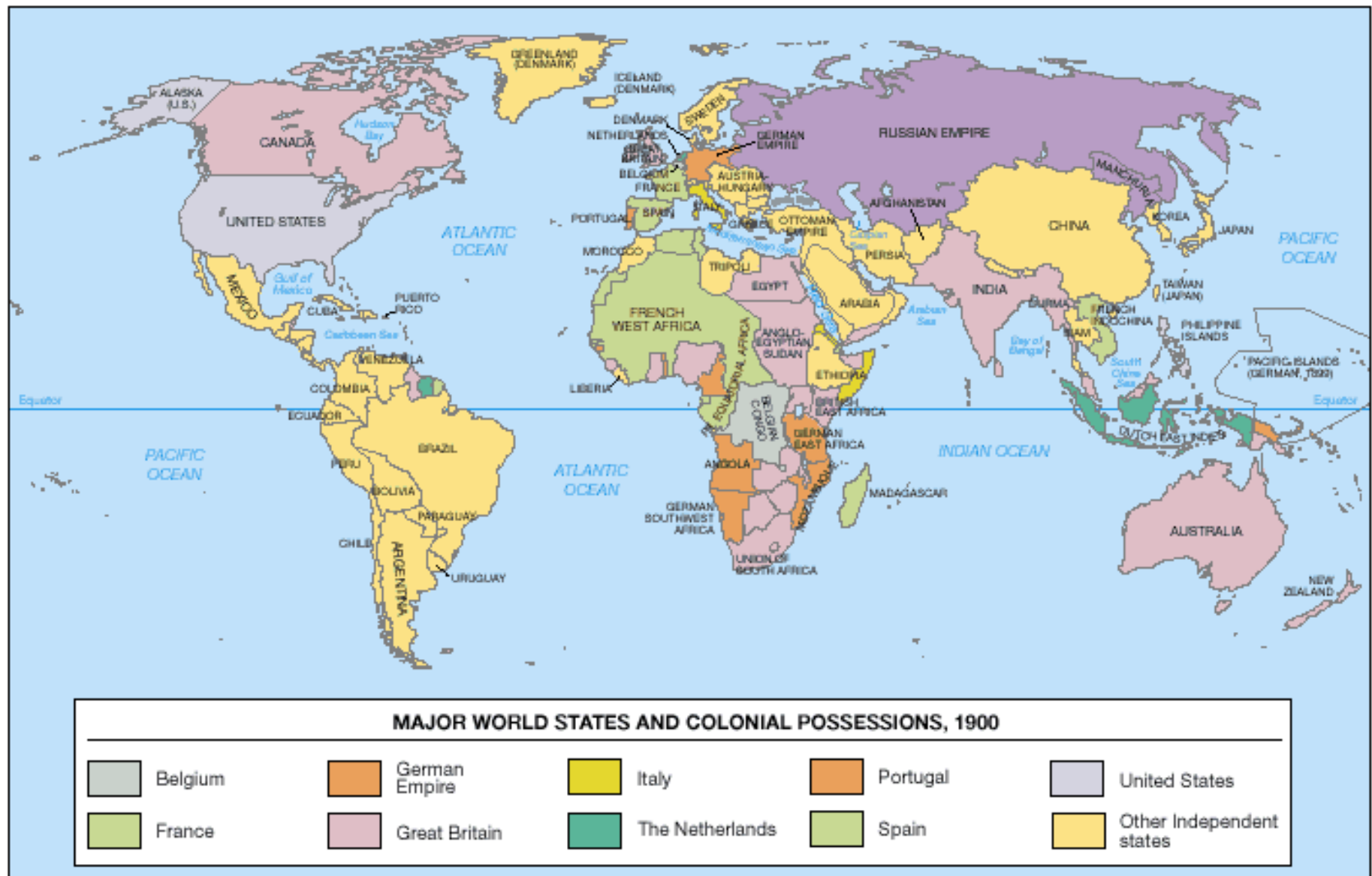



Ten thousand miles from tip to tip.—Philadelphia Press.



 World Colonial Holdings, ca. 1914. The European powers, great and small, competed with each other for world empires and world influence by 1900.

