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Lincoln's second inaugural address, March 1865. Photograph by Alexander Gardner.

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In this speech, much shorter than his first, he looked forward to the future.

"With malice toward none, with charity for all" he declared. Lincoln also affirmed that slavery was "somehow, the cause of the war."

On March 8th 1862, The Confederate Navy unleashed its new ironclad the *CSS Virginia* on the US Navy anchored at Hampton Roads, Virginia.

The next day, The US Navy deployed its own ironclad, the *USS Monitor*, which fought the *Virginia* to a draw, ushering in a new age of naval warfare.

That same month, the Confederate Ordnance Lab in Richmond, Virginia accidentally exploded, killing or injuring nearly 70 workers, most of whom were women.

I'm Jeff Lauck and this has been This Month in Civil War History, a coproduction of WZBT and the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College.