

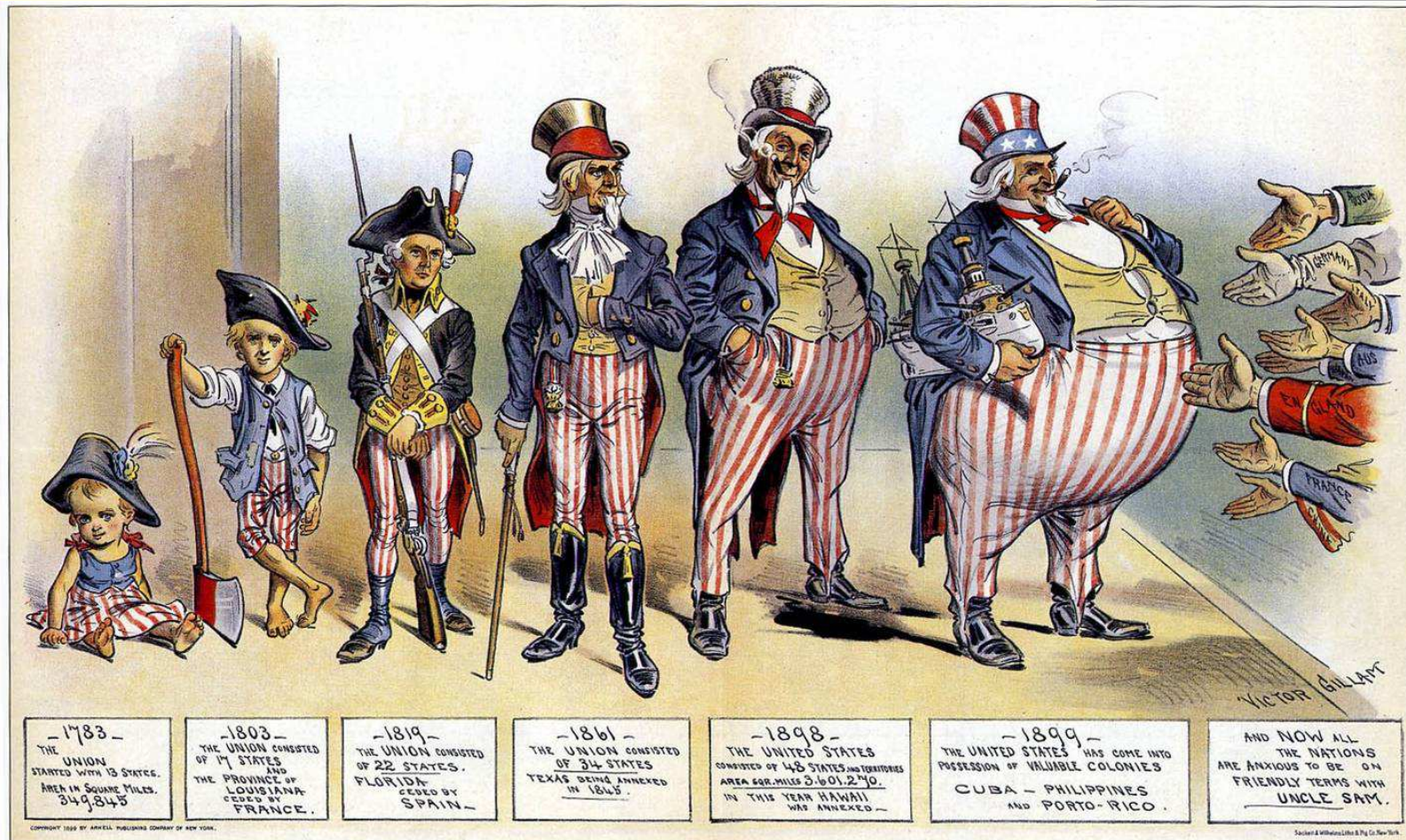


Making of the Modern World 22



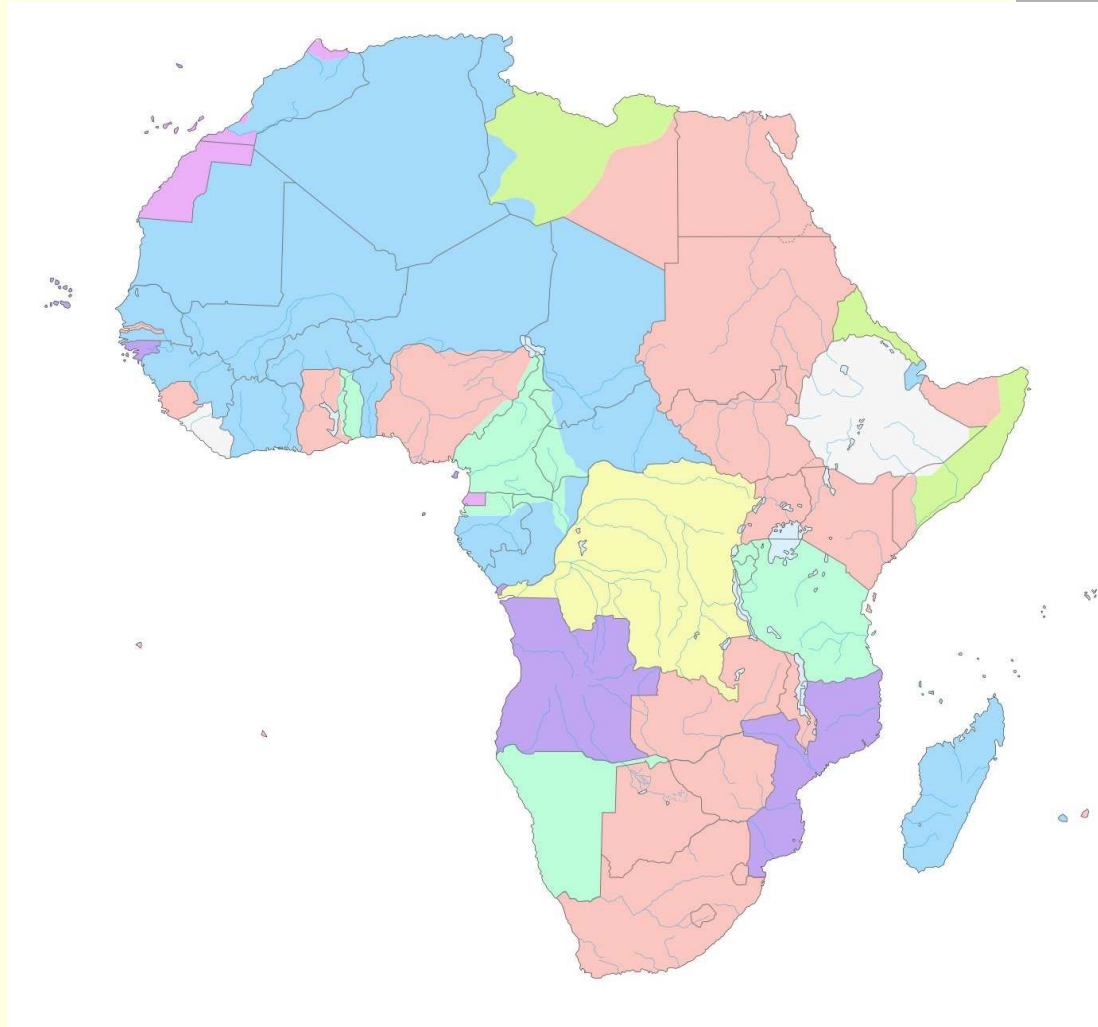
Lecture #6: Imperialism in Africa, India, and
China

Imperialism



"A LESSON FOR ANTI-EXPANSIONISTS."
 "Showing how Uncle Sam has been an expansionist first, last, and all the time."
 Judge, Arkell Publishing Company, New York, 1899 [artist: Victor Gillam]

The Scramble for Africa



The Battle of Adwa



Rationale for Imperialism

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“Creating a World After Its Own Image”

“The need of a constantly expanding market for its products chases the bourgeoisie over the entire surface of the globe. It must nestle everywhere, settle everywhere, establish connections everywhere...”

“It compels all nations, on pain of extinction, to adopt the bourgeois mode of production; it compels them to introduce what it calls civilization into their midst, i.e., to become bourgeois themselves. In one word, it creates a world after its own image.”

