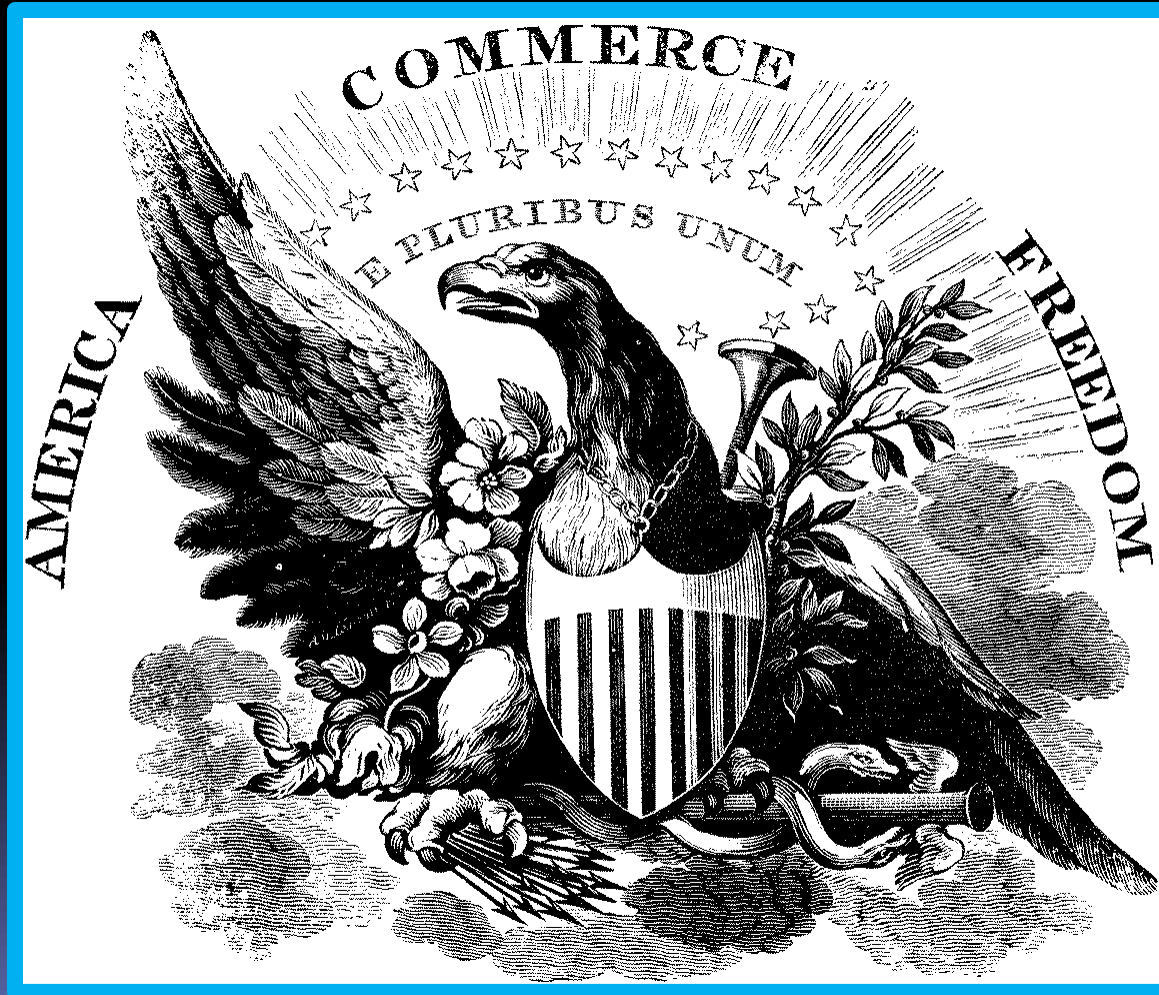


# American Foreign Policy in the Gilded Age

“Age of Imperialism”



# “Age of Imperialism” – Building Empires

- What does it mean?
- Who’s building empires?
- Where is it happening?
- How & Why is it done?
- What are the consequences?

# “Imperialism”

- control by a powerful nation over a “backward” or weaker nation
  - Powerful nation = “colonizer”
  - Weaker nation = “colony”

# Characteristics of a Powerful nation

- **Advanced economy**
  - Industrialized or industrializing
- **Strong central government**
  - One (undisputed) authority
- **Strong military**
  - Large
  - Well-trained
  - Well-equipped

# Characteristics of a “Backward” nation

- Undeveloped or underdeveloped
- “Primitive” economy
  - Agrarian &/or extractive
- Abundant natural resources
- Weak central government
  - Or none at all
- Weak military
  - Or none at all

“Powerful” nations - colonizers

➤ Where are they located?

“Backward” nations - colonies

➤ Where are they located?

# Why establish colonies?

- Raw materials
- Markets
- Investment opportunities
- “Nationalism”
  - power and glory
  - competition

## ➤ 19<sup>th</sup> c. Beliefs & Attitudes

“It is desirable that the earth should be peopled, governed, and developed, as far as possible, by the races which can do this work best, i.e. by the races of highest 'social efficiency'.”

- J.A. Hobson, English economist & social scientist



# “White Man’s Burden”

- “Superior” race *obligated* to help those “less fortunate”



