No Longer Could We Hope to Escape Destruction Should Enemy Fleet Armed With Latest War Terror Break Our First Line of Defence

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MANY times during the past few days Admiral Burroughs has been questioned concerning the value of the new 12-inch gun. His reply has always been in the words of his famous order: "This gun will defeat any ship afloat or afloat at the head of the list."

In spite of this statement, there has been a great deal of discussion among the admirals, and it has even reached the ears of the President. Admiral Burroughs has been called upon to explain the reason of the delay.

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Range of gun defending New York compared with range of an enemy fleet armed with 10-inch rifles.

Sky scrapers would serve as range marks and would bring down destruction to lower Manhattan.

Forts Defending the Approaches to New York Will Be Far Outranged by the 16 Inch Naval Rifles Announced by England.

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