

Spanish American War 1898

A Newspaperman's War

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Aim: Why did the United States go to war with Spain in 1898?

Historical Context-1898

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A PLEA FOR CUDS.

Excuse us, Larrea and Brown, in Columbia—"What's wrong with that oil for sale at your shop?
What would have been your loss if we had used it freely in your time of weakness?"

1. Who is this woman? What does she represent?
2. What do you think is happening on the island?
3. What message is the cartoonist conveying?



A PLEA FOR CUBA
Bureau of Literature and Science in Columbia - "What! bring with that cry for aid in your hands!
What would have been our loss if we had used the force of our arms?"

Judge



Spanish
Soldier

G.W.

Ghost

Cuban
Rebel

Columbo

A PLEA FOR CUBA

Speeches on Liberty and Freedom in Cuba.—"What! stand with that dog for jail or your death! What would have been your fate if we had used severity to your base of submission?"

War

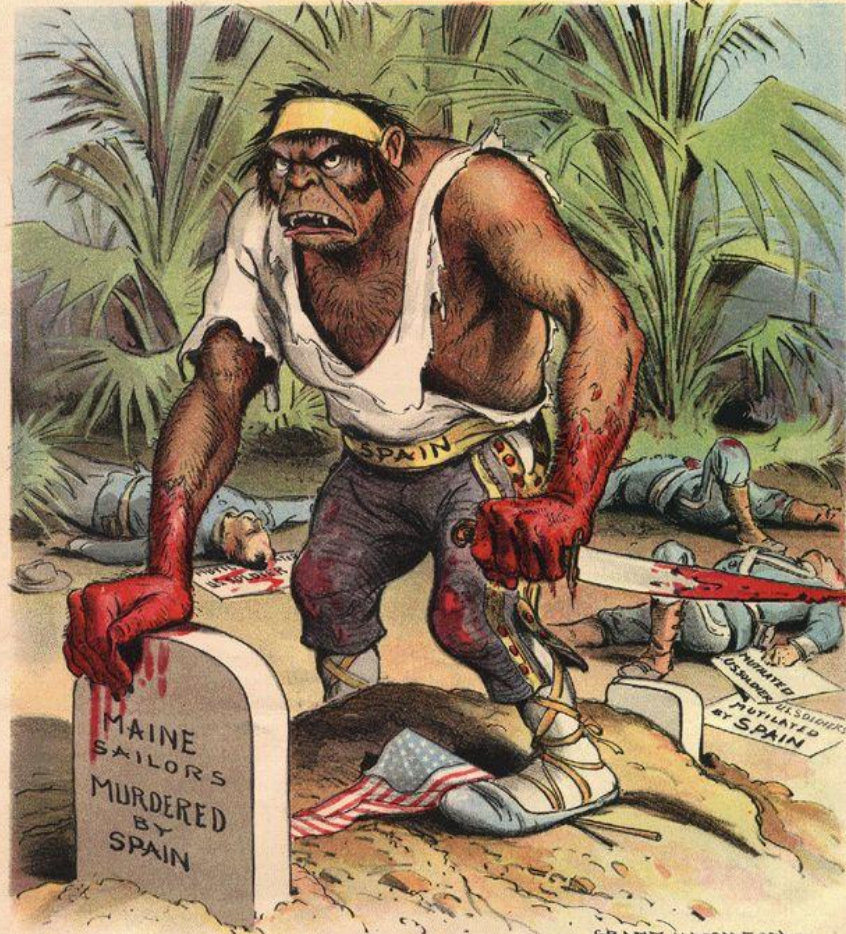
- **Underlying Causes**: ongoing issues
- **Immediate Cause**: specific events - Spark

Causes of Spanish-American War

- Cuban Revolution
 - Americans sympathized with rebels – seen as similar struggle to American Revolution
- Yellow Journalism
 - “You Furnish the pictures and I’ll furnish the war.” – William Randolph Hearst
 - Reports on Spanish atrocities
- U.S. Business interests in Cuba – sugar plantations – concerned about instability
- IMMEDIATE CAUSE - Explosion of the Maine

