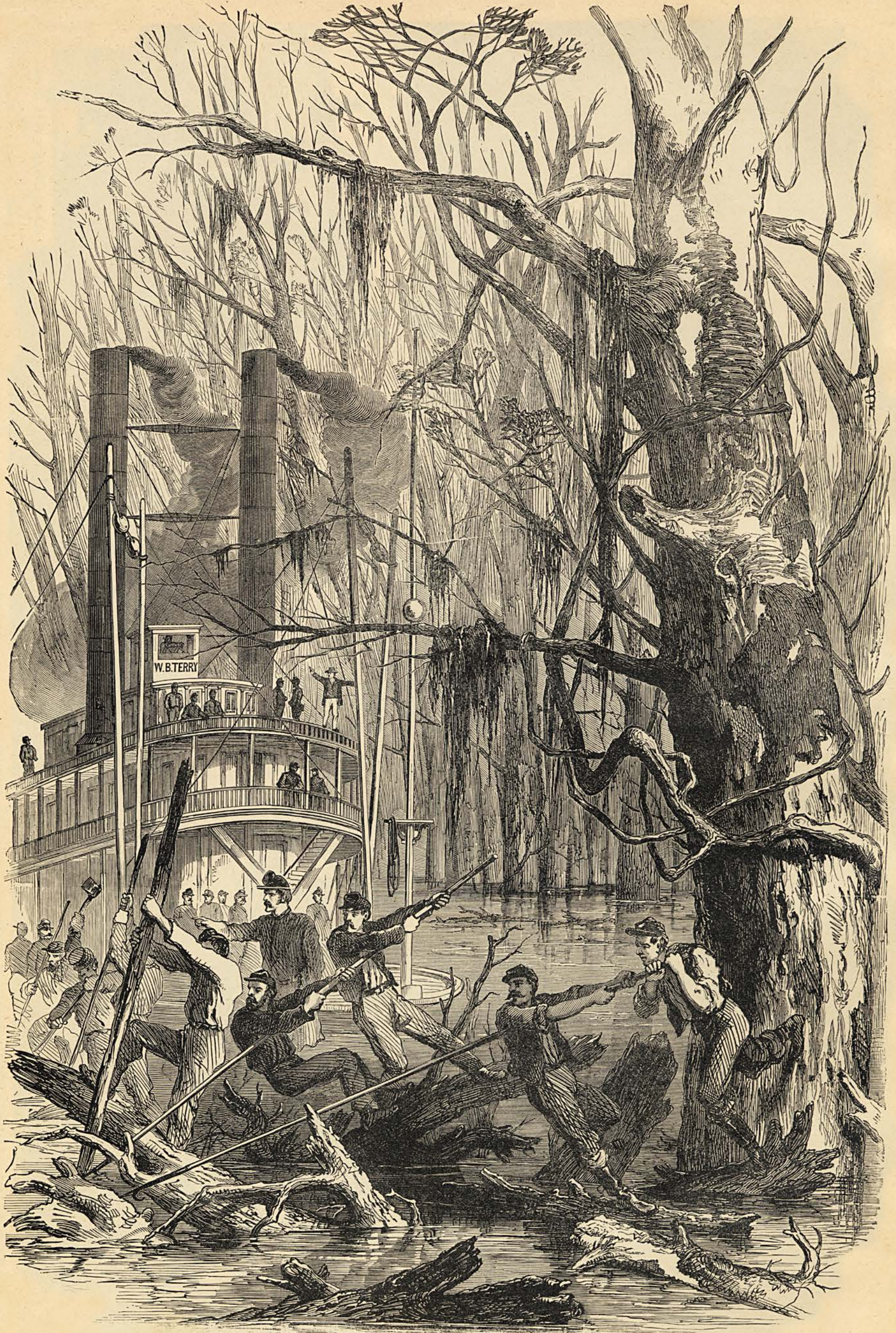




SOLDIERS CLEARING A WAY THROUGH THE SWAMPS FOR A TRANSPORT.—FROM A SKETCH BY H. LOVIE.

Island No. 10 is in lat. 36.30, where the Mississippi makes its great double curve. It was heavily fortified and protected by swamps on the east, and the batteries of New Madrid, Mo., was thought to command the river. New Madrid was captured by Pope's army (March, 1862), Foote's gunboats succeeded in running past the island, some transports forced their way through the swamps behind the island, and the cutting of a canal across the bend, enabled the Federals to surround and capture its garrison (April 7) without a serious battle. Many heroic and interesting incidents marked this curious siege.