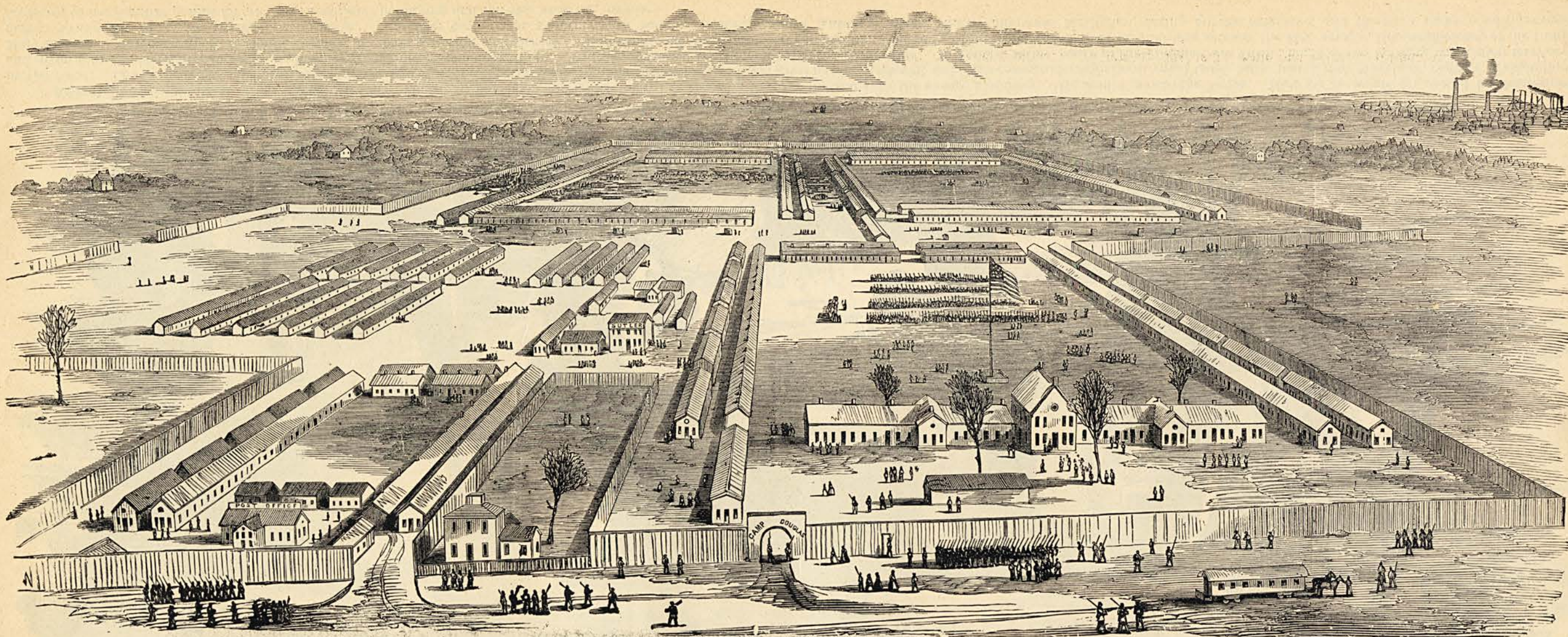
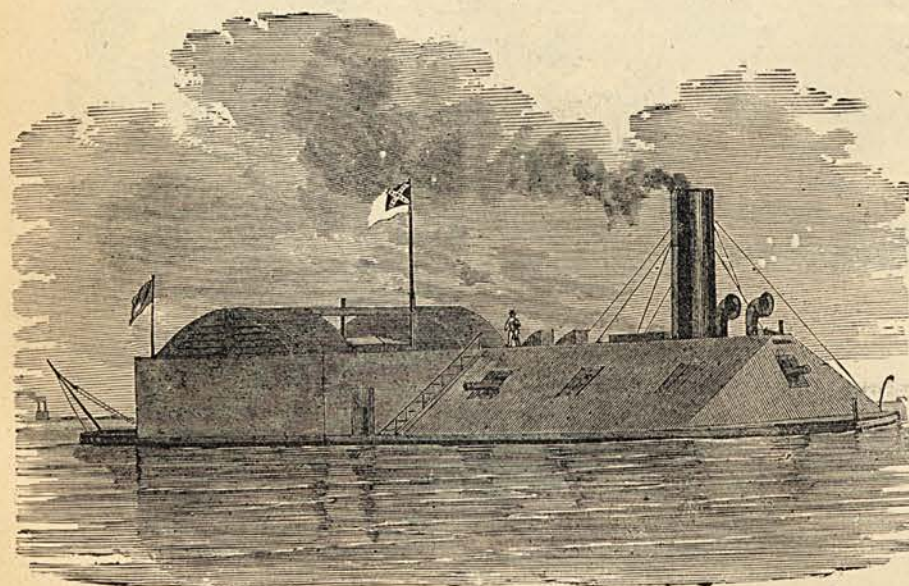