# “White Man’s Burden”

- A moral duty to bring the “benefits” of civilization to “backward” nations



# “Benefits” of Civilization

- Form of Government
- “Advanced” economy
- “Advanced” culture
- Christianity

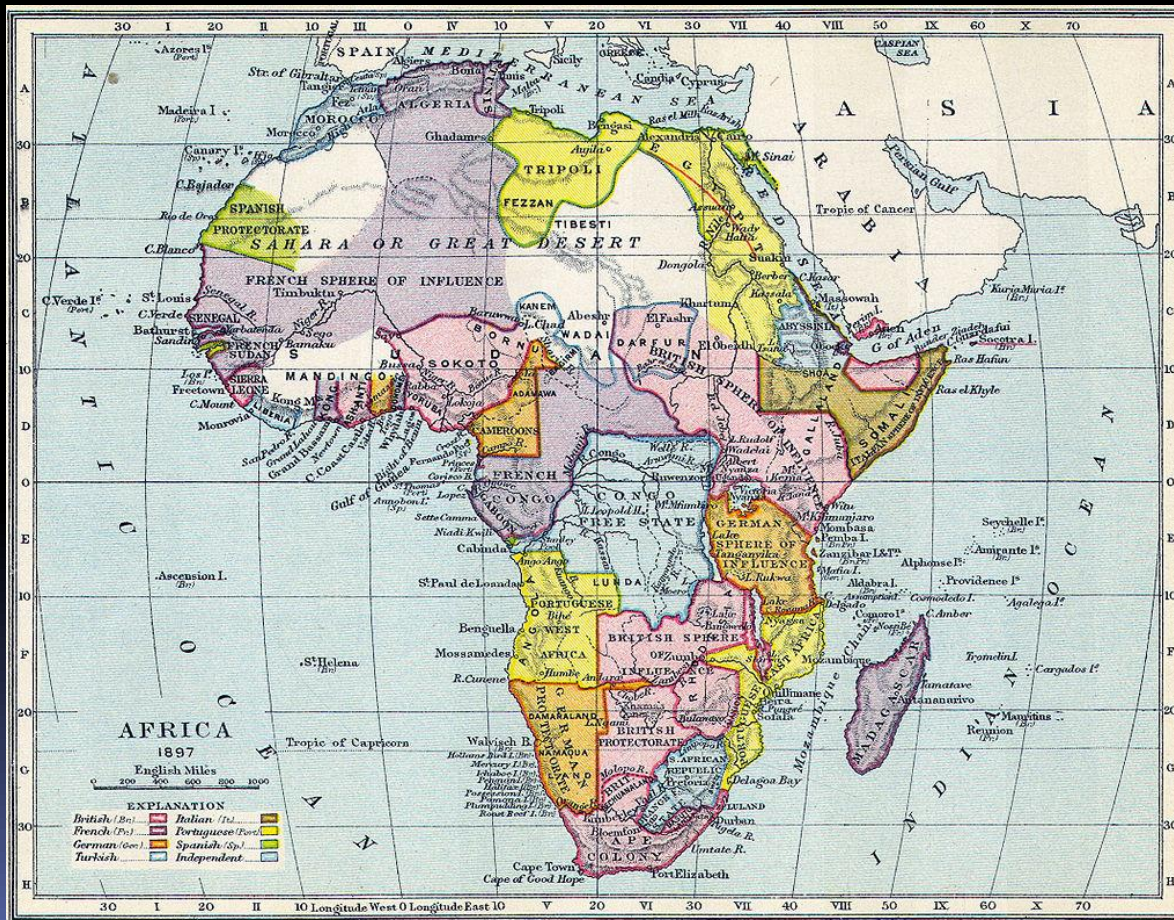
# Imperialism - How is it done?

- Contract/agreement
- Alliance with local elites
- Exploit weak government
- Exploit ethnic/class conflicts
- Legal methods
  - Annexation, Protectorate, Trusteeship
- Force/military intervention
- Create “sphere of influence”



# “Sphere of influence”

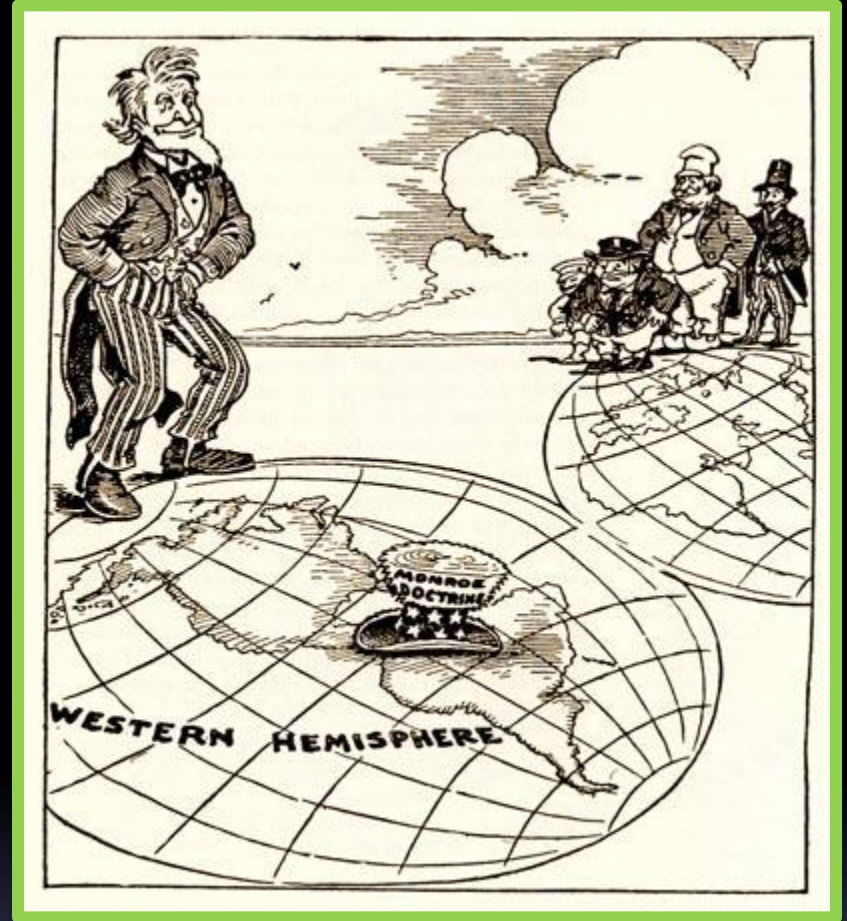
➤ Control - cultural, economic, political



19<sup>th</sup> century  
“Scramble for Africa”