Judge

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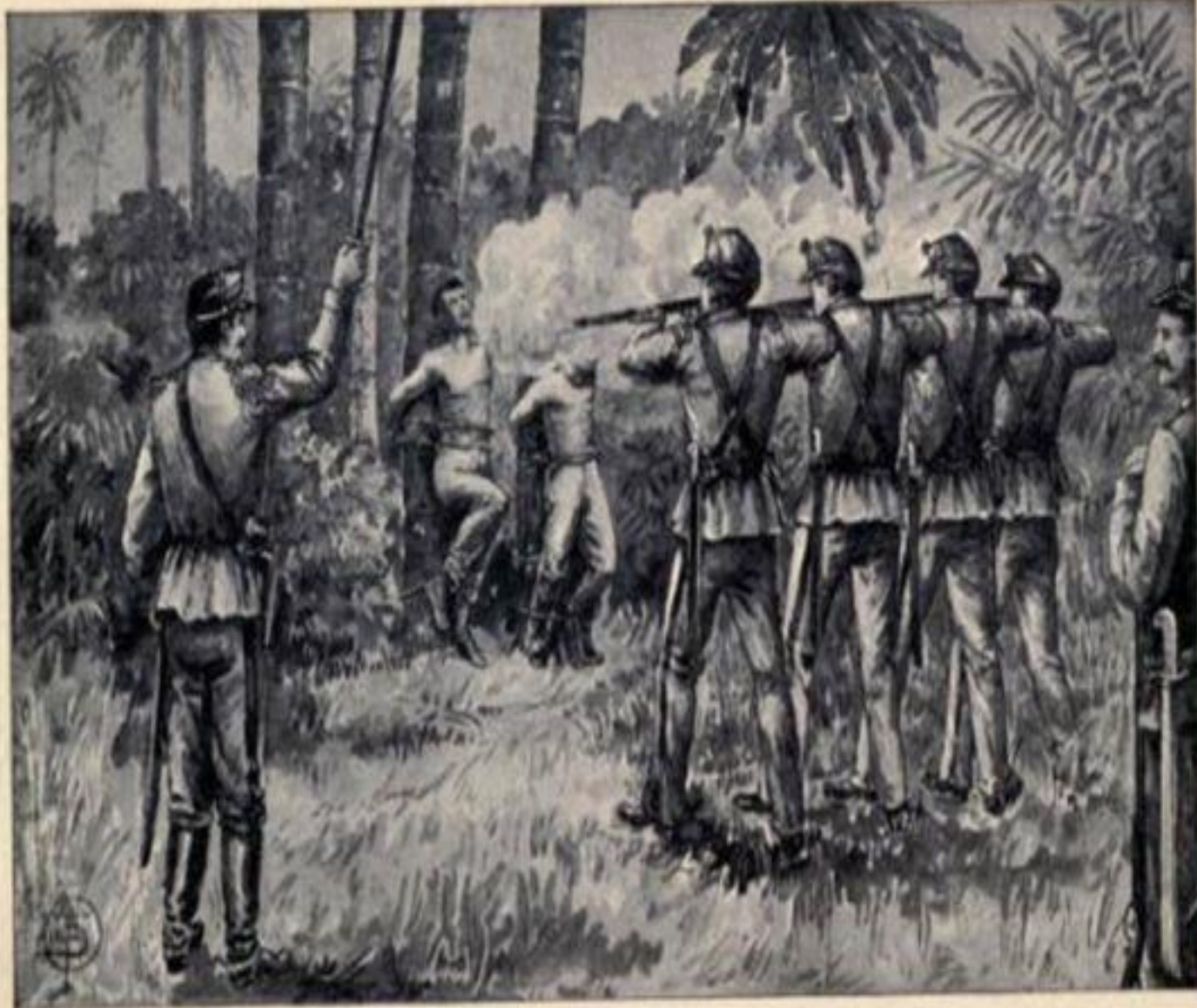


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THE SPANISH BRUTE
ADDS MUTILATION TO MURDER.



EXECUTION OF CUBAN SPIES.

Many spies captured by the Spanish troops have been executed without the formality of a trial. The usual mode of execution is to bind them to trees, as seen in the engraving, while a detail of soldiers stands at a short distance from them and fires at the word of command.

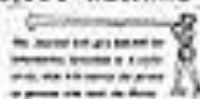


\$50,000 REWARD.—WHO DESTROYED THE MAINE?—\$50,000 REWARD.

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

\$50,000!

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For the Detection of the
Perpetrator of
the Maine Outrage!