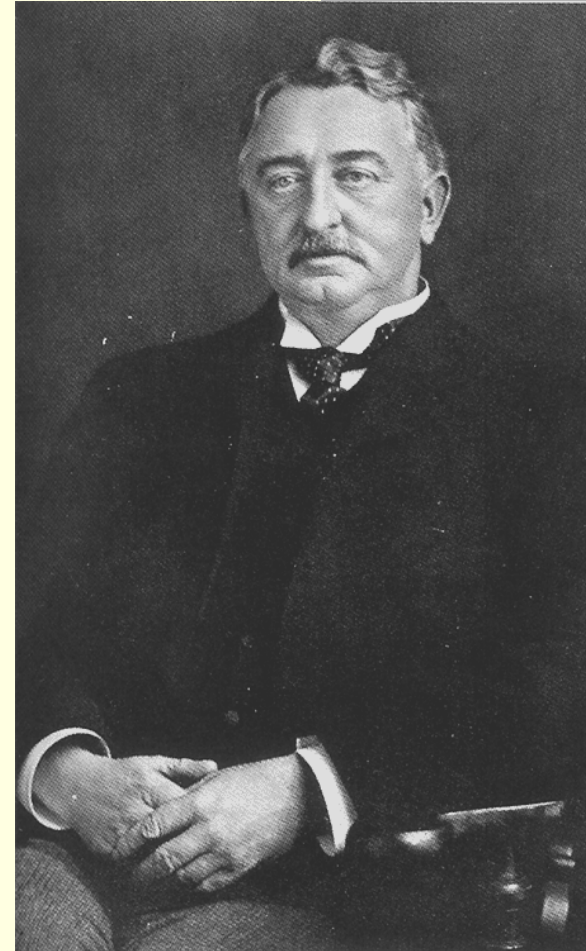
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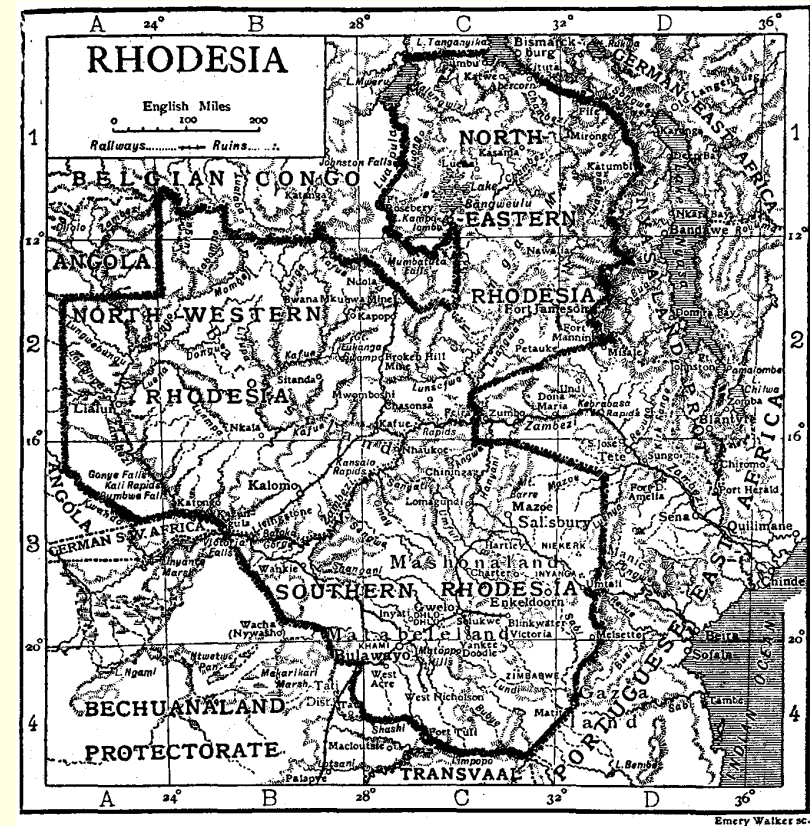
The Cultural Argument