1823  
Monroe Doctrine

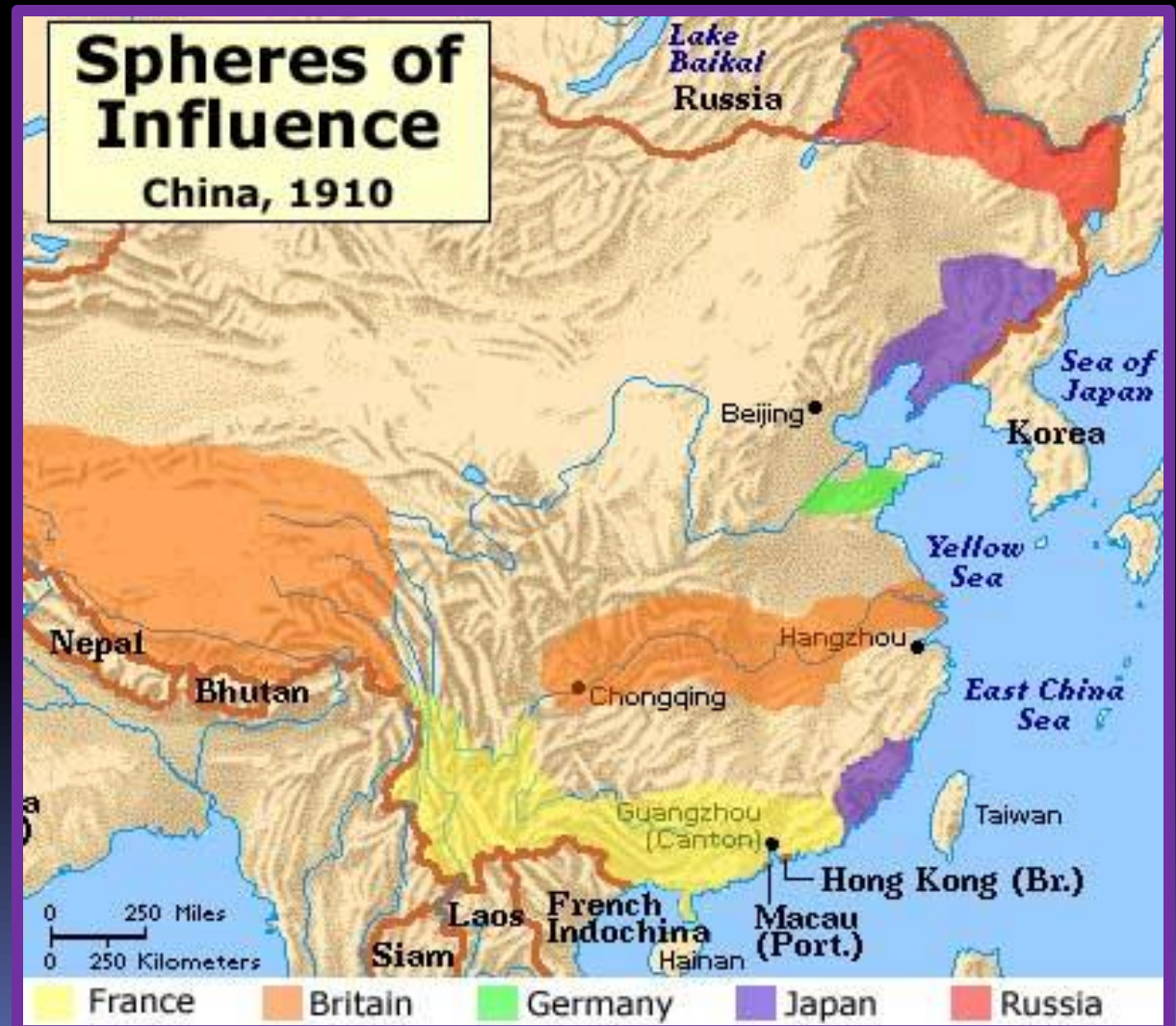
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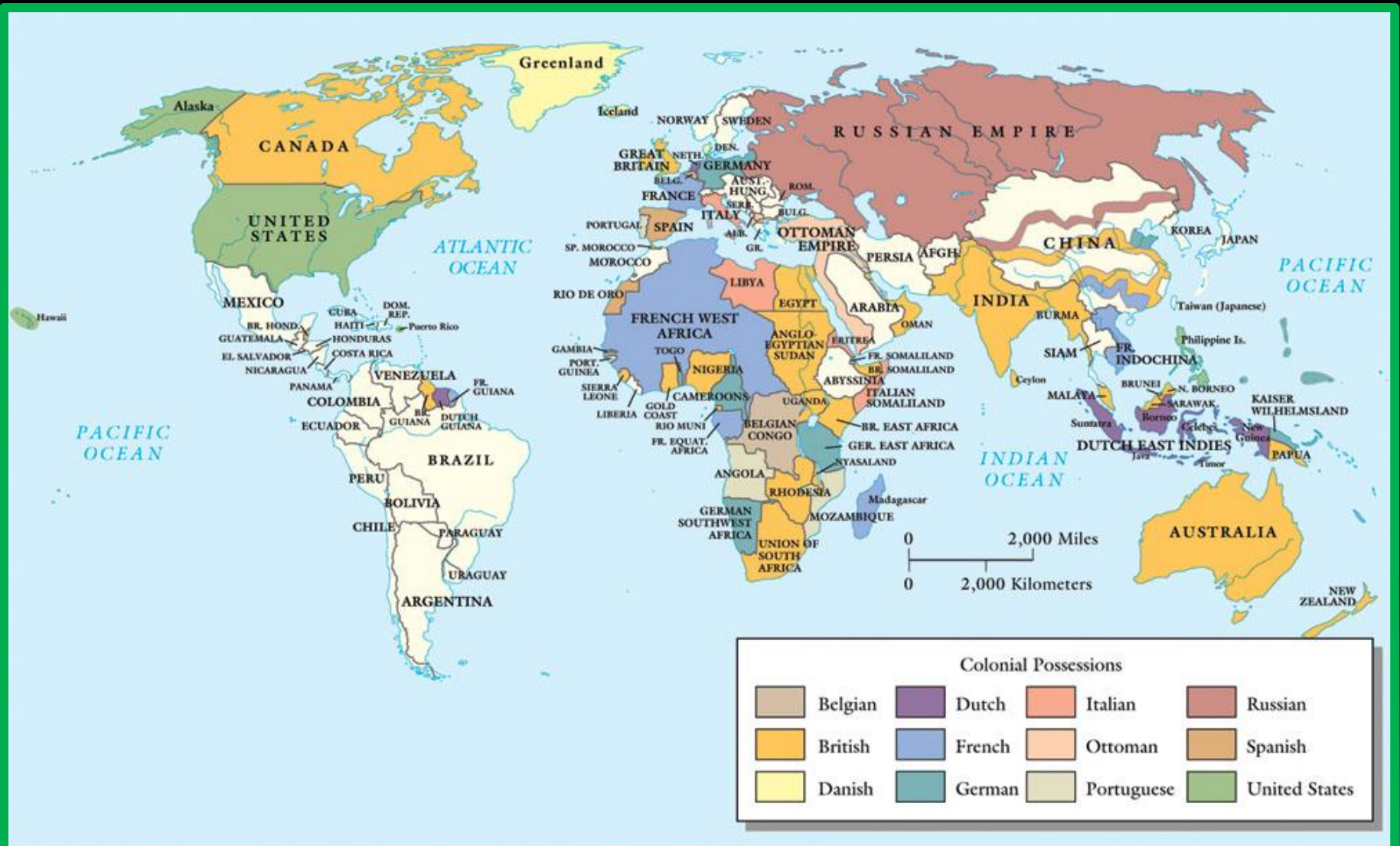


# China

## “Open Door Policy”



# Colonial Possessions - 1900





# United States in the Gilded Age

## ➤ General Foreign Policy Goals

- Expand American business
- Extend American democracy
- “Civilize” through religious conversion
- Protect American interests

"The civilized nations are beginning to perceive that they have a duty, which is often contemptuously spoken of, to police the world. The recognition of this duty has been forced by **trade**."

