

Baton Rouge and New Orleans, making a detouring force toward Vicksburg and had given up all hope of help from that quarter. He was ignorant of the number of men he had to contend with and was nearly equal to that of his own army. Two months previous Grant marshaled his troops in front of Port Hudson and after looking over decided to wait for reinforcements from up the river. When Hudson, he crossed the Mississippi and cleared the region of swamp might be troublesome in the event of a siege. Like Grant's rushing campaign to clear the active enemy would take advantage of an attack along the line was made May 4 at Port Hudson. The attacks did not reach the breastworks and wanted to take the fort decided upon a regular siege which resulted in the surrender of the fort May 9.