Cecil Rhodes



De Beers and Rhodesia

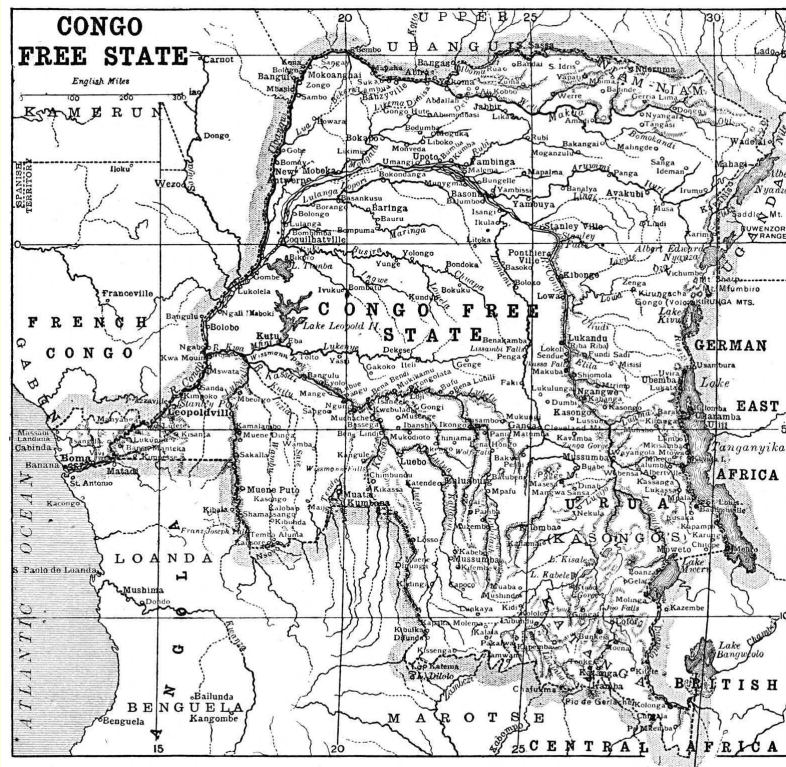


The Heart of Darkness

- “The conquest of the earth, which mostly means the taking it away from those who have a different complexion or slightly flatter noses than ourselves, is not a pretty thing when you look into it too much. What redeems it is the idea only. An idea at the back of it; not a sentimental pretence but an idea; and an unselfish belief in the idea – something you can set up, and bow down before, and offer a sacrifice to. . . .”

-Joseph Conrad, *The Heart of Darkness*

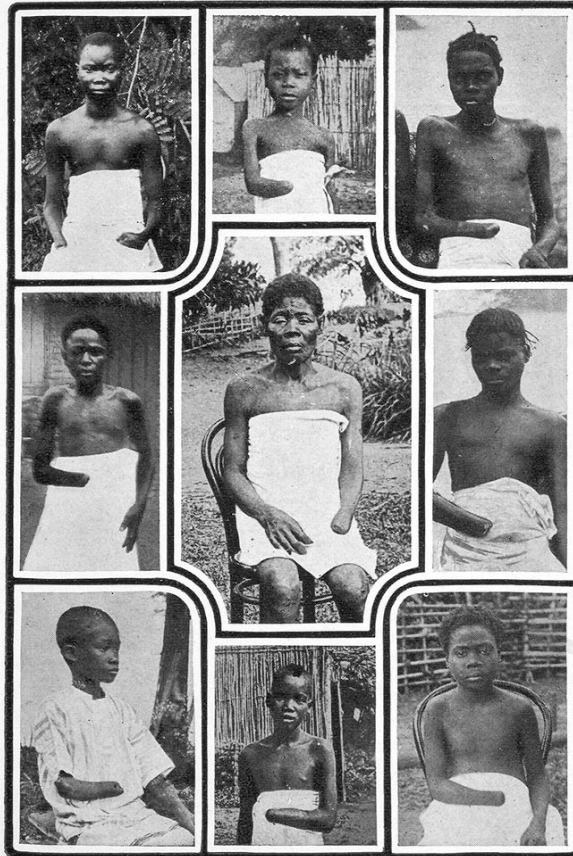
Congo Free State



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The Heart of Darkness



FROM PHOTOGRAPHS, CONGO STATE

"The pictures get sneaked around everywhere."—Page 40.



IN THE RUBBER COILS.

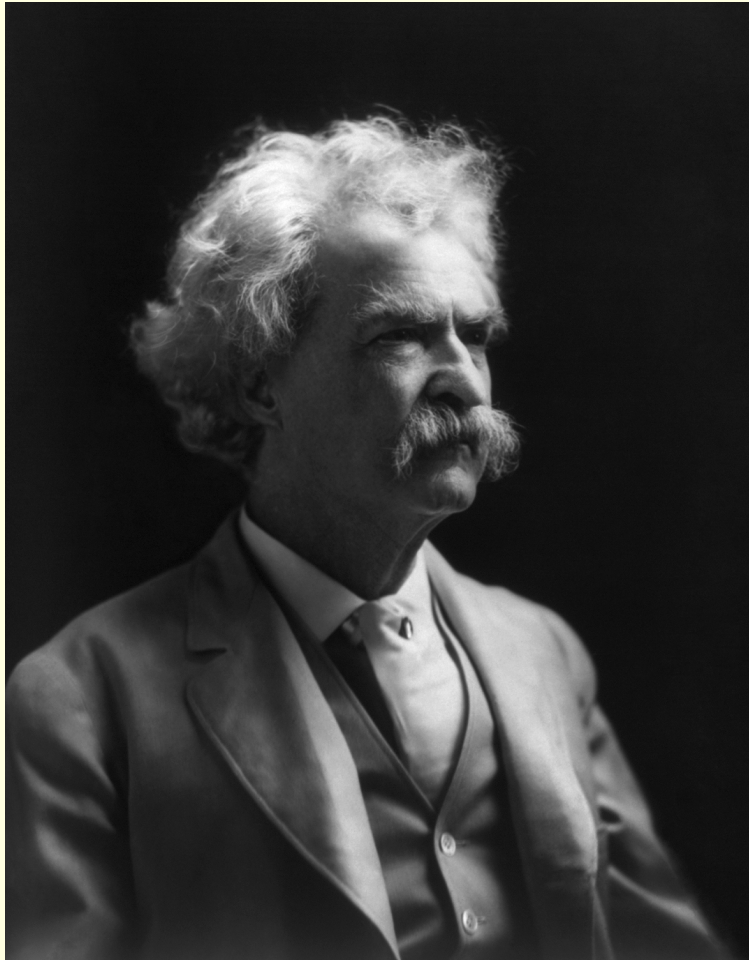
BREXIT—The Coup "From" Right.

