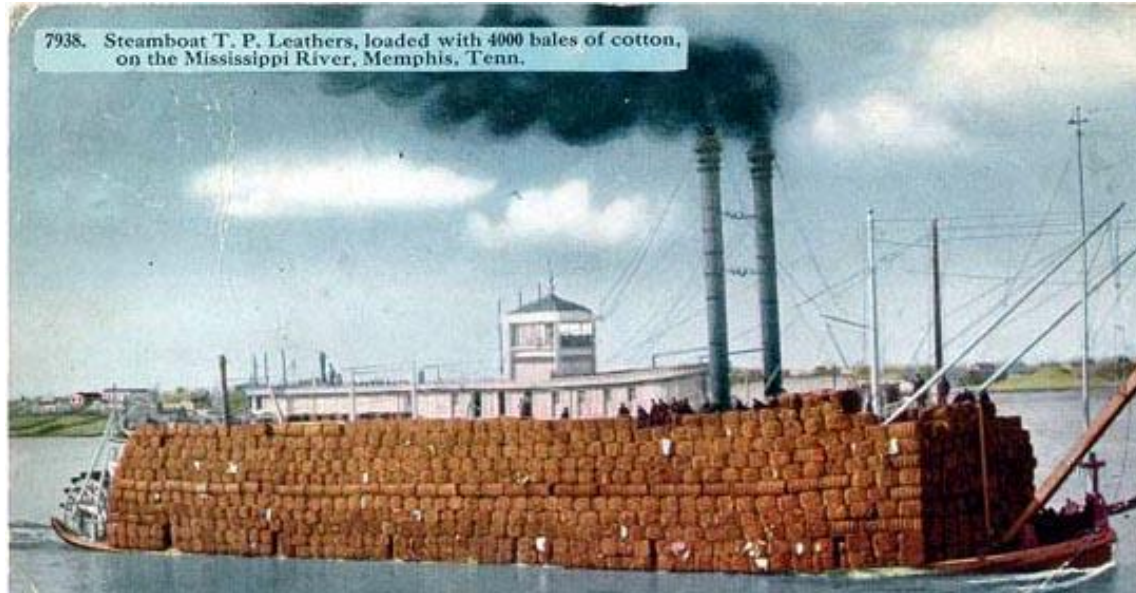
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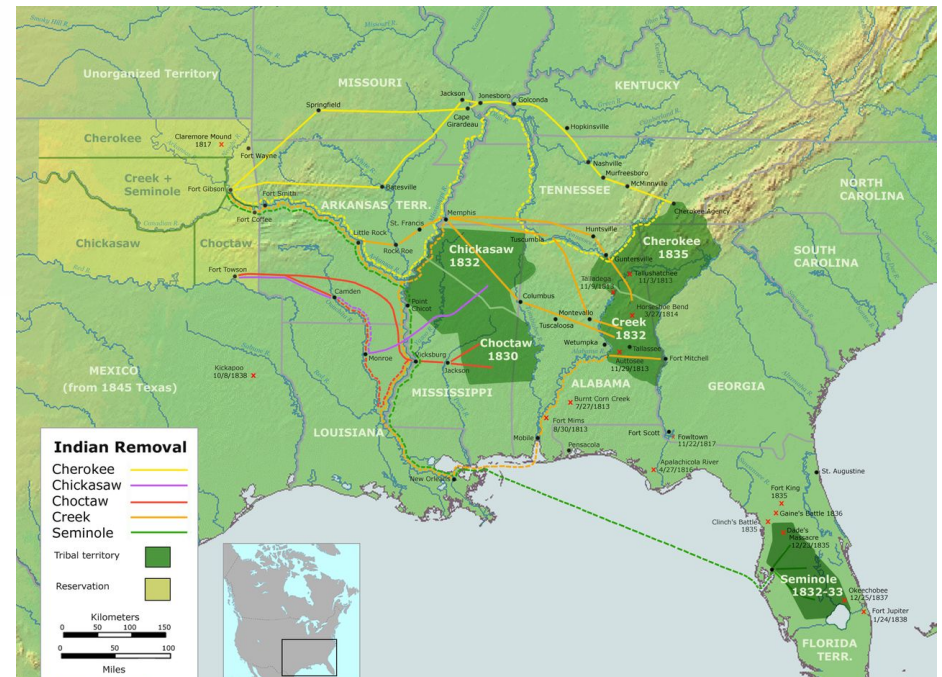
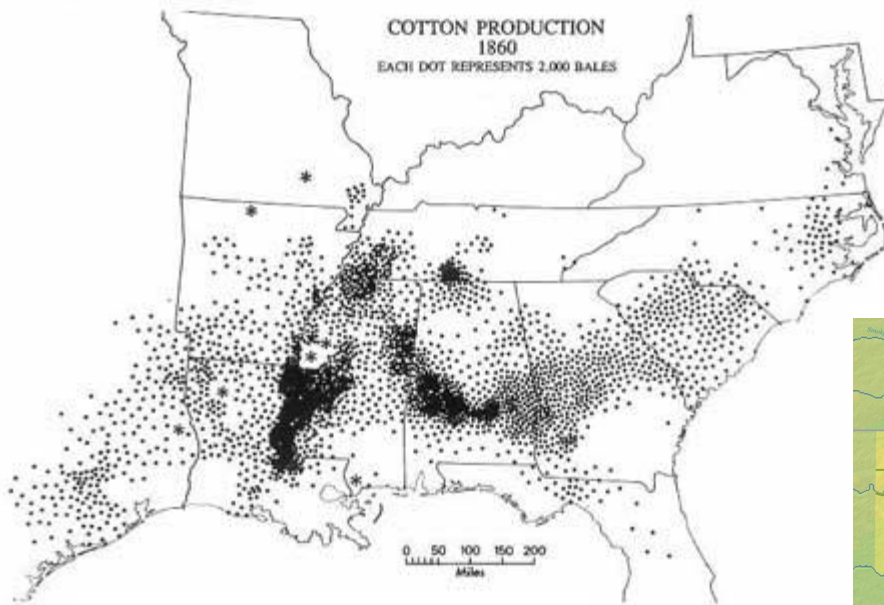
Mississippi River flatboat and keelboat