The Journal offers a reward of \$50,000 for the detection of the perpetrator of the Maine outrage. The reward will be paid to the person or persons who shall furnish reliable information leading to the conviction of the perpetrator of the Maine outrage. The reward will be paid to the person or persons who shall furnish reliable information leading to the conviction of the perpetrator of the Maine outrage. The reward will be paid to the person or persons who shall furnish reliable information leading to the conviction of the perpetrator of the Maine outrage.

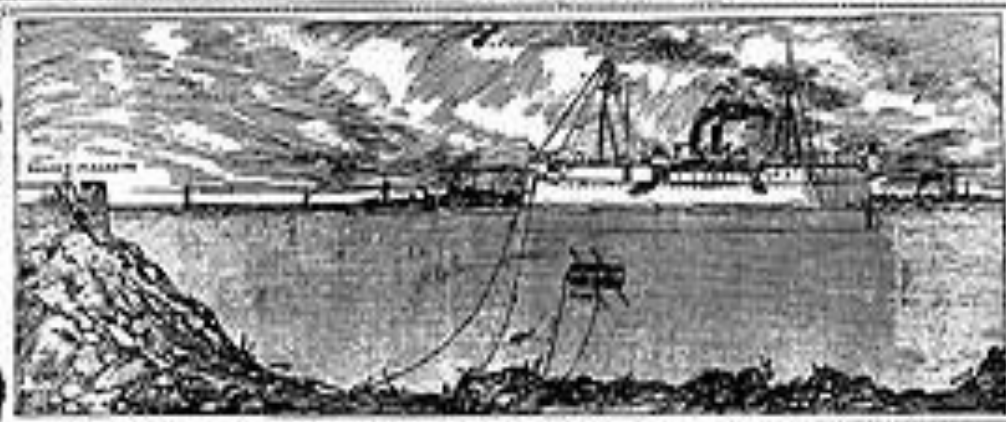
Assistant Secretary Roosevelt
Convinced the Explosion of
the War Ship Was Not
an Accident.

The Journal Offers \$50,000 Reward for the
Conviction of the Criminals Who Sent
258 American Sailors to Their Death,
Naval Officers Unanimous That
the Ship Was Destroyed
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NAVAL OFFICERS THINK THE MAINE WAS DESTROYED BY A SPANISH MINE.

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Hidden Mine or a Sunken Torpedo Believed to Have Been the Weapon Used Against the American Man-of-War—Officers and Men Tell Thrilling Story of How Ship Was Destroyed and a Mass of Shattered Steel and Exploding Shells—Survivors

CRISIS IS AT HAND 253 KNOWN TO BE LOST

CABINET IN SESSION GROWING BELIEF IN DE LOUHI IN PANIC FLEES SPANISH TREACHERY

Maine Destroyed by an Outside Attack, Naval Officers Believe.

Censored Dispatches from Havana Say a Shot Was Heard Before the Ship's Magazines Blew Up.



EXTRA NIGHT EXTRA

M'KINLEY SUSPICIOUS OF SPANISH PLOTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. - President McKinley is believed to be deeply suspicious of Spanish intentions in the West Indies, according to confidential sources here.

TRIAL SPEED PROCEEDED
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. - The trial of the Spanish ship, the Albatros, was held today at the naval yard here.

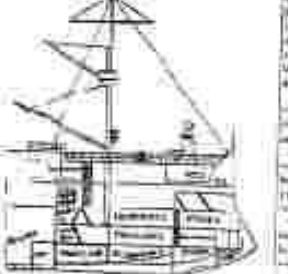
SPANISH AGENT HERE
A Spanish agent, believed to be connected with the Albatros case, is here.

SEVERE SUPERVISOR HERE
The Spanish consul here is believed to be a severe supervisor of the Spanish agents in the city.

WHERE IT HUNG
The Spanish flag is believed to have hung at the Albatros.

The Spanish government is believed to have received intelligence of the presence of the Albatros in the harbor of Havana, and to have immediately ordered the ship to be seized.

Part of the ship seen from the harbor.



The ship was seen from the harbor, and its appearance is believed to be that of a Spanish vessel.

ENGLAND REATES IT FULL PLAY
The British government is believed to have taken a full and complete part in the Albatros case.

THESE SAW THE TRAILERY
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A scene from the hospital, showing the patient in bed.

Cuban Sugar Plantation



“A Splendid Little War”
- John Hay, Sec. of State

What should the
U.S. do now?

