# 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 >**  | GuamPhilippinesPuerto 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 the lender.” *<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” speechMark HannaFunding 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 bankrupt15,000 business closed100s 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)