- Robert Spear, Presbyterian mission administrator

# Foreign Policy in the Gilded Age

## ➤ Industrialization - markets

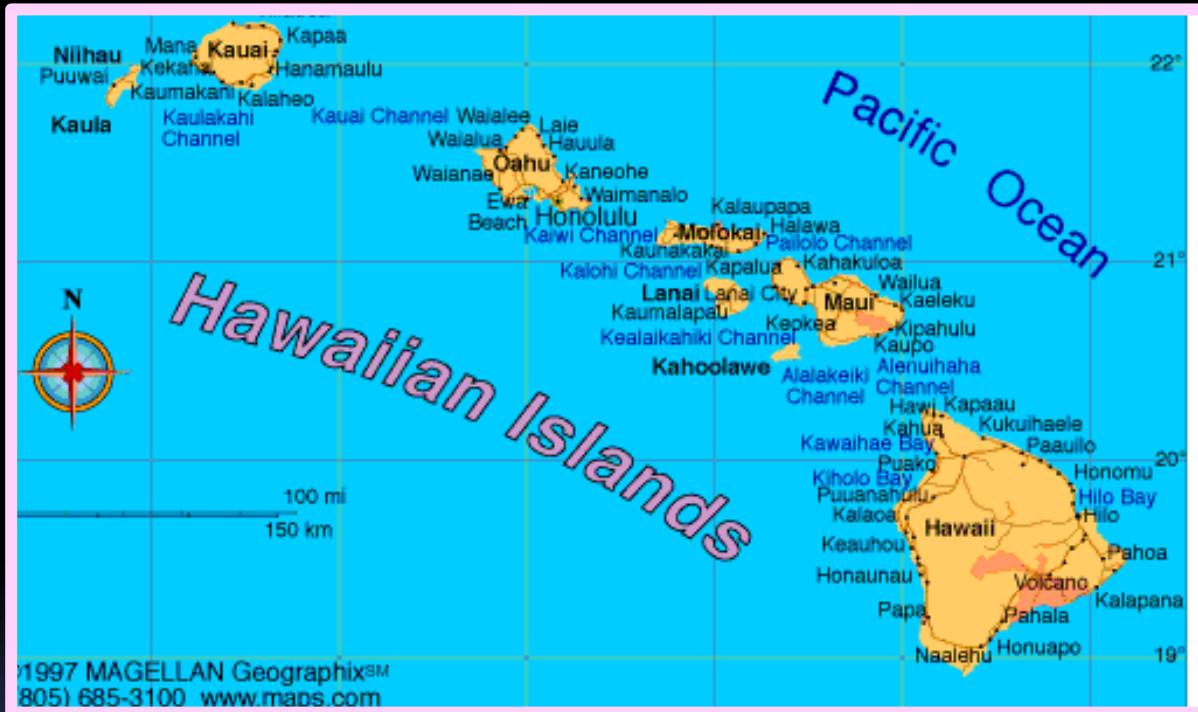
### Exports

1870      \$500 Million

1900      \$1.5 Trillion

# United States in the Pacific

## ➤ Hawaii

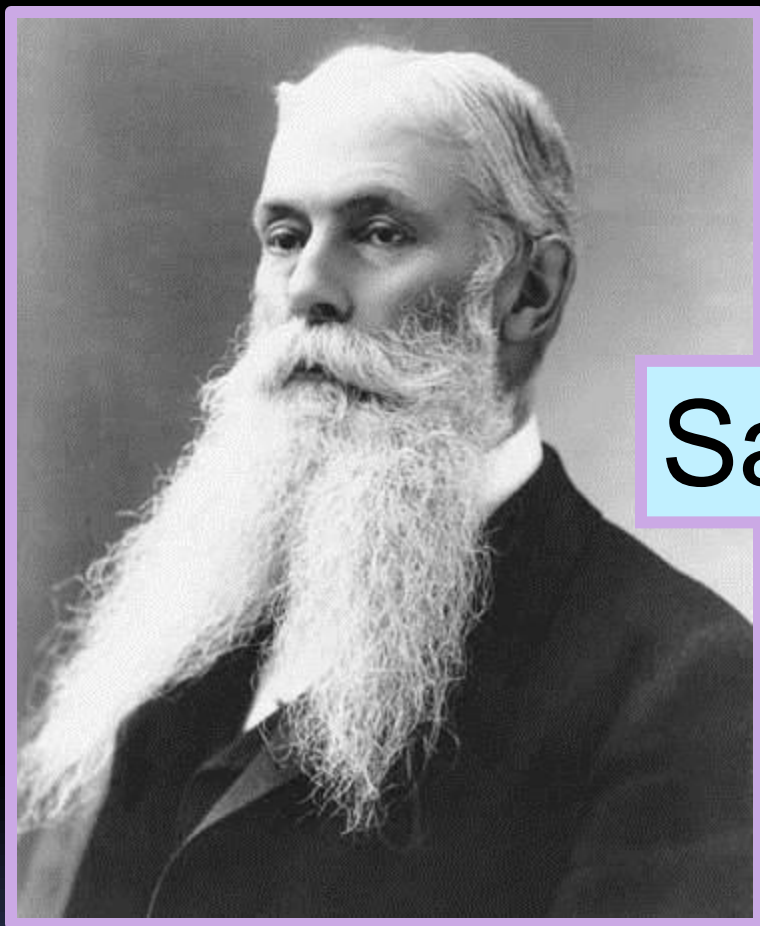


# United States in the Pacific

## ➤ Hawaii

Queen Liliuokalani





