THE GREAT FIGHT AT CHARLESTON S.C. APRIL 7TH 1863

Between 9 United States Iron-Clads, under the command of Admiral Duvall, and Forts Sumter, Moultrie, and the Cummings Point Batteries in possession of the Rebels...

The Iron-Clads carried only 32 guns, while the Rebel Forts mounted over 360 of the heaviest calibers, but notwithstanding the great odds, the little Iron-clads went bravely into the fight, and for nearly two hours were under the most terrific fire ever witnessed on this earth, but being unable to reach Charleston on account of obstructions in the harbor, the Admiral reluctantly gave the order for the battle to cease, and the fleet to retire from the unequal contest. — The Keokuk was the only Iron-clad disabled in the fight.