# Steamboats became the workhorse of the plantation regime



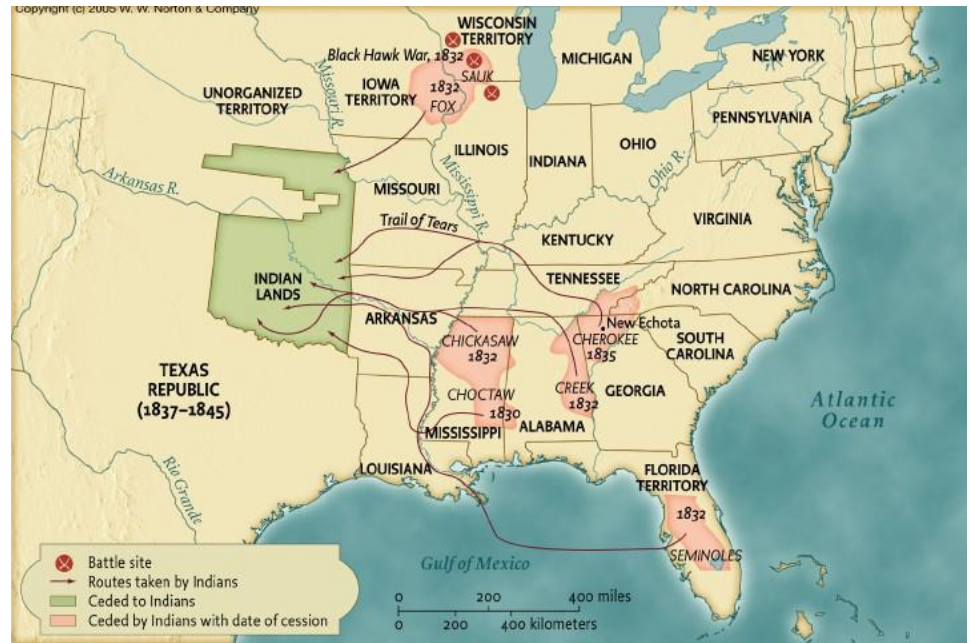
# Steamboats accelerated forced migrations of indigenous people and enslaved people



