Civil War 150 Years Ago Feb 1865

Sherman's march through the Carolinas is in "full swing." Following his successful campaign through Georgia, Sherman turned his attentions northward and began marching through the Carolinas, chasing the Confederates under the command of Joseph E. Johnston. He continued his campaign of destruction, in particular targeting South Carolina for their role in seceding from the Union first. He captured Columbia, South Carolina, on February 17, 1865, setting many fires which would consume large portions of the city.

I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, for vengeance, for desolation. War is hell. - William Tecumseh Sherman

- Feb 3 Union and Confederate officials meet to discuss peace
- Feb 5 Battle of Hatcher's Run (Armstrong's Mill), Virginia begins.
- Feb 6 John C. Breckinridge named Confederate Secretary of War.
- Feb 17 Evacuation of Charleston, South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina burned.
- Feb 22 Wilmington, North Carolina captured



Charleston Burned