Sanford Dole

# United States in the Pacific

## ➤ China

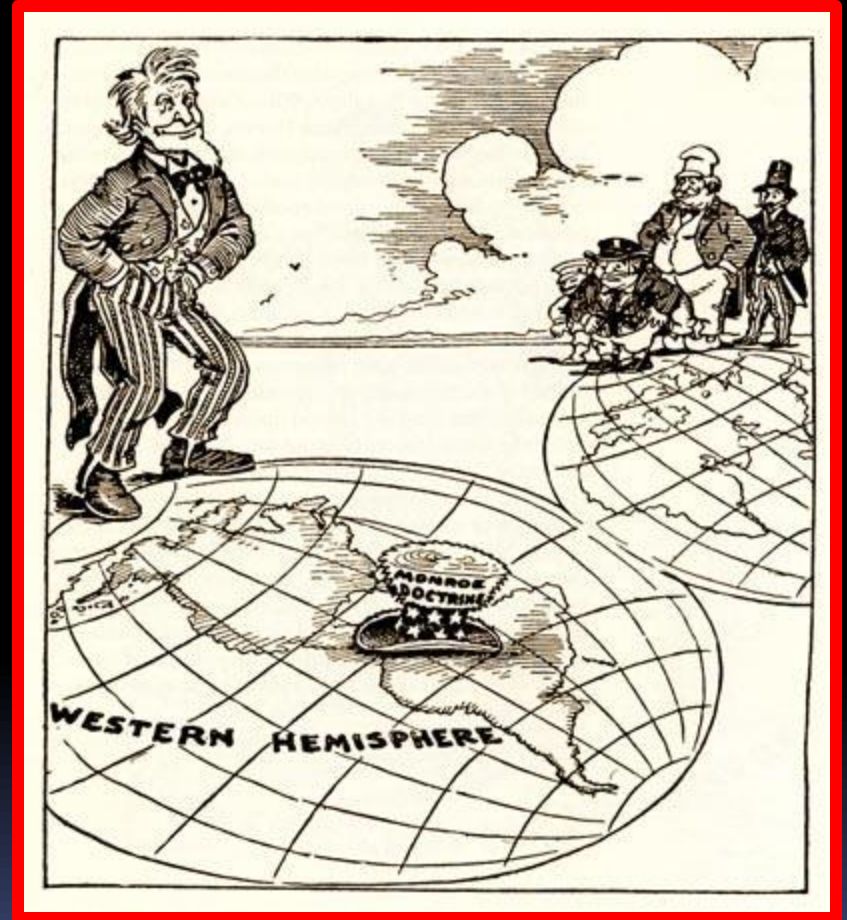


Open Door Policy



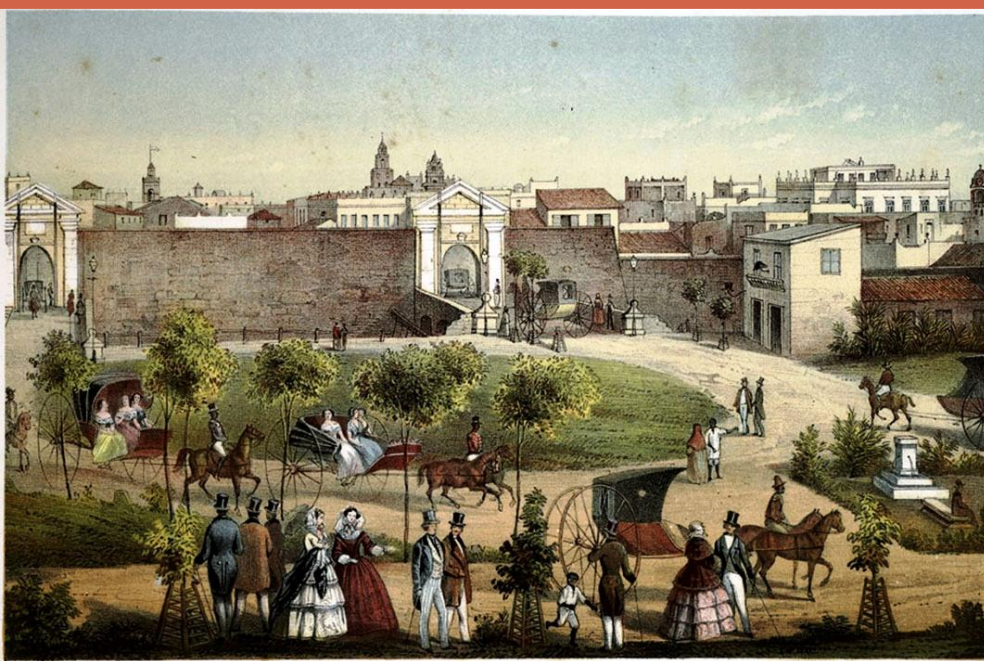
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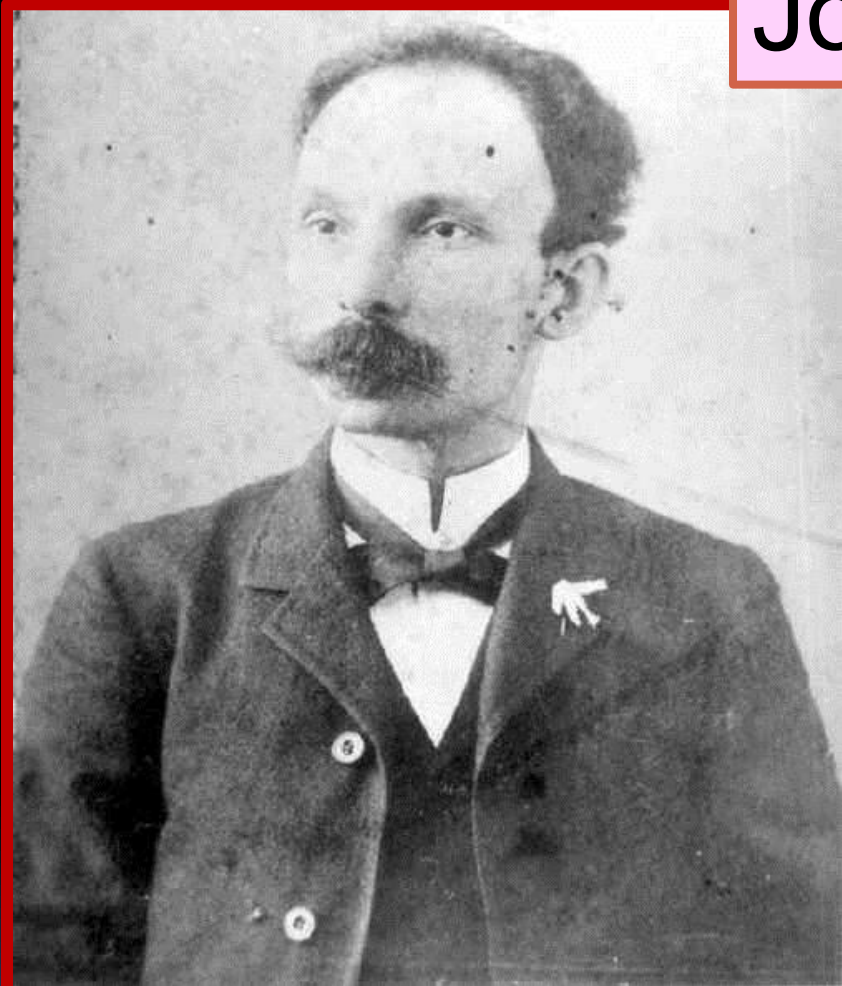
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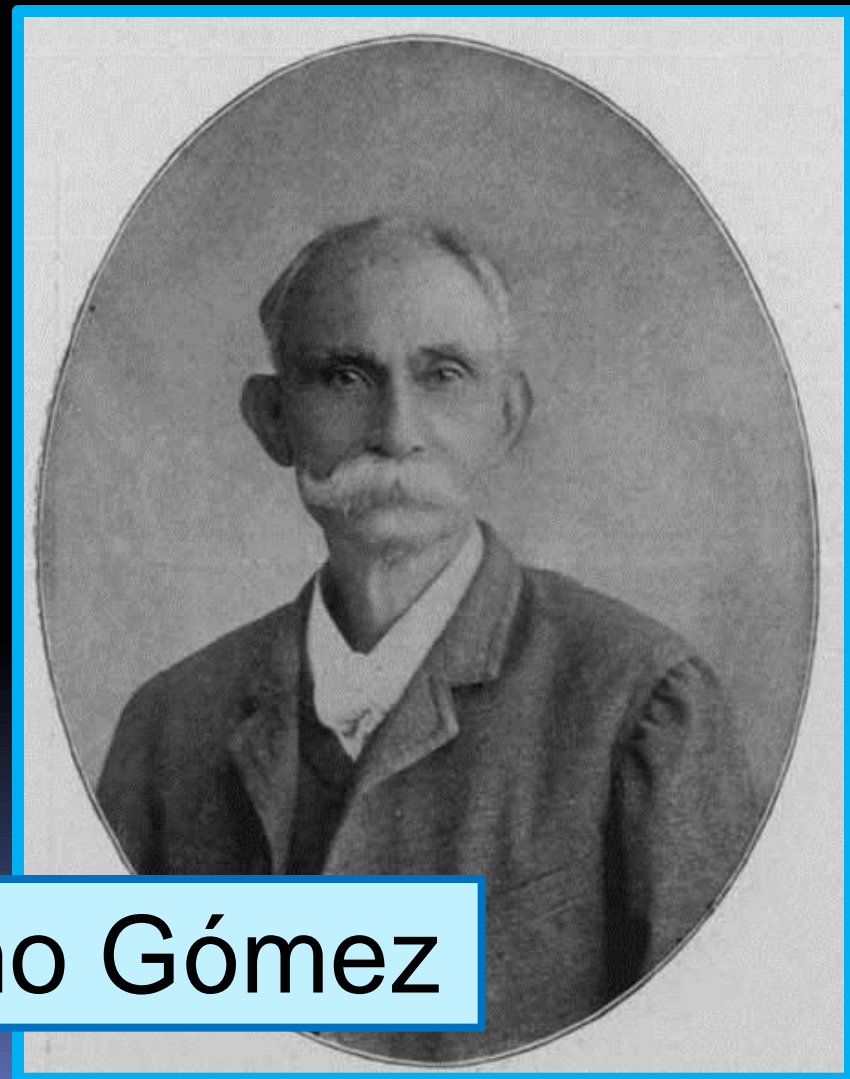