Reporting on the Atrocity



Geo. Williams

King Leopold's Soliloquy



*Listen to the yell of
Leopold's ghost,
Burning in Hell for his
hand-maimed host.
Hear how the demons
chuckle and yell,
Cutting his hands off, down
in Hell.*

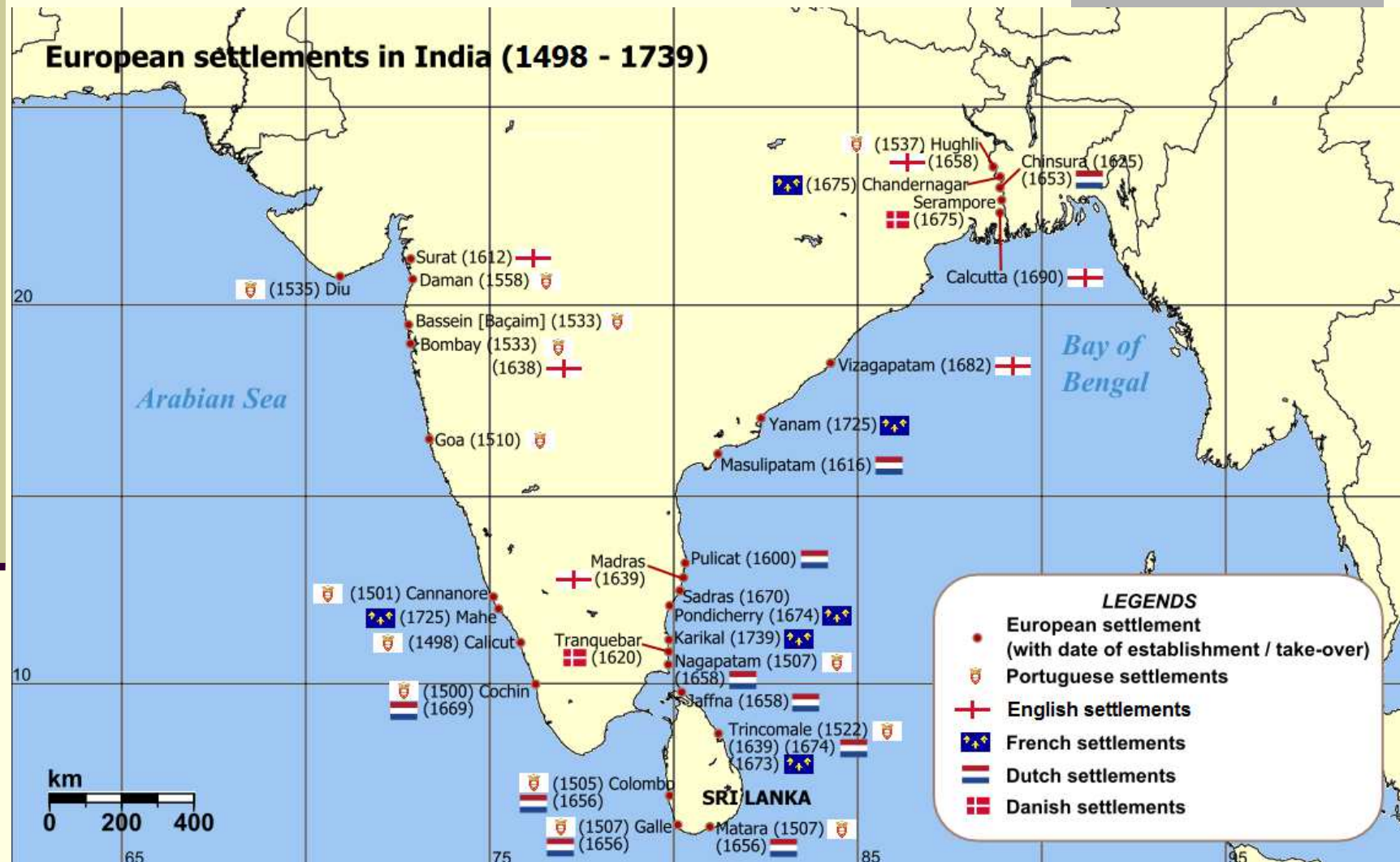
-Vachel Lindsay, "Congo"

