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Chapter 20

Becoming a World Power

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What do **you** think?

American interests end at the nation's borders.

Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

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Why an American Empire?

- The closing of the frontier
- Economics
- Religious and moral reasons
- Geopolitics

Manifest Destiny and the End of the Frontier

- Historian Frederick Jackson Turner: U.S. would expand due to closing of frontier in the west
- Manifest destiny meant that many Americans felt it natural to continue to explore and conquer overseas

Financial Reasons

- American business leaders wanted access to overseas markets and materials

Religious and Moral Reasons

- American Protestant missionaries sought to bring salvation to the “uncivilized” peoples of the world
- “The White Man’s Burden” demonstrated a racist worldview



Geopolitical Reasons

- Many Americans feared that the United States, by remaining isolated from the land grabbing, would lose access to world markets and geopolitical power

Beginnings

- Pacific
- Latin America

Pacific Acquisitions

- Asia
- Samoa
- Alaska
- Hawai' i





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Latin America

- Venezuela Crisis

The Naval Buildup

- Mahan
- Buildup

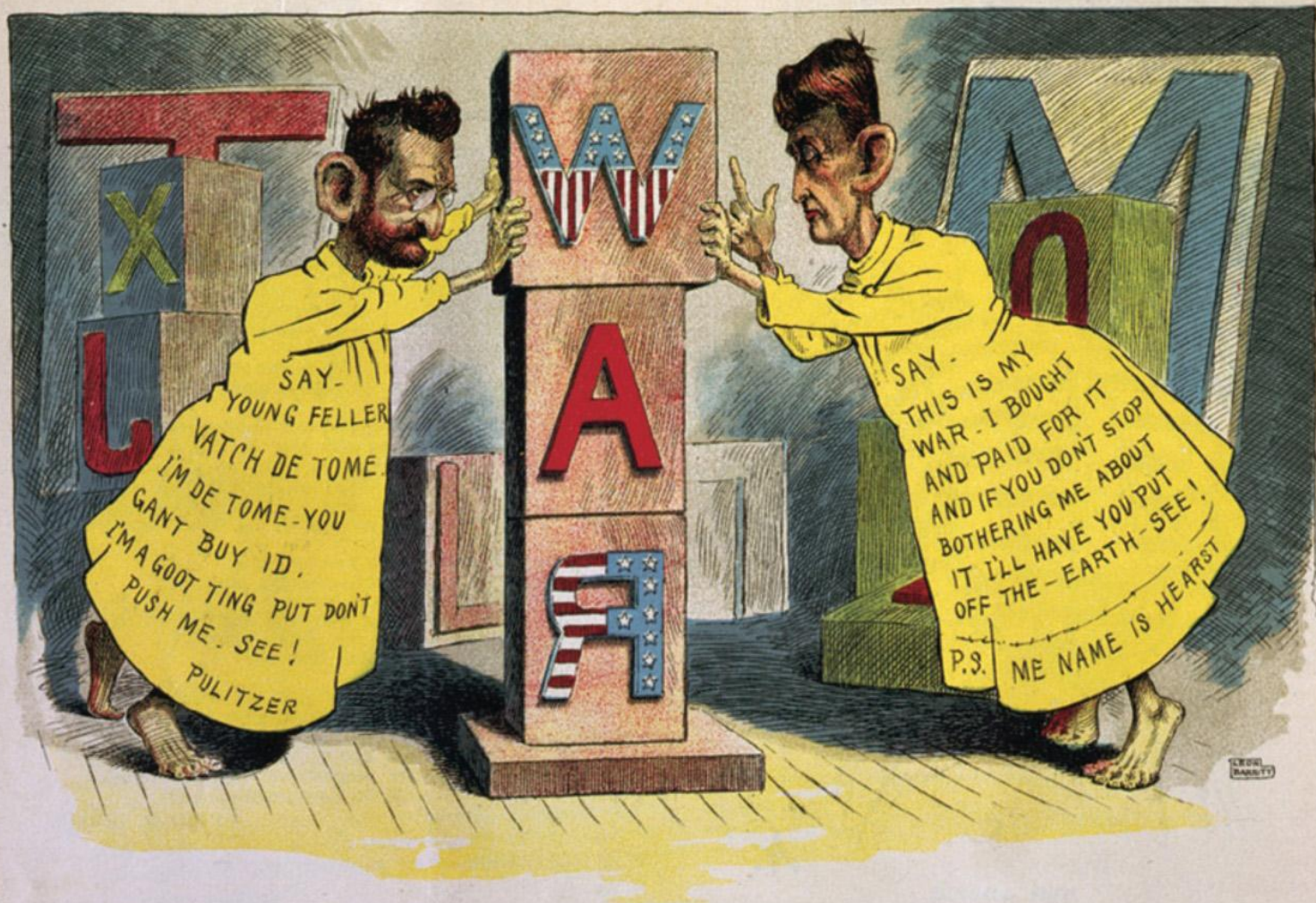


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The Spanish-American War

- Yellow Journalism
- Teller Amendment

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THE BIG TYPE WAR OF THE YELLOW KIDS.

