# Seizing an American Empire - Chapter 19 (Key Events That Continue Today)

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| ***Caution:*** Page 672 The heading “A Splendid Little War” is a famous phrase by John Hay, the future Secretary of State, about the War of 1898 (Spanish-American War). Page 676 The phrase is finally explained 4 pages later. |

Organization:

1. Arrows (**>**) in the left column of each chronology indicates an issue in Chapter 19, but there are exam questions from other chapters shown in these chronologies.
2. Yellow as usual highlights a key term. Color coding shows the geographic area of our activity:

* Hawaii/Pacific (including Alaska) in Dark Grey
* China in Pink
* Latin America/Caribbean in Light Grey

1. Reminder: Before the Civil War, the United States had “manifest destiny,” Texas annexation, and the Mexican War and the subsequent Mexican territories gained to the West Coast.
2. Sections:

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## Chronological Event Pre-1887 Period - Alaska – Seward’s “Folly” (but later gold and oil)

| **19** | **Date** | **Presidential Election** | **Beyond America** |
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|  | 1865-04 | A. Johnson, President |  |
| **>** | 1867-02 |  | Russia, Alaska as willing sale; bribes |

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| Chronological Events of the 1887-1896 Era *(<Future = something that continues to ripple in time—and including to your current one.)* |

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| **19** | **Date** | **Presidential Election** | **Beyond America** | **Gov. Institutions** | | | **US Land** | | **US Economy** | **Issue/Organization** | **Political Party** |
|  | 1882 |  |  | Chinese Exclusion Act – 10 year | | |  | |  |  |  |
|  | 1887-02 |  | Hawaii-US treaty renewed & sugar |  | | | … | |  |  |  |
|  | **1888-**11 | **Benjamin Harrison** v. Grover Cleveland |  |  | | |  | |  |  |  |
|  | 1889-04 |  |  |  | | | Oklahoma Land Rush | |  | Hull House– Jane Addams |  |
|  | 1890 |  |  | Sherman Anti-Trust | | | Wounded Knee, South Dakota | | McKinley Tariff **& sugar in Hawaii** |  | ***<Future*** |
| **>** | 1890 |  | A.T. Mahan - *The Influence of Sea Power on History* | ***<Future*** | | | Census Bureau: **end of frontier** | | ***<Future*** |  |  |
|  | Sherman Silver Purchase Act |
|  | 189*2* |  |  | Chinese – new 10 year extension | | |  | |  |  |  |
| **>** | 1892-01 |  | Coup, Hawaii – Sanford B. Dole,[[1]](#endnote-1) elected President; US minister to Hawaii declaration of US protectorate**–** | Ellis Island opens | | | ***<Future*** | |  | Homer A. Plessy, case begins |  |
| **>** | 1892-02 |  | Hawaii annexation treaty proposed |  | | |  | |  |  |  |
|  | **1892**-11 | Benjamin Harrison v. **Grover Cleveland** v. James B. Weaver |  | |  |  | | [Panic of 1893](#_Causes_of_the) | |  |  |
| **>** | 1893-03 | Cleveland’s decision | Hawaii investigation | |  |  | |  | |  |  |
|  | 1893-08 | Cleveland, special session -[Why?](#panicof1893) |  | |  |  | |  | |  |  |
|  | 1893-11 |  |  | |  |  | | Sherman Silver Purchase Act -repeal | |  |  |
| **>** | 1893-12 | Cleveland’s decision | Hawaii annexation treaty not submitted | |  |  | |  | |  |  |
| **>** | 1894 |  | Republic of Hawaii recognized | |  |  | | Pullman Strike – American Railway Union Strike – E.V. Debs | | “Legal Tender” Jacob Coxey’s Army – petition for road building (jobs) |  |
|  | 1895 |  |  | |  |  | | US Bond sale - handled by J.P. Morgan | | Atlanta Exposition[[2]](#endnote-2) speech – Booker T. Washington | ***<Future*** |
|  | 1895 |  | Cuban rebellion | |  | ***<Future*** | |  | |  |  |
|  | 1896 |  |  | | *Plessy V. Ferguson* | ***<Future*** | |  | |  |  |

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| Chronological Events of the 1896-1901 Era |

| **19** | **Date** | **Presidential Election** | **Beyond America** | **Gov. Institutions** | **US Land** | **Issue/Organization** | **Political Party** |
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|  | **1896**-11 | William McKinley vs. William Jennings Bryan *–Issues in this election:* [*list*](#electionof1896list) |  |  |  |  | Populist support for Bryan *- What are the Populists’ issues.* |
| **>** | 1898-01 |  | Cuban riot |  |  |  |  |
| **>** | 1898-028-01 |  | Battleship *Maine* |  |  | [News and the war](#_Keyword_List_on_1) |  |
|  | 1898-02 |  | *Maine* explosion |  |  |  |  |
| **>** | 1898-04 |  | War authorized with the Teller Amendment | **< Caution US can’t take Cuba** |  |  |  |
| **>** | 1898-05 |  | Dewey in Manilla – *Notice this and this* [*list*](#_Keyword_List_on) *on the Spanish American War and its images* |  |  |  |  |
| **>** | 1898-07 |  |  |  | Hawaii annexation – by joint resolution (not treaty)***- WHY?*** |  |  |
| **>** | 1898-11 |  |  |  |  | Anti-Imperialist League formed- key issue will be the Philippines (See Primary) | ***<Future*** |
| **>** | 1899 |  | Treaty ending war - Senate approval | **Notice Cuba is not in this list >** | Guam  Philippines  Puerto Rico |  |  |
| **>** |  |  | Filipino resistance - Emilio Aguinaldo |  |  | **<Caution “** |  |
| **>**  **>** | 1899 |  | Open Door – China - trade |  | Annexation  - Wake Island  - Eastern Samoa Islands- US splits Samoa with Germany |  |  |
|  | 1900-08 |  | Boxer Rebellion and US troops |  |  |  |  |
| **>** | 1901 |  | Aquinaldo capture (resistance through 1902, 1906) – end military rule; Taft, governor. |  |  | **<Caution “** |  |
| **>** | 1901-03 |  | Platt Amendment –Cuba - Guantanamo and our right to intervene | **< Notice US indirectly took Cuba** |  |  |  |