Results of the War

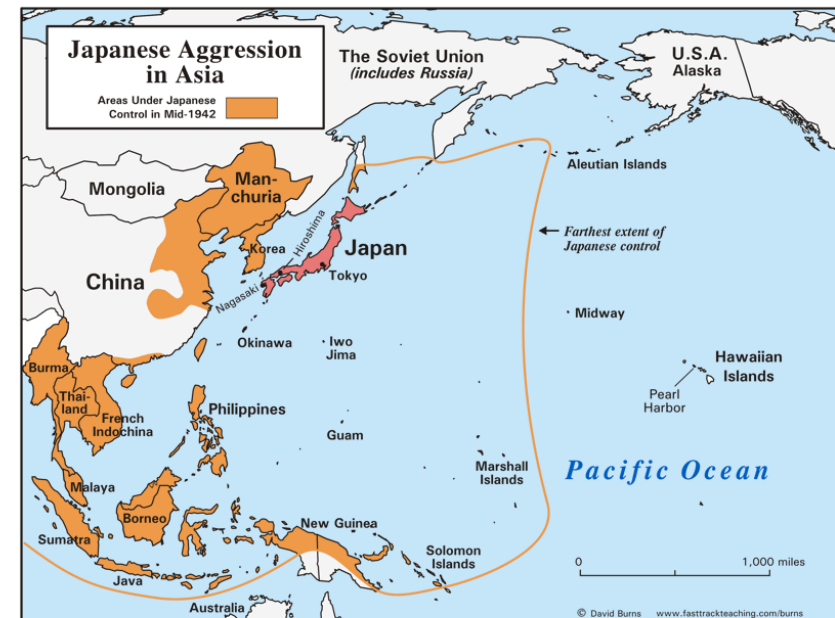
- Cuba

- Forced to accept Platt Amendment
- Established Protectorate
 - U.S. control of foreign policy
 - Could send in military
 - Guantanamo Bay