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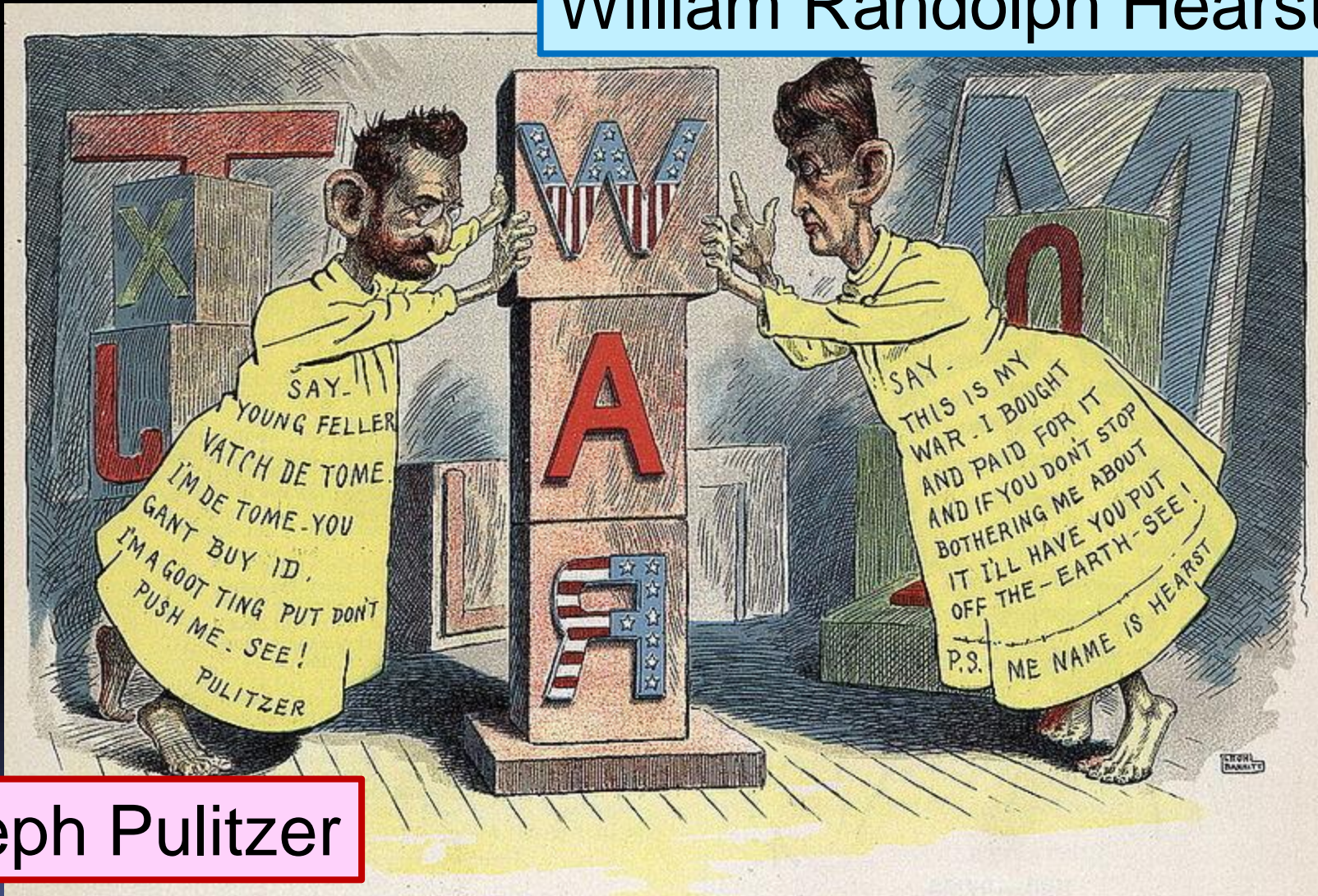


**Máximo Gómez**





# William Randolph Hearst

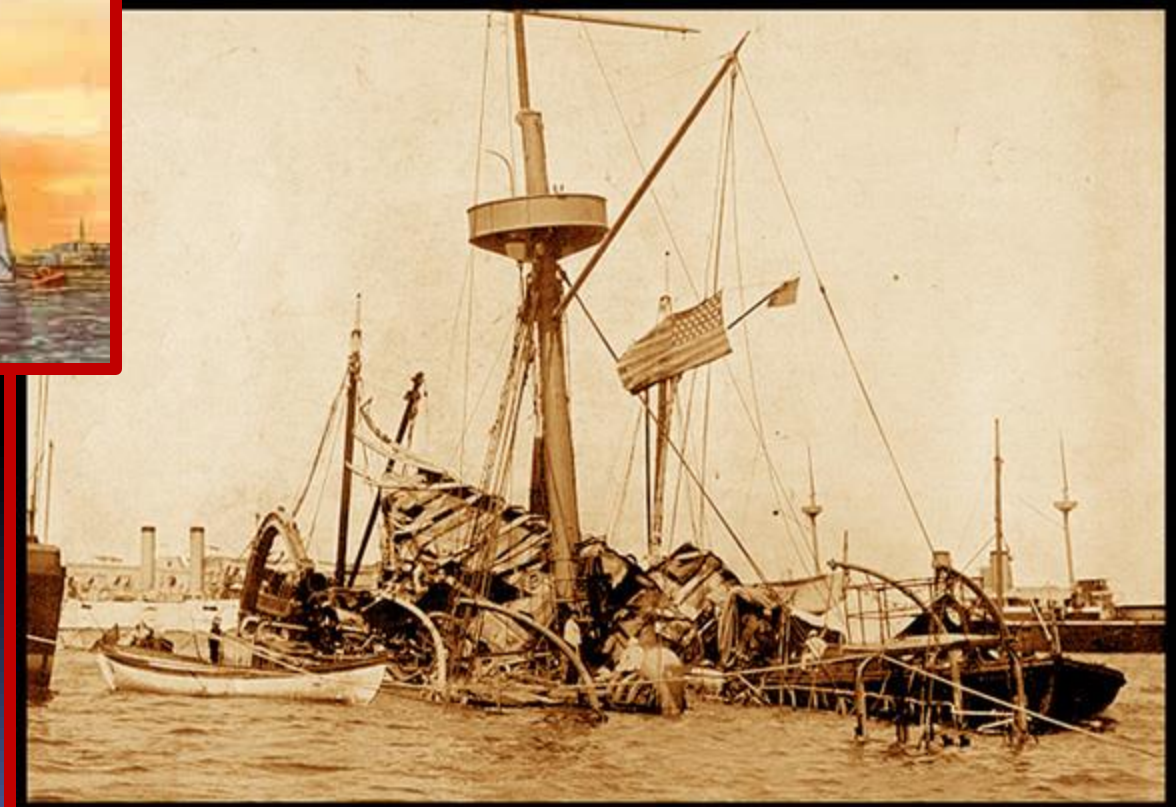
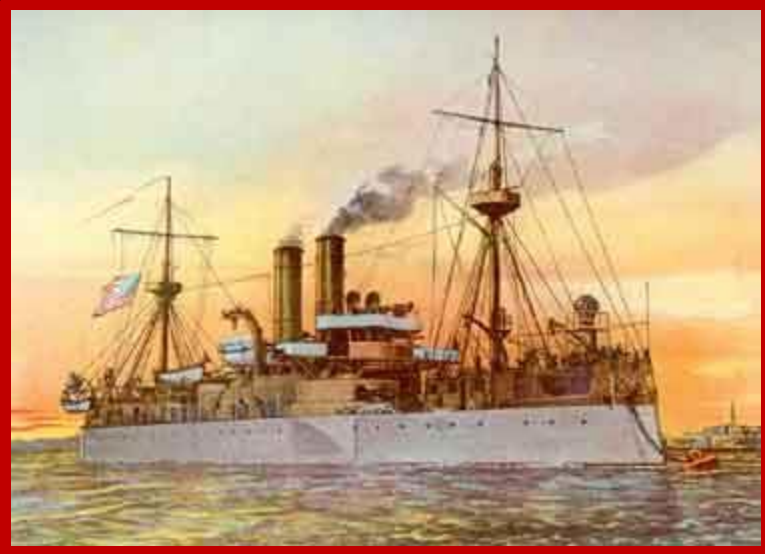