# Spanish American War 1898

A Newspaperman's War

[video](#)

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

Historical Context-1898

[video](#)





A PLEA FOR CUDS.

Excuse us, Larrea and Bismarck, in Columbia?—What! bring with you all for all at your best!  
What would have been your lot if we had used liberty in your hour 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?



Judge



Spanish  
Soldier

G.W.

Ghost

Cuban  
Rebel

Columbo

A PLEA FOR CUBA

Speeches on Liberty and Reform in Cuba.—"What wrong with that cry for aid at your door? What would have been your fate if we had used violence to your land of subjugation?"

# War

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

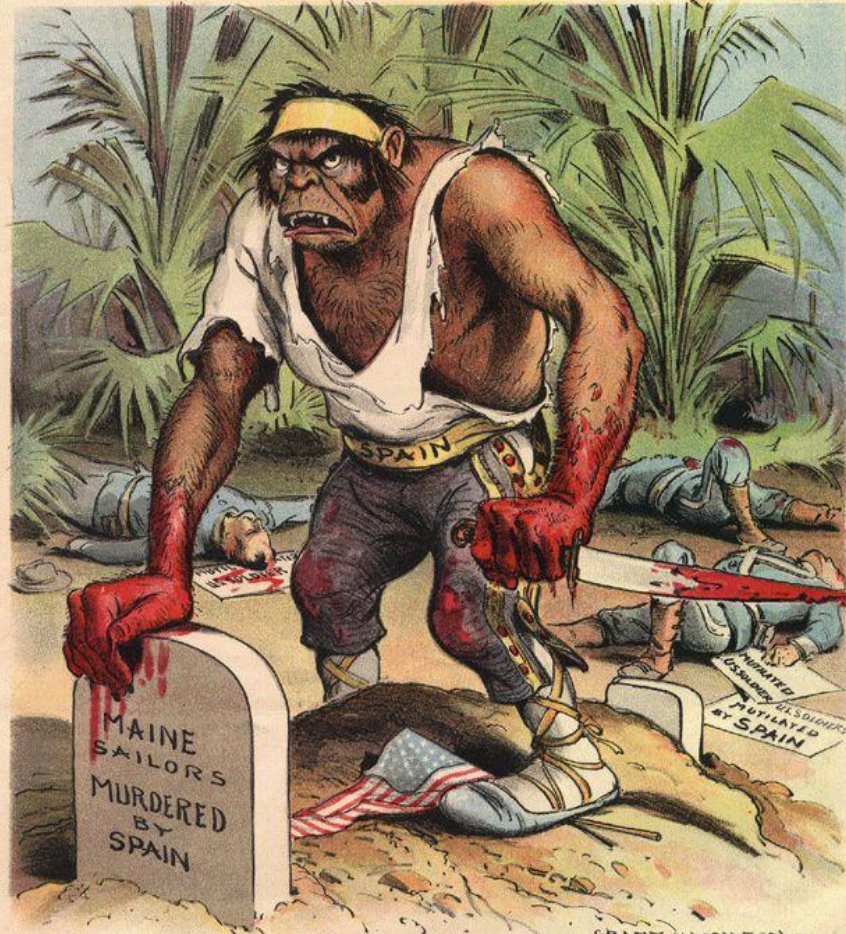


# Causes of Spanish-American War

- **Cuban Revolution**
  - Americans sympathized with rebels – seen as similar struggle to American Revolution
- **Yellow Journalism**
  - Sensational, biased, and often fake reporting
    - “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
  - 260 Officers killed
  - “Remember the Maine”