The British Enter India

- "Upon which assurance of your royal love I have given my general command to all the kingdoms and ports of my dominions to receive all the merchants of the English nation as the subjects of my friend..."

—Nuruddin Salim Jahangir, *Letter to James I.*

European Settlement in India



British India

- Entry: Treaty with the Maharaja of Jaipur
- Expansion: Decline of the Mughals after Aurangzeb in 1707
- Consolidate: Divide and Conquer
 - Divided Indian political units
 - Division between Muslims and Hindus
- Why?: Trade, Land Revenue, Civilizing Mission

The East India Company

- British joint-stock company formed in 1600
- Establishes foothold in Surat in 1612
- Battle of Plassey in 1757
- Offers Protection to Subordinate States
- Indian Rebellion of 1857
- British Raj until after World War II

Indian Rebellion of 1857

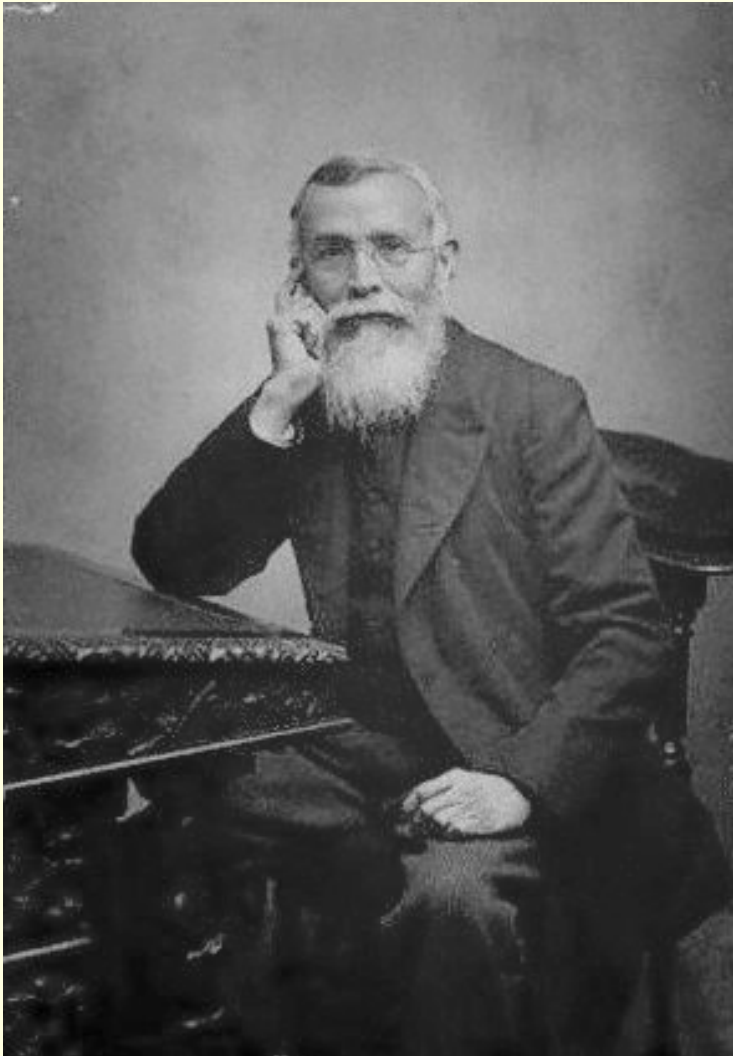


The British Raj



- Reporter: “Mr. Gandhi, what do you think of Western civilization?”
- Gandhi: “I think it would be a very good idea.”

