

it may be urged that, having exercised pressure upon Great Britain to submit this matter to arbitration, we cannot refuse to comply with a similar request by Great Britain that we submit to arbitration the Alaskan boundary dispute, if it should reach a stage so critical as to menace the peace of the two leading nations urging arbitration."

This, a pure matter of business, should be viewed in that light only, and no step should be taken as a matter of indulgence to one side or the other. Both parties are large enough and strong enough to take care of themselves. Neither wants any advantage over the other, but, on the contrary, each wants to hand over, without a grudge, any parts of the disputed territory belonging to the rightful owner. With this end in view, the only real friendship that can be extended is to throw all possible light on the subject and to bring about a speedy determination of it. This view I have endeavored to follow in the present paper.

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