# Judge

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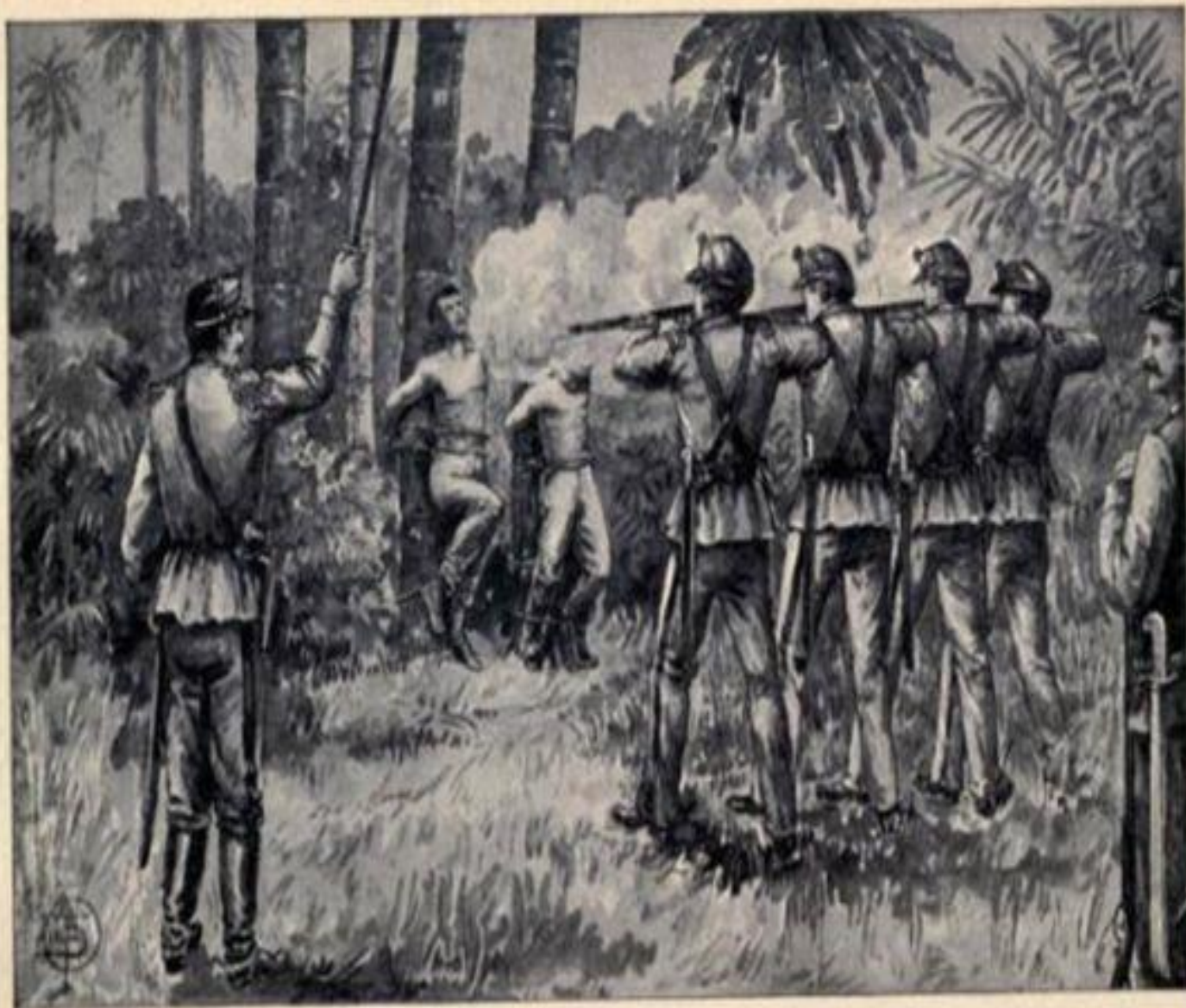


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THE SPANISH BRUTE  
ADDS MUTILATION TO MURDER.