# The government used steamboats to accomplish Indian Removal



Sinking of the *Monmouth*;  
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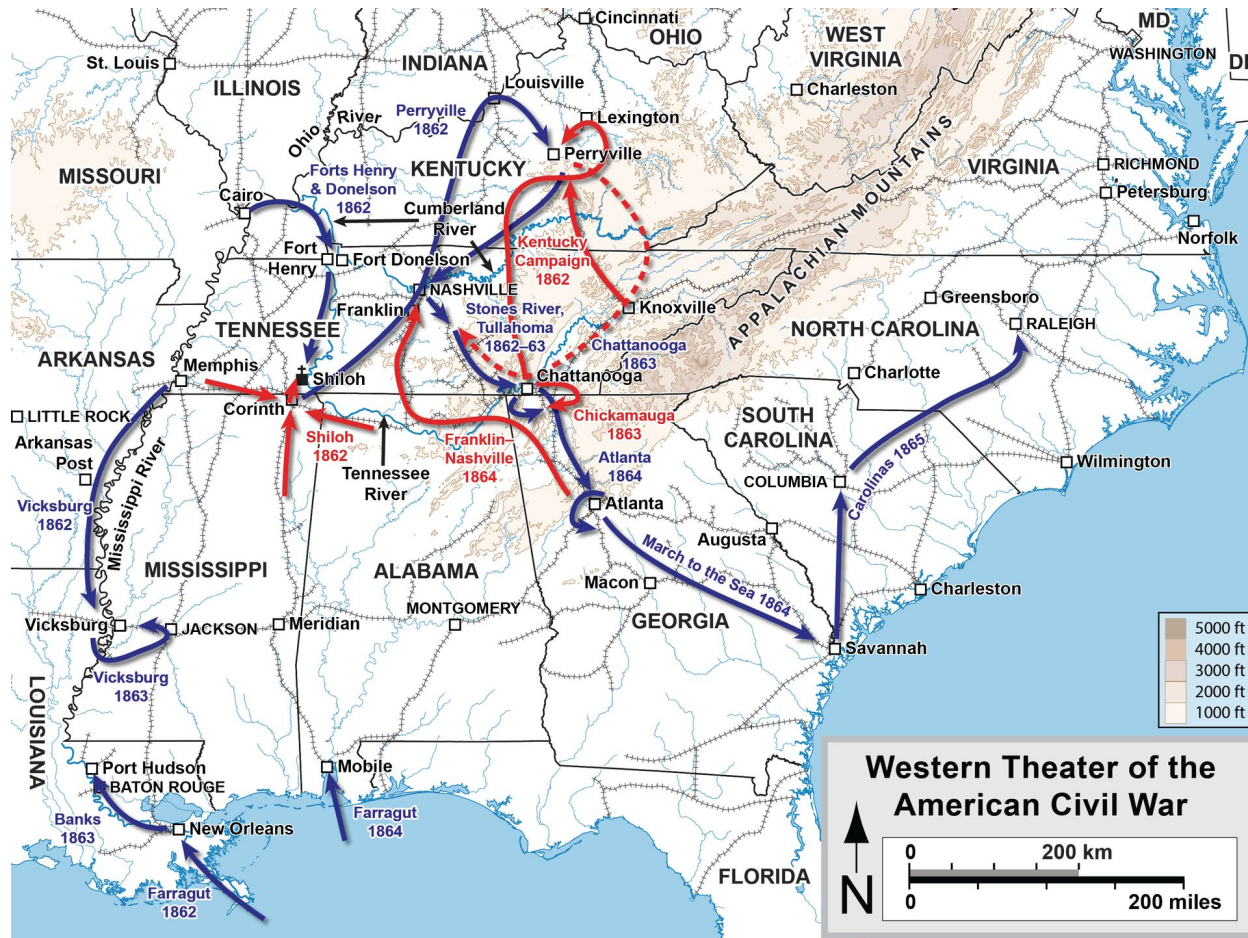