Joseph Pulitzer



# U.S.S. Maine

Feb 15, 1898



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# MAINE EXPLOSION CAUSED BY BOMB OR TORPEDO

## Capt. Sigsbee and Consul-General Lee Are in Doubt--The World Has Sent a Special Tug, With Submarine Divers, to Havana to Find Out--Lee Asks for an Immediate Court of Inquiry--260 Men Dead.

IN A SUPPRESSED DESPATCH TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE CAPTAIN SAYS THE ACCIDENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY AN ENEMY

Dr. F. C. Pendleton, Just Arrived from Havana, Says He Overheard Talk There of a Plot to Blow Up the Ship--Capt. Zaleski, the Dynamic Expert, and Other Experts Report to The World that the Wreck Was Not Accidental--Washington Officials Ready for Vigorous Action if Spanish Responsibility Can Be Shown--Divers to Be Sent Down to Make Careful Examinations.



**THE GREAT STORY OF THE**  
**DISASTER TOLD IN A FEW WORDS.**

The explosion of the Maine at Havana, Cuba, on February 15, 1898, was a tragedy that shocked the world. The ship, a battleship, was sent to Havana to protect American interests. On the night of the explosion, the ship was at anchor in the harbor. The explosion was so powerful that it was heard in other parts of the city. The ship sank in less than an hour, and 260 men were killed. The cause of the explosion was a subject of much debate. Some believed it was an accident, while others believed it was the result of a Spanish plot. The United States government was quick to blame the Spanish, and this led to the outbreak of the Spanish-American War.

**\$50,000 REWARD.—WHO DESTROYED THE MAINE?—\$50,000 REWARD.**

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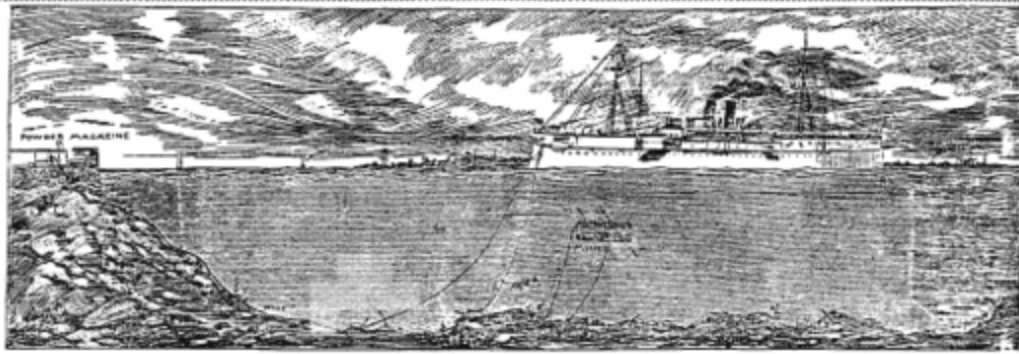
NO. 5,572. VOL. 13, NO. 2. NEW YORK, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1898.—10 PAGES. PRICE ONE CENT.

**DESTRUCTION OF THE WAR SHIP MAINE WAS THE WORK OF AN ENEMY**

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**For the Detection of the Perpetrator of the Maine Outrage!**  
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**NAVAL OFFICERS THINK THE MAINE WAS DESTROYED BY A SPANISH MINE.**

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“Remember the Maine, To hell with Spain”