#### 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.

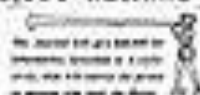


**\$50,000 REWARD.—WHO DESTROYED THE MAINE?—\$50,000 REWARD.**

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

**\$50,000!**

**\$50,000 REWARD!**  
For the Detection of the  
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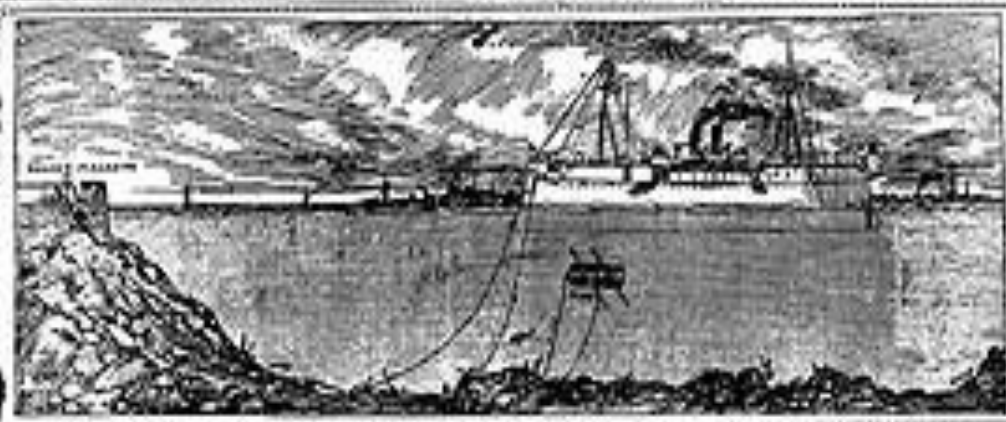
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**NAVAL OFFICERS THINK THE MAINE WAS DESTROYED BY A SPANISH MINE.**

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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—A Mass of Shattered Steel and Exploding Shells—Survivors.

# CRISIS IS AT HAND

253 KNOWN TO BE LOST

## CABINET IN SESSION GROWING BELIEF IN SPANISH TREACHERY.

DE LOUIL IN PANIC FLEES

### 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. 15.—President McKinley is believed to be suspicious of Spanish plots against his life, according to a reliable source. It is said that the president has been advised by his cabinet that the Spanish government is plotting to assassinate him during his visit to Havana.

### TRIAL OF SPANISH AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The trial of the Spanish ambassador, Don Alvaro de la Lanza, is expected to begin tomorrow. It is believed that the trial will be a sensational one, as the ambassador is accused of complicity in the explosion of the Maine.

### RECORDS DESTROYED AT HAVANA

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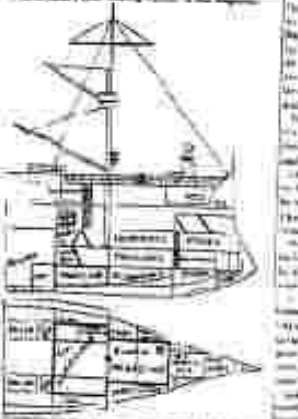
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### ENGLAND REJECTS VI FOLL PLAY

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The British government has rejected the proposal for a conference to discuss the situation in Cuba. It is said that the British government is concerned about the stability of the region and the safety of its citizens.

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# Cuban Sugar Plantation



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

What should the  
U.S. do now?

