

loyal seamen, and to continue sending them into the Bering Sea as she is doing. Let us hold possession of every island and islet which is not already possessed by Russia, or within the legal distance of the Russian coast; let the world know that the Stars and Stripes float over every foot of Alaskan land that we purchased, and that no part of it is for sale or gift or sacrifice, and let the government and its navy see to it that no marauder shall interfere !

All this for Bering Sea and the Fur Seals ? No ! but to guard the pass that will one day be one of the most important commercial factors in the world ! Bering Strait is the slender key which will one day open the door to overland commerce between the Old World and the New. England, always alert, sees it, and the settlement of the Seal Arbitration so favorable to her, has given the one step forward—the long aggressive stride—for which she was looking.

The seals are not so important to England. She obtains a good large revenue from them already, and has done so, ever since English dyeing and dressing gained a world-famed superiority over all others. But an islet or two in Bering Sea,