Building a Battleship

How a floating fortress is put together

The USS Connecticut in dry dock

With three-quarters of planking in place. Star view

Main bottom frames of hull in position

Laying the steel deck frames

In mid-1919 a maas of the modern United States as a naval power emerged from the fog and the gloom of the World War, leaving behind the awfull spectre of the war's end. The United States had not only preserved her neutrality but she had helped to bring the war to a successful end. The United States was now ready to take her place among the nations of the world, and there was a sense of the future in the American air. The United States was in a position to take its place in the world.

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