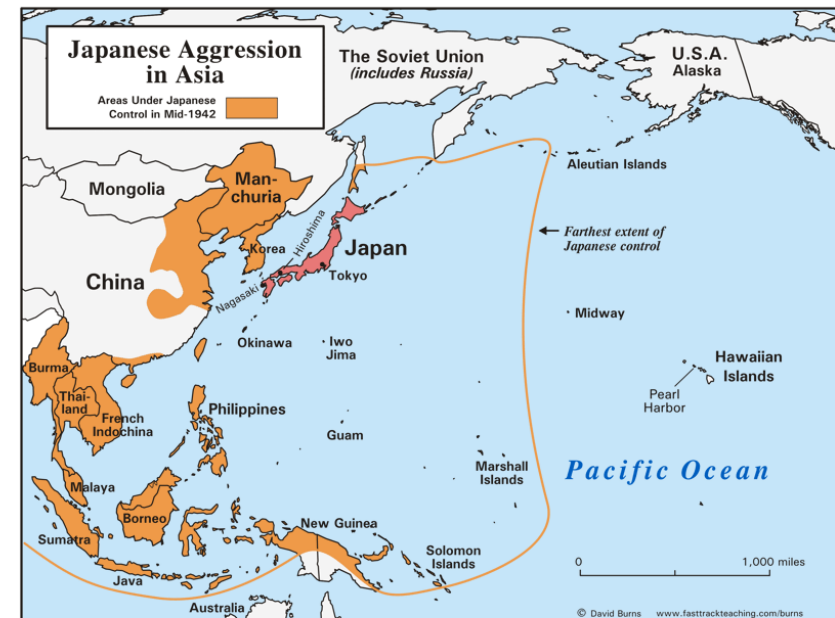


# Results of the War

- 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

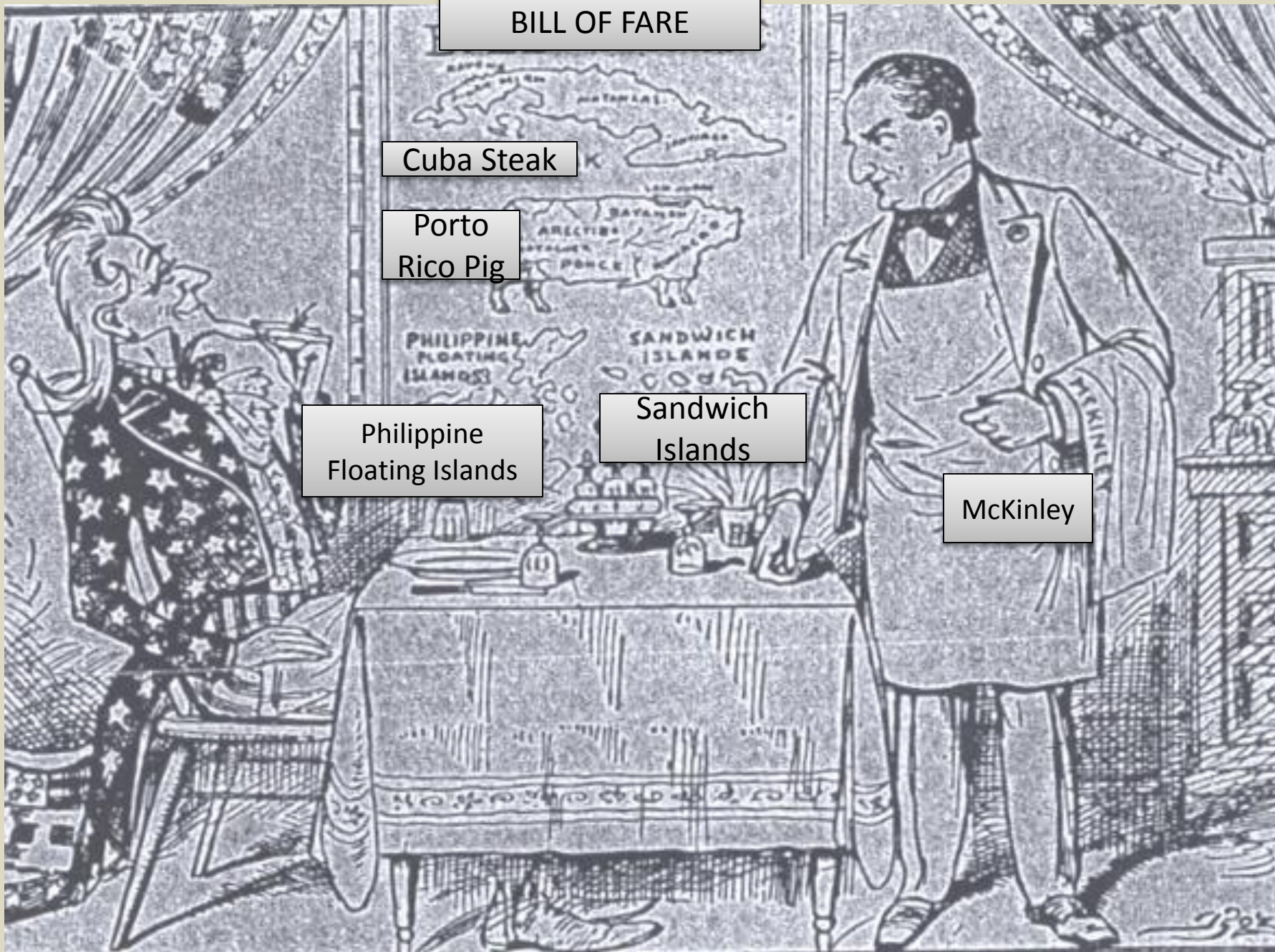
Cuba Steak

Porto  
Rico Pig

Philippine  
Floating Islands

Sandwich  
Islands

McKinley



# American Empire, 1900