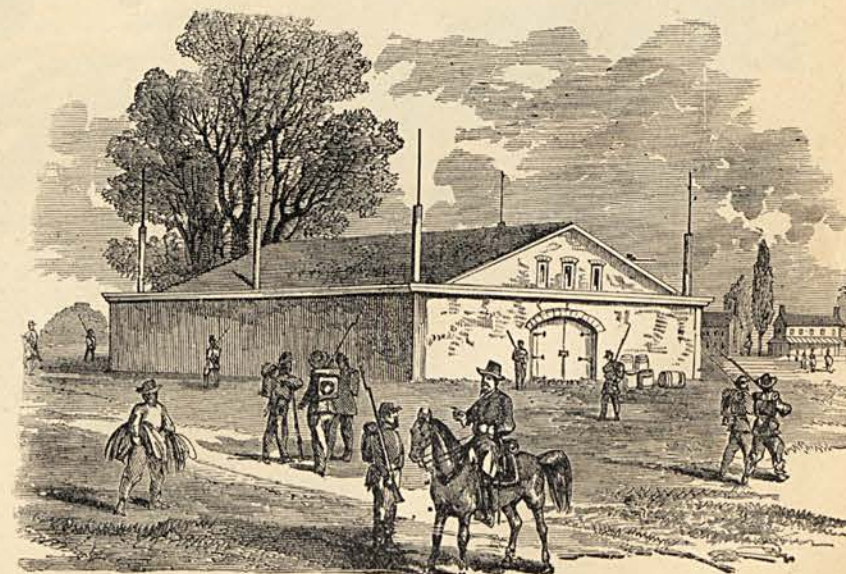


CAMP DOUGLAS, CHICAGO, ILL., USED FOR THE DETENTION OF CONFEDERATE PRISONERS OF WAR.



THE CONFEDERATE RAM "BAL TIC," DEFENDING MOBILE HARBOR.

Camp Douglas was one of the largest of the prisons established by the Union Government for captured Confederates. Its proximity to Chicago and the Canada border led to several plots for an uprising of the prisoners in connection with secret societies hostile to the prosecution of the war. The most formidable plot was in 1864, at that time the "Sons of Liberty," composed of Anti-war Democrats in Illinois, Ohio and Indiana proposed to open fire in the rear by utilizing the Democratic National Convention as a rally for all the disaffected people of the North. Large numbers of Confederate refugees in Canada encouraged the plot, and organized armed bands to cross secretly into Chicago, raid Camp Douglas, arm the thousands of prisoners and seize the city of Chicago as a base for a Northwestern Confederacy. Some of Morgan's officers were active in promoting the desperate scheme. August 29 was the day set for the Camp Douglas emeute. The Canadian party, fully armed, reached the city and were joined by bands of Confederate partisans from Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee, led by Morgan's men, all were in disguise, but arms were within reach for the decisive moment. Suddenly it transpired that the garrison of Camp Douglas had been heavily reinforced. Several prominent Confederate officers in hiding in the city were detected and arrested, and the plot turned into a fiasco.



ARSENAL AT MILLEDGEVILLE, DESTROYED NOVEMBER 14, 1864.