The Knife of Sugar

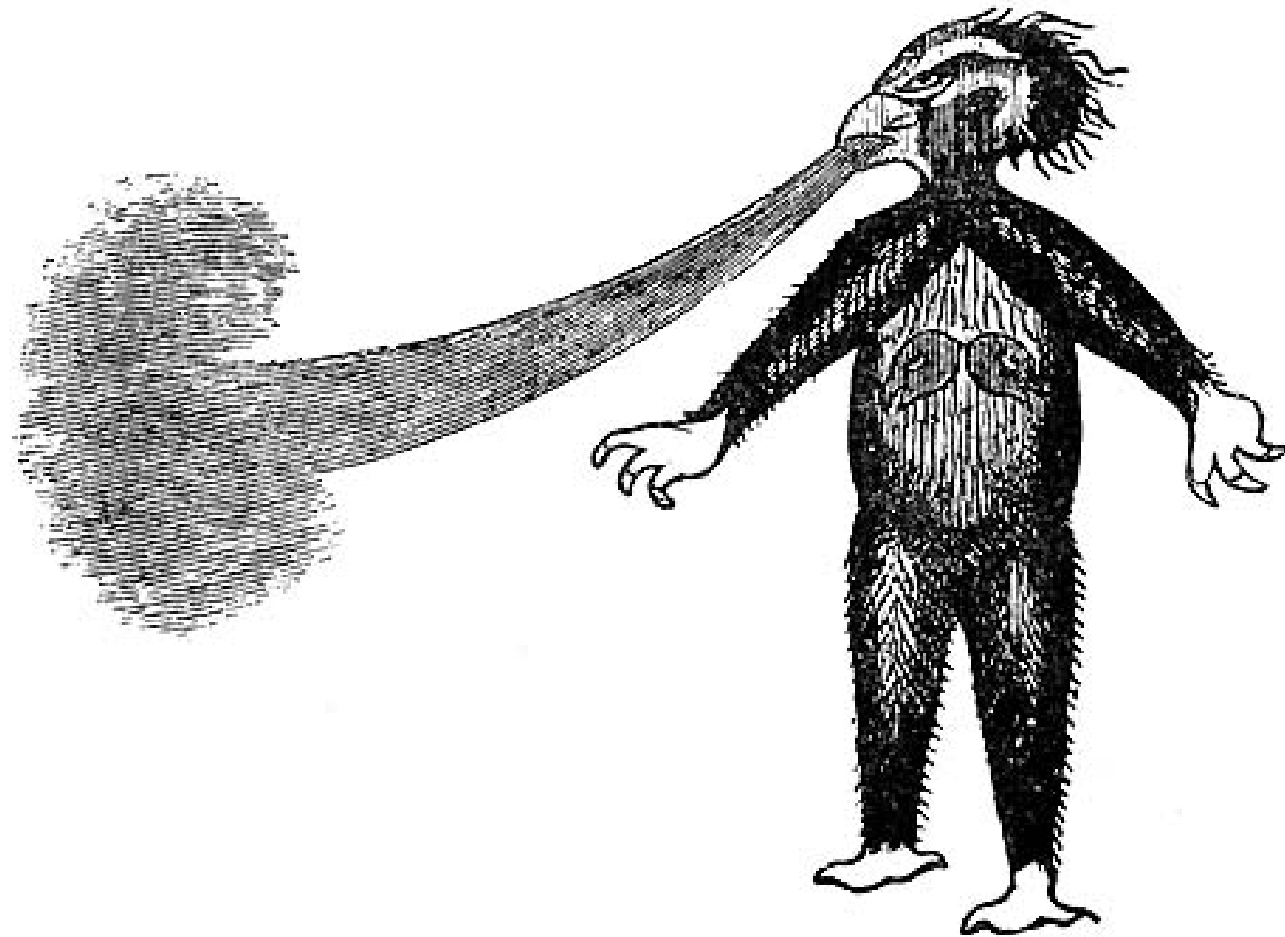


- Benefits vs. Detriments of British rule
- Some humanitarian gains but material impoverishment
- “there is no oppression, it is all smooth and sweet, but it is the knife, notwithstanding.”

Opium in India

- Opium as a “Keystone” Commodity
 - Chief export from India to China
 - “Without opium, there would have been no empire”
- Methods of labor coercion
 - Debt extortion and cash dependency
- British monopoly
 - Block Malwa opium

China



Macartney's Mission



Qianlong Emperor



Qianlong to George III

- “Swaying the wide world, I have but one aim in view, namely, to maintain a perfect governance and to fulfil the duties of the State: strange and costly objects do not interest me. If I have commanded that the tribute offerings sent by you, O King, are to be accepted, this was solely in consideration for the spirit which prompted you to dispatch them from afar. Our dynasty's majestic virtue has penetrated unto every country under Heaven, and Kings of all nations have offered their costly tribute by land and sea. As your Ambassador can see for himself, we possess all things. I set no value on objects strange or ingenious, and have no use for your country's manufactures. This then is my answer to your request to appoint a representative at my Court, a request contrary to our dynastic usage, which would only result in inconvenience to yourself. I have expounded my wishes in detail and have commanded your tribute Envoys to leave in peace on their homeward journey. It behooves you, O King, to respect my sentiments and to display even greater devotion and loyalty in future, so that, by perpetual submission to our Throne, you may secure peace and prosperity for your country hereafter.”