ARE THEY NECESSARY EVILS?

They are amusing cusses. War news comes in and they both claim to have seen it first.

War on Two Fronts

- The Philippines
- Filipino Independence?
- Cuba
- San Juan Hill
- Spanish Surrender



Why Become an Empire? Anti-Imperialism at Home

- Annex the Philippines?
- The Anti-Imperialist League
- The Election of 1900

Anti-Americanism Abroad

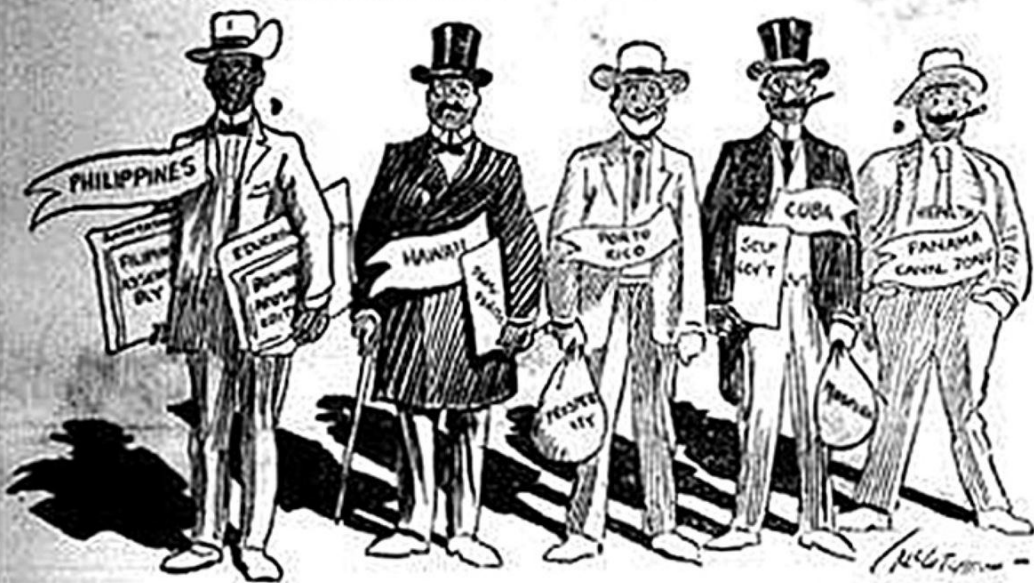
- Filipino Resistance
- Cuban Resentment
- Humanitarian Assistance

WHAT THE UNITED STATES HAS FOUGHT FOR

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Before the United States intervened in behalf of these oppressed people.



After the United States had rescued them from their oppression.

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Progressive-Era Imperialism

- The United States had three major goals:
 - open trade with China
 - build the Panama Canal
 - police Latin America to protect American interests