# Spanish-American War

April – August 1898

## ➤ Pacific

- Philippines
- Guam

## ➤ Caribbean

- Cuba
- Puerto Rico

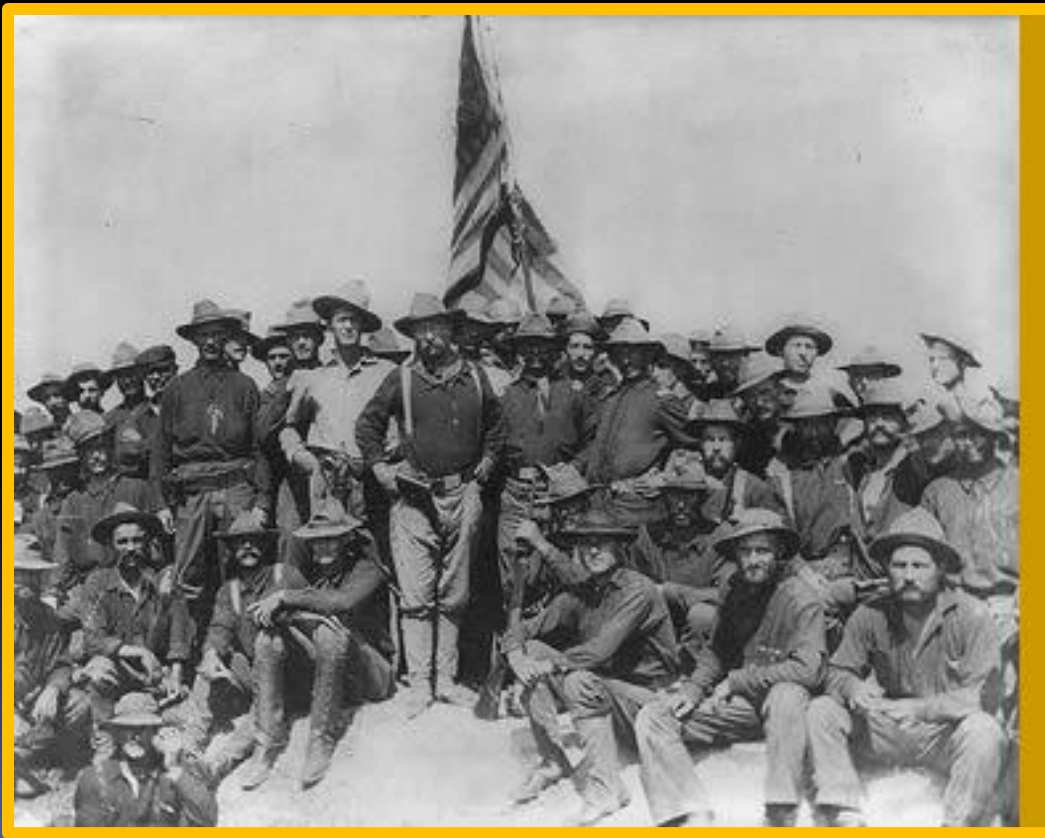
# Battle of Manila Bay, Philippines

## Commodore George Dewey

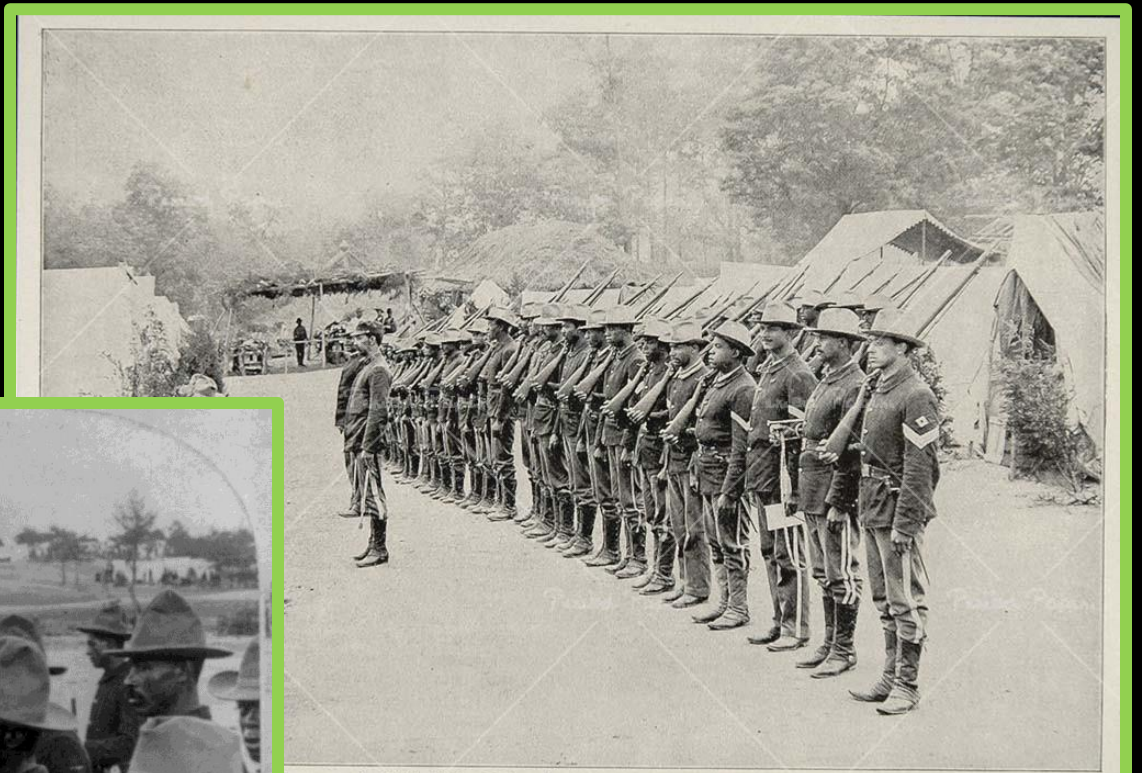




# “Rough Riders”



Teddy Roosevelt



Company A, Ninth Ohio (Colored) Volunteers, at Camp Alger, Virginia



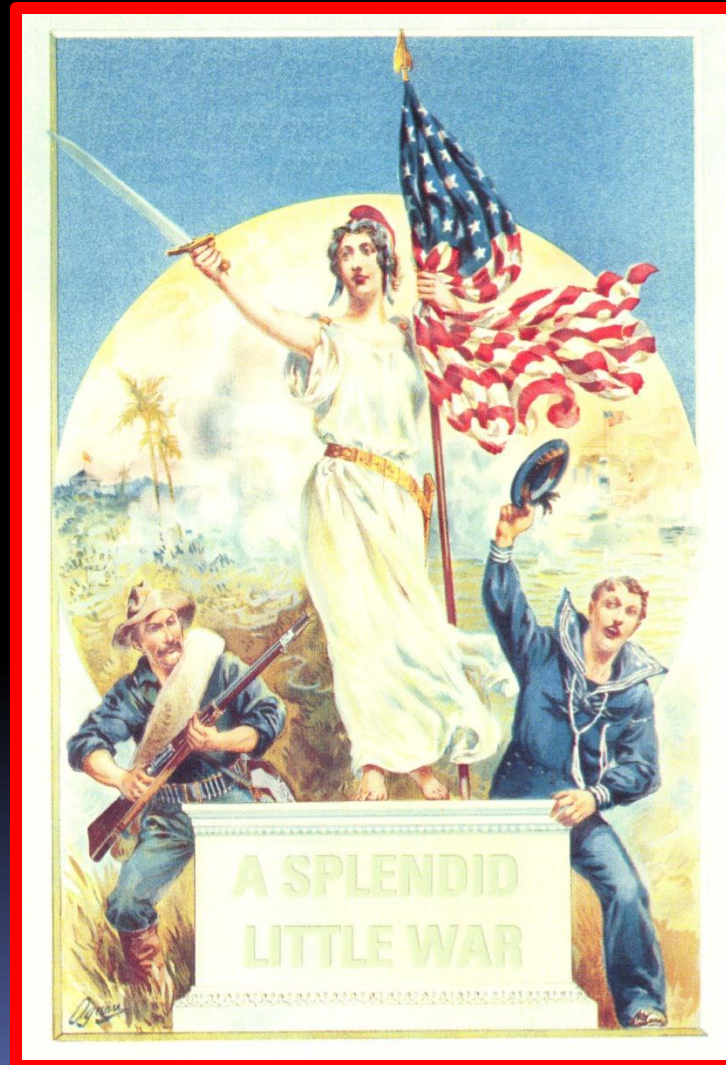
# Cuba

- San Juan Hill
- El Caney
- Guantanamo Bay
- Santiago

# Puerto Rico

- Coamo
- San Germán

# “A Splendid Little War”



# Treaty of Paris – Dec, 1898

- Cuba independent
- U.S. ownership of
  - Guam
  - Philippines (for \$20M)
  - Puerto Rico



# American Empire - 1900