# Steamboats influenced the growth of railroads

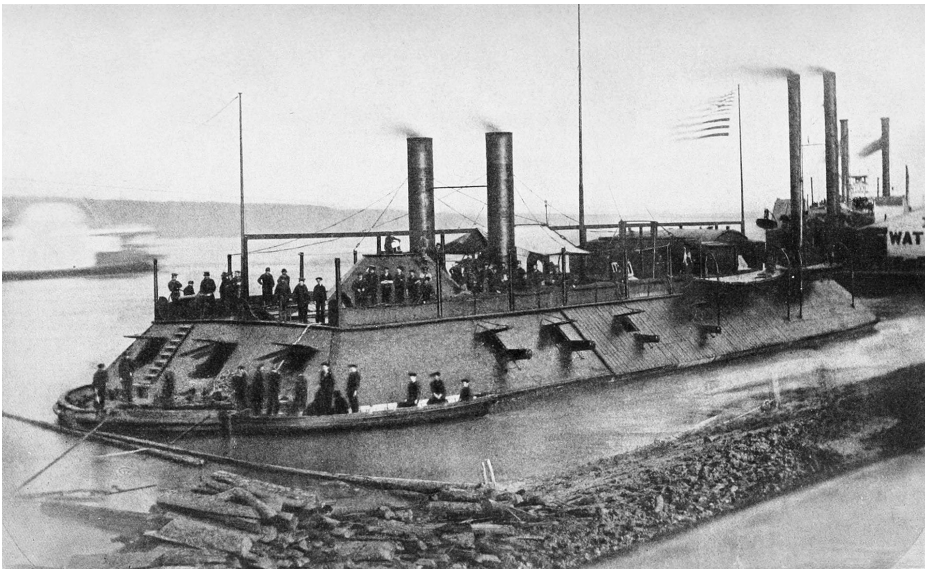


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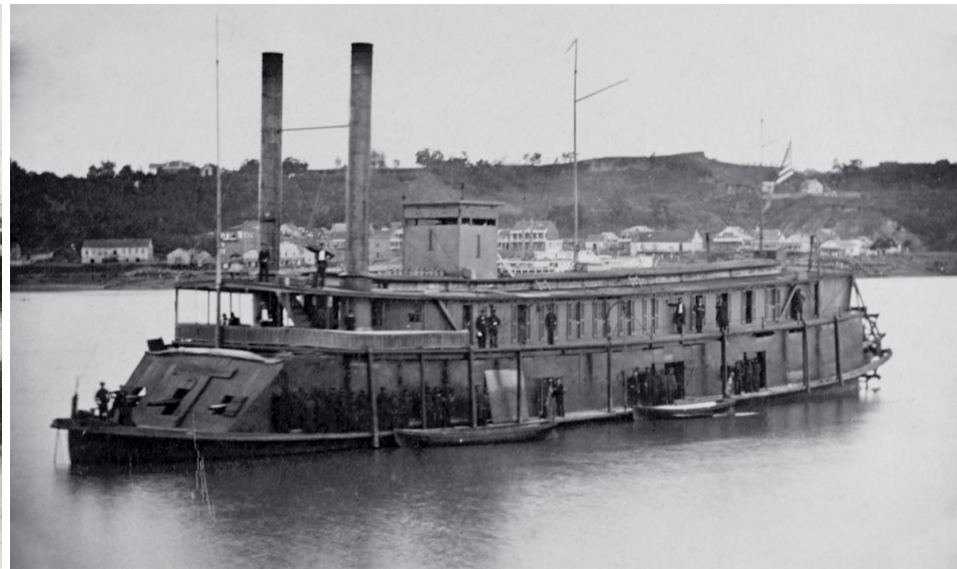
# Steamboats were crucial to Union victory in the Western Theatre



# The Union built a large fleet of armored boats for the Western Theatre



U.S.S. *Cairo*, an ironclad



U.S.S. *Rattler*, a tinclad