



For the week of January 24th, the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the year:

A man's country is not a certain area of land, of mountains, rivers, and woods, but it is a principle and patriotism is loyalty to that principle.

George William Curtis (writer and public speaker)

On January 30, 1862, the ironclad USS Monitor, described by the press and other critics as "Ericsson's folly" and a "Cheese box on a raft", was launched at Greenpoint, New York. In less than 2 months it would engage the CSS Virginia in Tidewater Virginia.

On the morning of January 26, 1864, before sunrise, an estimated 600 Confederate cavalymen attacked Athens, Alabama, which was being held by a Union force of only 100 men of the 9<sup>th</sup> Illinois Mounted Infantry Regiment led by Captain Emil Adams. Lacking fortifications and being outnumbered six to one, the Union troops were able to repel the Confederates and forced them to retreat after a two-hour battle.

Beginning on January 27, 1864, cavalry from the Union's Army of the Ohio under Col. Edward M. McCook in heavy fog, engaged Confederate Maj. Gen. William T. Martin's East Tennessee's cavalry at Fair Gardens, Tennessee. McCook was able to route the Confederates on the first day of fighting but lost ground and suffered heavy casualties as fighting continued into the next day.

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, Union and Confederate cavalry clash in a Confederate raid on a Union supply train at Medley, West Virginia resulting in the Union losing nearly 100 supply wagons destined for Petersburg.

with Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
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