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IN OUR HANDS.

Who is to be the next President depends upon the six states from New York to Wisconsin.

The Pacific Coast has pursued through many years an uphill struggle for the large place in achievement and affairs to which its position and resources seem to entitle it.

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Fronting on awakening Asia, we are not permitted to do the business with Asia. It is done on the Atlantic Coast, through the Suez Canal, while the railroads, which punish our domestic industry and stifle trans-Pacific commerce.

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THE CANAL AND THE TREATY. The article of Henry Wade Rogers in the May Forum is an admirable summary of the unanswerable arguments for neutralization of the Nicaragua Canal.

Mr. Rogers shows with great wealth of citation that neutralization of the canal is not only our own historic policy, but is the policy as well of Nicaragua and Costa Rica and of the nations of Europe.

One could wish that Mr. Rogers had offered a modicum of evidence or argument in support of his pre-assumption that the Senate amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty destroys neutralization and carries with it fortifications.

No fortification that is erected commencing on or after the date of the ratification of this treaty shall be necessary to the defense of the United States and the maintenance of public order.

The canal shall be free and open to time of war as in time of peace, to vessels of commerce and of war of all nations.

The treaty does provide that "the United States, however, shall be at liberty to maintain such military police along the canal as may be necessary to protect it against lawlessness and disorder."

It is clear today that Lord Roberts committed a serious blunder, on his occupation of Bloemfontein, March 15, in not promptly occupying in strong force the whole line from Bloemfontein to Ladysmith.

It is foolish and wicked to bellow for war merely for war's sake. I would never make "war" a provocation which might be a ground for war.

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always been considered unsafe for travelers in the country. So long as Aguinaldo had over a small body of soldiers with him, he was safe, and could treat the inhabitants like beasts of burden according to the immemorial Tagal practice.

There is less excuse today than ever before for further dalliance with the Philippine Insurrection. The real leaders of the native insurrection, to wit, the brains and energy, for whom Aguinaldo served as a figurehead, have nearly all been captured.

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M'BRIDE PUSH ACTIVELY AT WORK. The letters into which the city, county and state campaign has apparently fallen may serve to deceive the public as to the real situation.

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