





"The fierce struggle in Hampton Roads on Saturday, and the terrible duel of the Merrimac and the Monitor on Sunday, have taught a practical lesson which no maritime power can afford to overlook. It was not merely the struggle of Loyalists and Rebels; it was a conflict of the old with the new and the new has won the day. It will stand out in bold relief in the history of naval warfare as one of the signal battles of the world."

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