Trade with China

- Forcing the Open Door

The Panama Canal

- Panamanian Revolt
- Building the Canal

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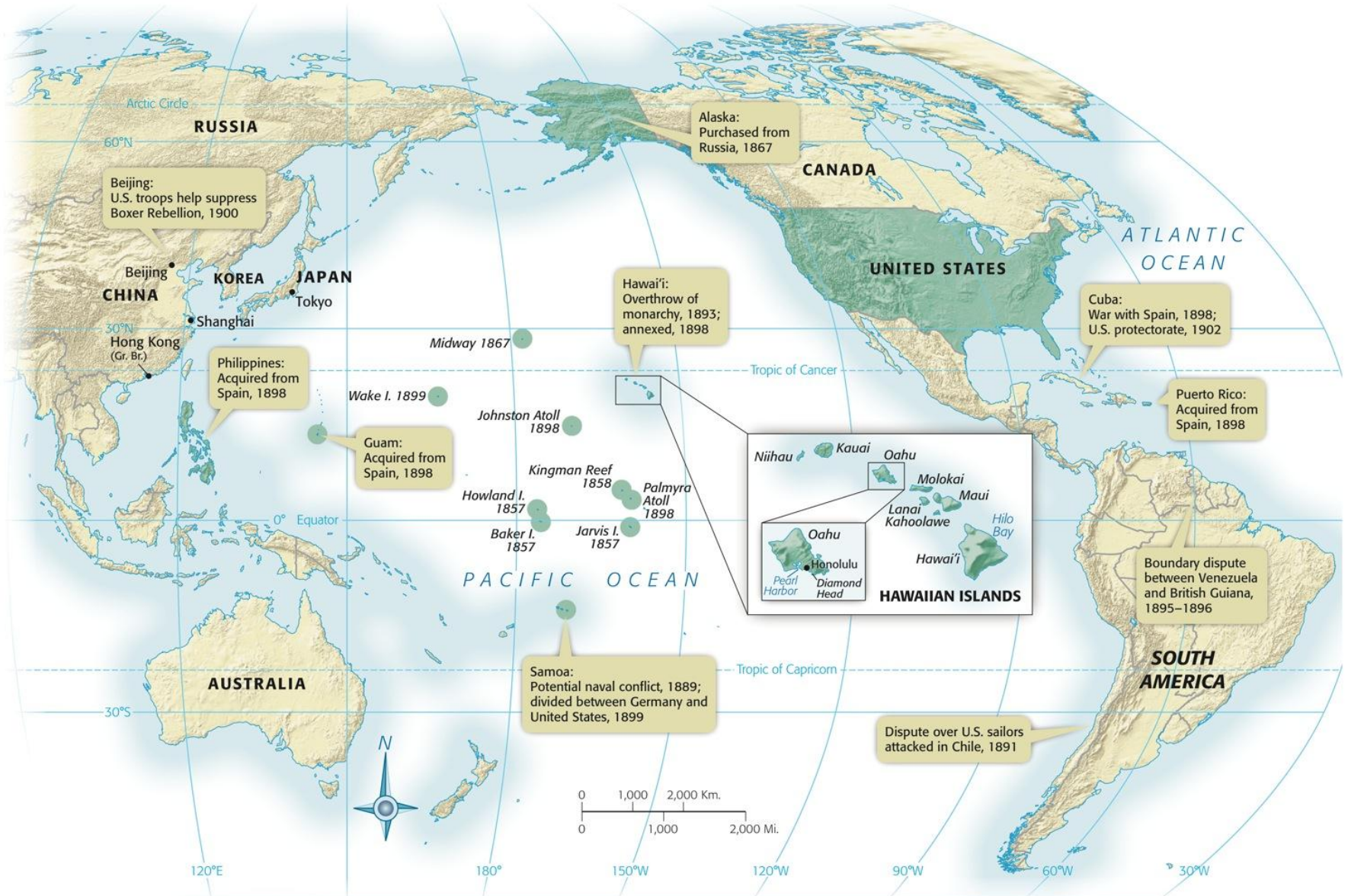
Policing Latin America

- Instability as an American Problem
- Mexico



Map 20.1. American Imperialism by 1912

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America as a World Power

- Isolationists
- Realists
- Idealists

World War I

- Lasted from 1914 to 1918
- More than 10 million soldiers and civilians deaths worldwide
- United States entered the war in 1917

The Reasons

- Economic Competition
- Alliances
- The Spark

The European War

- For four years, the Allied and Central Powers battled each other on “the Western Front”



American Neutrality, 1914– 1917

- Compromised Neutrality
- Neutral Trading?



Map 20.2. Descent into War

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REMEMBER THE 'LUSITANIA'

THE JURY'S VERDICT SAYS:

"We find that the said deceased died from their prolonged immersion and exhaustion in the sea eight miles south-south-west of the Old Head of Kinsale on Friday, May 7th, 1915, owing to the sinking of the R.M.S. 'Lusitania' by a torpedo fired without warning from a German submarine."

"That this appalling crime was contrary to international law and the conventions of all civilized nations, and we therefore charge the officers of the said submarine and the Emperor and Government of Germany, under whose orders they acted, with the crime of wilful and wholesale murder before the tribunal of the civilized world."

IT IS YOUR DUTY
TO TAKE UP THE SWORD OF JUSTICE
TO AVENGE THIS DEVIL'S WORK

ENLIST TO-DAY

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Declaring War

- The Zimmerman Note
- Declaration of War
- A Mixed Reaction
- Forming Public Opinion
- Hyphenated Americans
- Wartime Repression



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American Involvement in the War Effort, 1917–1918

- The American Army in Battle
- The Fourteen Points

Making Peace

- Armistice
- Debating Peace
- The Treaty of Versailles
- Wilson's Folly
- A Weakened League



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What else was happening . . .

1899

The Second Boer War in southern Africa between Great Britain and a handful of small African nations leads to the conversion of several small African republics into parts of the British Empire.

1904

Russo-Japanese War breaks out because of each nation's imperial ambitions over Manchuria and Korea.

**April 15,
1912**

The *Titanic* sinks.

1914

First passenger meal is served on an airplane in flight.

1923

Frank Epperson invents the popsicle when he leaves his lemonade mix on a windowsill overnight.