Opium in China



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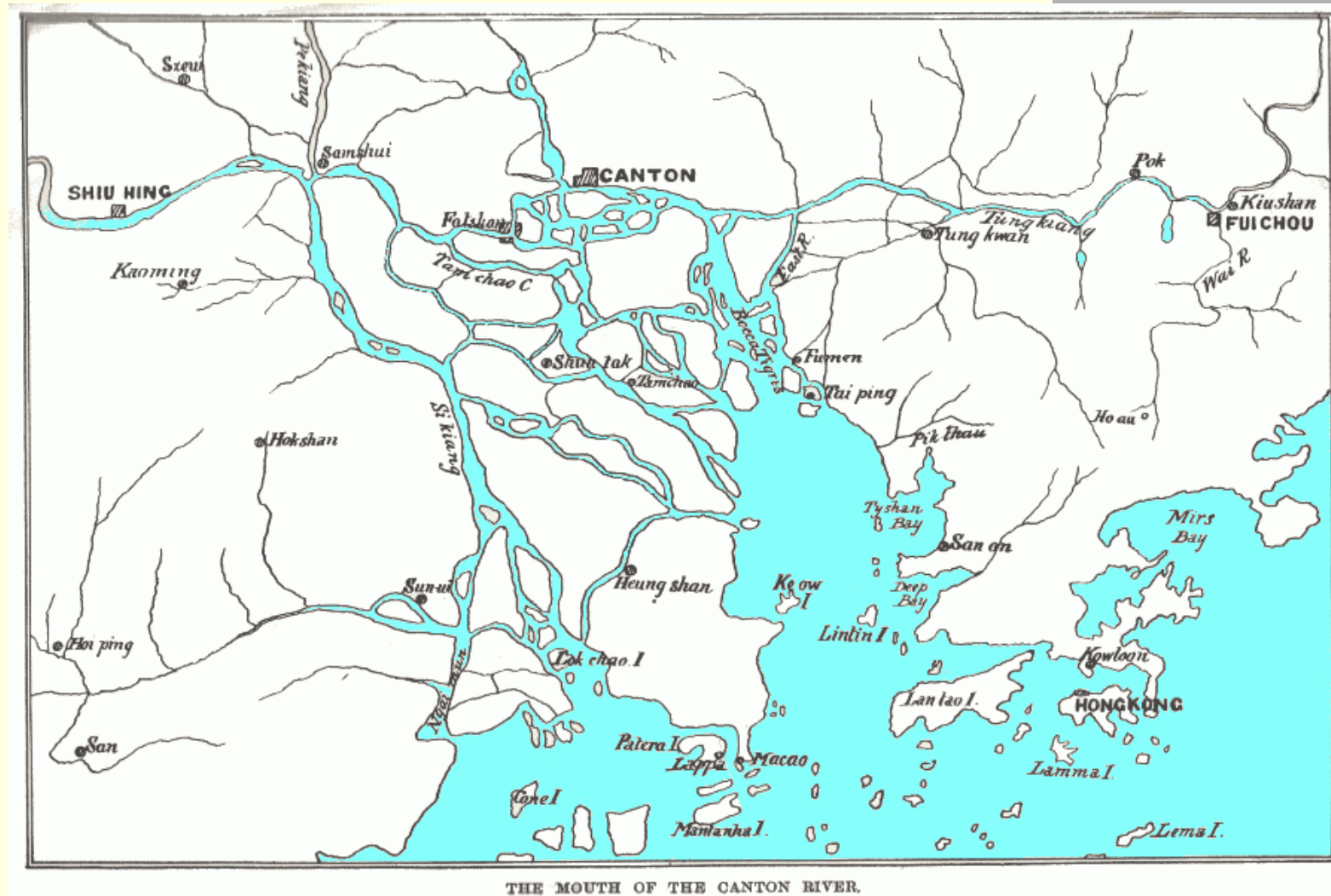
The Opium Wars



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The Treaty of Nanking



Japan

- First Sino-Japanese War
- Treaty of Shimonoseki
- Port Arthur
- Russo-Japanese War