- Treaty of Paris (1898) - U.S. Acquired following territories

- Puerto Rico
- Guam
- Philippines



BILL OF FARE

Cuba Steak

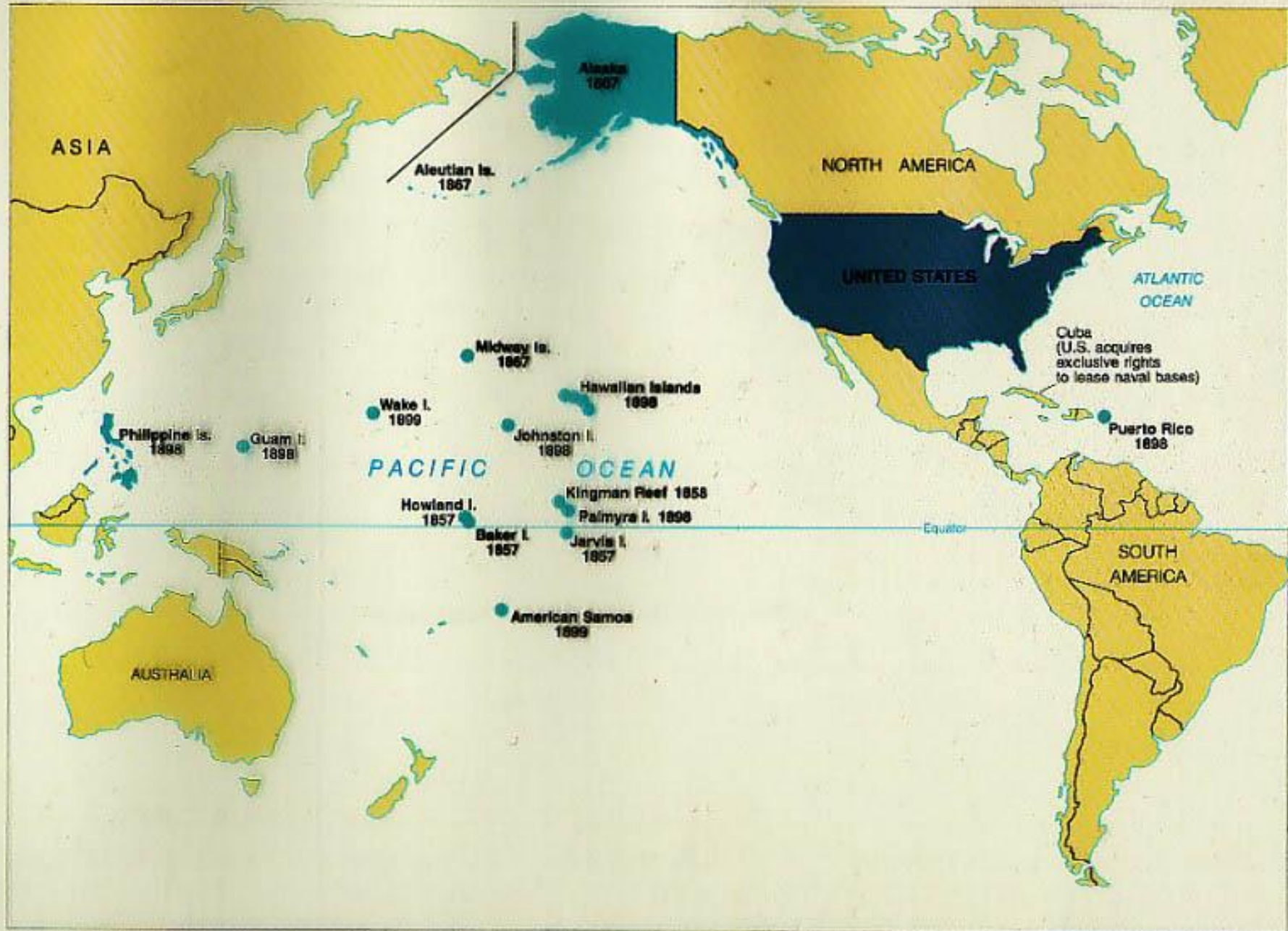
Porto
Rico Pig

Philippine
Floating Islands

Sandwich
Islands

McKinley

American Empire, 1900



Philippines Debate – A U.S. Empire? (1898, 1899)

Albert J. Beveridge – U.S. Senator from Indiana
Interprets American history in a way that supports expansionism

Thomas Jefferson – Strict Constructionist

Seward – William Seward

Platform of the American Anti-Imperialist League -
Group that opposed expansionism

Samual Gompers

Andrew Carnegie

Philippines Debate

For Annexation

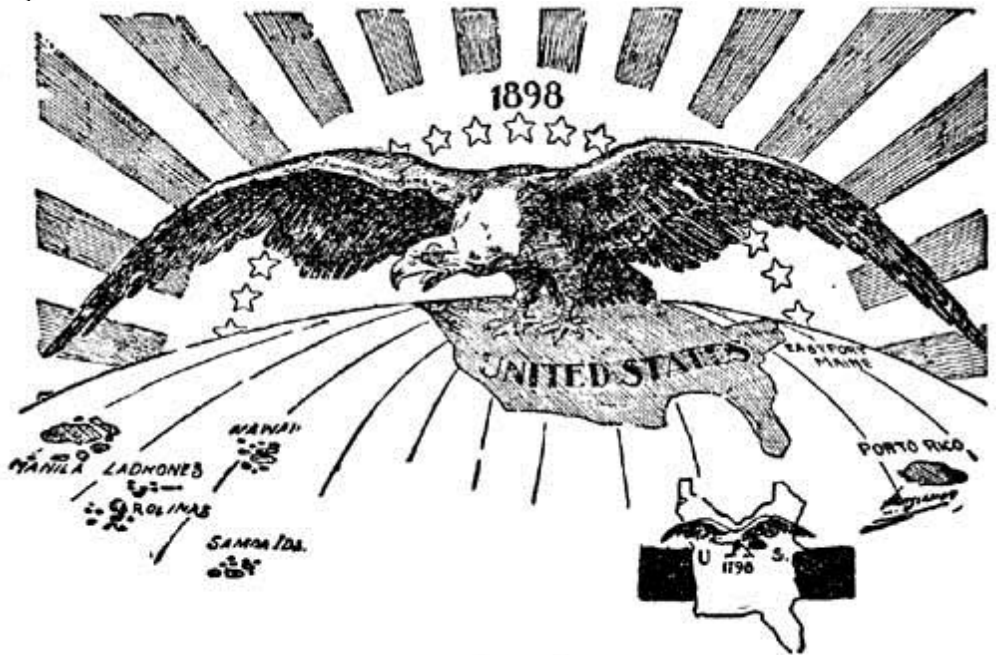
- Rivalries with other countries
- White Man's Burden - "Fit for self government"
- Potential business interests
- Foothold in Asia to exercise more influence

