

Let her see to it that her flag is planted, and remains, at every point at which there is danger of infringement upon that which is legally her rights, and then let her be ready to protect them as did the thirteen little colonies theirs a century ago. Let Russia and the United States join hands across the narrow strait and in peace with all nations, let the young Republic secure by good statesmanship, full national and commercial importance in that region. And one very important act of that statesmanship should be this positive refusal to sell, cede, or in any manner part with a single foot of that Territory to any foreign power, or to any individual other than a loyal citizen of the United States. Let the Country be thoroughly explored and its intrinsic value made known. Canadian interests are English interests, and if tracts even of almost unexplored land are sold to them we place in their hands a legal force against our own most preponderant rights in the North-west which the new century will censure and deplore, when the great wealth of Alaska is fully realized. Alaska is the very keystone of the grandest commercial enterprise that has ever been developed ! Will not our wise diplomats and statesmen guard