

## THE CONTROL OF THE ISTHMIAN CANAL \*

I MOST earnestly hope that the pending treaty concerning the Isthmian Canal will not be ratified unless amended so as to provide that the canal when built shall be wholly under the control of the United States, alike in peace and war. This seems to me vital no less from the standpoint of our sea power than from the standpoint of the Monroe Doctrine.

\* Public statement on the proposed Hay-Pauncefote Treaty. *New York Times*, Feb. 12, 1900.