Against

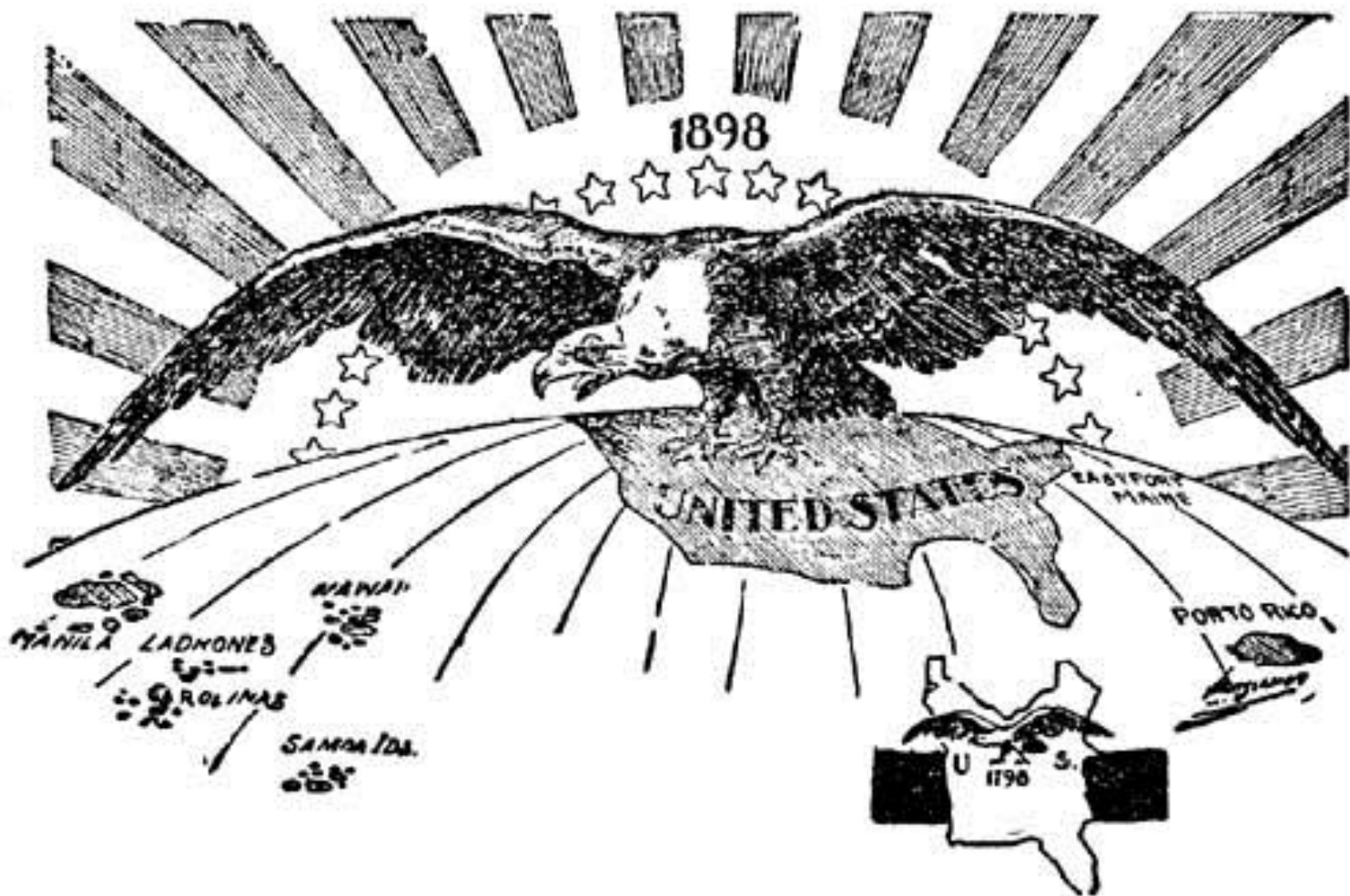
- Who - Anti-Imperialist League (Mark Twain – VP), William Jennings Bryan
- Why?
 - Countries need to learn democracy through experience – can't be imposed
 - Inconsistent with Principles of Dec. of Independence and self-determination
 - Would eventually bring US into conflict with Japan

"The World's Plunderers"

By Thomas Nast, Harper's Weekly, 1885



Ten thousand miles from tip to tip.—Philadelphia Press.



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