## Chronological Events of the 1901-1914 Era

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| **19** | | **Date** | | **Presidential Election** | **Beyond America** | | **Continued from 16-19** |
|  | | **1900**-11 | | William McKinley vs. William Jennings Bryan | *<Future*  Vice President Theodore Roosevelt | |  |
|  | | 1901-09 | McKinley, assassinated by anarchist; T.R. President | |  | |  |
|  | | 1902 |  | | US Navy into Venezuela – German & British debt collection in region –Concept: sovereign debt <*Caution:* | |  |
|  | | 1903-10 |  | | Panama zone from Columbia, but not ratified by Columbian Senate | |  |
| > | | 1903-11 |  | | Panama revolt; Panama zone from Panama (Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty)Result at that time: Panama Canal Zone (99-year rental) | |  |
|  | | 1904 |  | |  | |  |
|  | | 1904-11 | Theodore Roosevelt vs. Alton B. Parker vs. E. V. Debs (Socialist) | |  | |  |
| > | | 1904-12 |  | | Dominican Republic – debt collection Roosevelt Corollary to Monroe Doctrine *<Caution*: with the meaning of *Corollary* | |  |
|  | | 1905 |  | | *Far East:* T.R. in ending Russo-Japanese War (Portsmouth treaty).US-Japan agreement (US controls Philippines; Japan, Korea)Concept: sphere of influence *<Caution*: | | Niagara Conference – W.E.B. Du Bois |
|  | | 1906 |  | |  | | “Yellow Peril” trend ***<Caution*:-**San Francisco School Board segregation |
|  | | 1907-02 |  | | “Gentleman’s Agreement” and what that meant and how different from the Chinese *<Caution*: | |  |
|  | | 1908-11 |  | | 2nd agreement with Japan on Open Door with China Great White Fleet | |  |
|  | | 1908-11 | William Howard Taft vs. William Jennings Bryan | | “Dollar Diplomacy” – Secretary of State Knox – “The borrower is the servant of thelender.” *<Caution*: Attempts in Manchuria and Honduras and Nicaragua. | |  |
|  | 1912-11 | | | William Howard Taft vs. Woodrow Wilson vs. T. Roosevelt vs. E. V. Debs (Socialist) | |  |  |
|  | 1913 | | |  | | *Mexico:* Ongoing coups (since Taft), US Marines - Tampico (9 sailors/21 gun salute)Then US blockades Mexico and occupies Vera Cruz and Wilson surprised to have Americans viewed as invaders. | 16th Amendment – income tax  17th Amendment – direct election of Senators |
|  | 1914 | | |  | | Panama Canal – officially open (August) |  |
|  | 1916 | | |  | | “Pancho” Villa – Texas/New Mexico; General Pershing into Mexico |  |

## Keywords to Help You

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| Keyword List on Business:  industrial capitalists  finance capitalists  Keyword List on Election of 1896:  “Cross of Gold” speech  Mark Hanna  Funding of $3.5-$4M | Keyword List on News:  “yellow journalism”  William Randolph Hearst – *New York Journal*  Joseph Pulitzer – New York *World*  Keyword List on Spanish American War:  “Smoked Yankees” – name for African Americans (not in the test, but a clue to the world)  “splendid little war”  Rough Riders |

### Panic of 1893 – Called the Great Depression until the one beginning in 1929 started

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| *Quantities and the Panic of 1893:*  17-19% unemployed  600 banks fail  119 railroads bankrupt  15,000 business closed  100s of millions – losses in stock market | Causes of the Panic of 1893   * McKinley Tariff (too high to buy—thus lower revenues for the government) * British bank failures (Britishers need their cash—thus sell their American investments and take gold, not paper dollars) * Government pensions (too many given out by Harrison) * Gold below $100 million, then $80 million (**perceived as too little**—thus too much **fear**)   Cleveland, however, focuses on only **one** cause: The Sherman Silver Purchase Act of 1890.  He is wrong. Repeal of the act does not stop the depression. |

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1. The event is covered in your book, but not Dole’s name. (Where have you seen the name *Dole* in a grocery store?) [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. W.E.B. Du Bois calls it the Atlanta *Compromise –* given American history and what events we have labeled as a *Compromise,* not a compliment.. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)