

The SPANISH - AMERICAN WAR

**IT'S THE 1890S AND AMERICA IS
LOOKING TO FLEX ITS MUSCLES**

**US LOOKS TO EXERT ITS POWER IN THE
WESTERN HEMISPHERE**



**SPAIN'S IMPERIAL CONTROL IN THE WEST
HAS DETERIORATED**



**AMERICAN INTERESTS BEGIN TO CONFLICT
WITH SPANISH INTERESTS**



WHICH LEADS TO...

TENSIONS IN CUBA

Cuba was the center of tension b/w Spain and the United States
60M OFF FLORIDA, US ALWAYS WANTED

IT HOWEVER...

...SPAIN CONTROLLED IT!

NEVERTHELESS, LIKE HAWAII, US FIRMS INVESTED \$\$ MILLIONS IN CUBAN SUGAR

BUT THEN...

1895 - Led by Jose Marti, Cubans revolt for independence from Spain
AMERICAN OPINION SPLIT OVER Cuban Revolution

SOME SUPPORT B/C CUBA IS LIKE US,
SOME OPPOSE B/C SUGAR INVESTMENTS



Gulf of Mexico

Florida (U.S.)
Miami
Key West

Straits Of Florida

Nassau
Bahamas

Atlantic Ocean

Havana

Sierra de Los Organos

Matanzas
Colon
Santa Clara

Arch. de Sabana

Arch. de Camaguey

Gulfo de Batabano

Cienfuegos
Trinidad

Ciego de Avila

Camaguey

Holguin

Turks & Caicos (UK)

Isla de la Juventud

Cuba

Arch. de le Reina

Manzanillo

Sierra Maestra

Baracoa

125 mi
125 km

Georgetown
Cayman Islands (UK)

Cayman Trench

Pico Turquino

Santiago de Cuba

Guantanamo Bay

Haiti

Caribbean Sea

Jamaica

Kingston

Port-au-Prince

CUBA

LOW - HILLS - MTS.

**BUT AS THE
REVOLUTION RAGES ON...**



america
**IS PULLED INTO THE
CONFLICT!**

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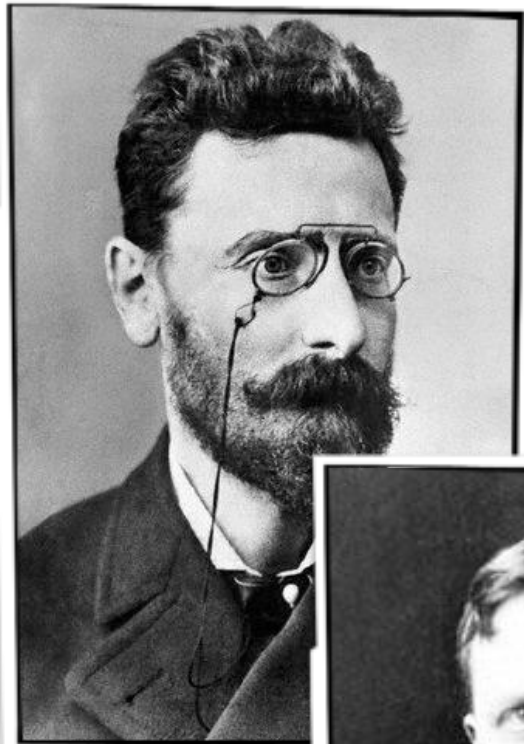
**SO LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE
THREE CAUSES OF THE**



**SPANISH -AMERICAN
WAR**

MAK

YELLOW JOURNALISM



Sensational style of reporting that exaggerated stories to attract and enrage readers
JOSEPH PULITZER & WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST ENCOURAGED IT IN ORDER TO SELL PAPERS

Reporters demonized the war tactics of the Spanish, especially General Valeriano Weyler
CALLED HIM "THE BUTCHER", CITED POISONED WELLS, CHILDREN THROWN TO SHARKS

"You furnish the pictures, I'll furnish the war" - W. R. Hearst

WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT?

**The media INTENTIONALLY
LIED TO THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE TO CREATE ANGER
AND MOVE US TOWARDS WAR**

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THE DE LOME LETTER



1898 - NY Journal publishes a private letter of **Spanish Minister** to the US, **Enrique De Lome**
LETTER WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE SEEN

In the letter, De Lome calls US **President William McKinley** "weak" and a "bidder for the admiration of the people"

MOST AMERICANS AGREE WITH THAT OPINION, BUT RESENT A SPANIARD INSULTING THE POTUS

*AMERICANS BELIEVE ALL SPANIARDS THINK THE SAME OF ALL AMERICANS!
(INSULT)*

THE EXPLOSION OF THE USS MAINE



Pres. McKinley sent the **USS Maine** to **Havana** in 1898 to "protect **American lives & property**"

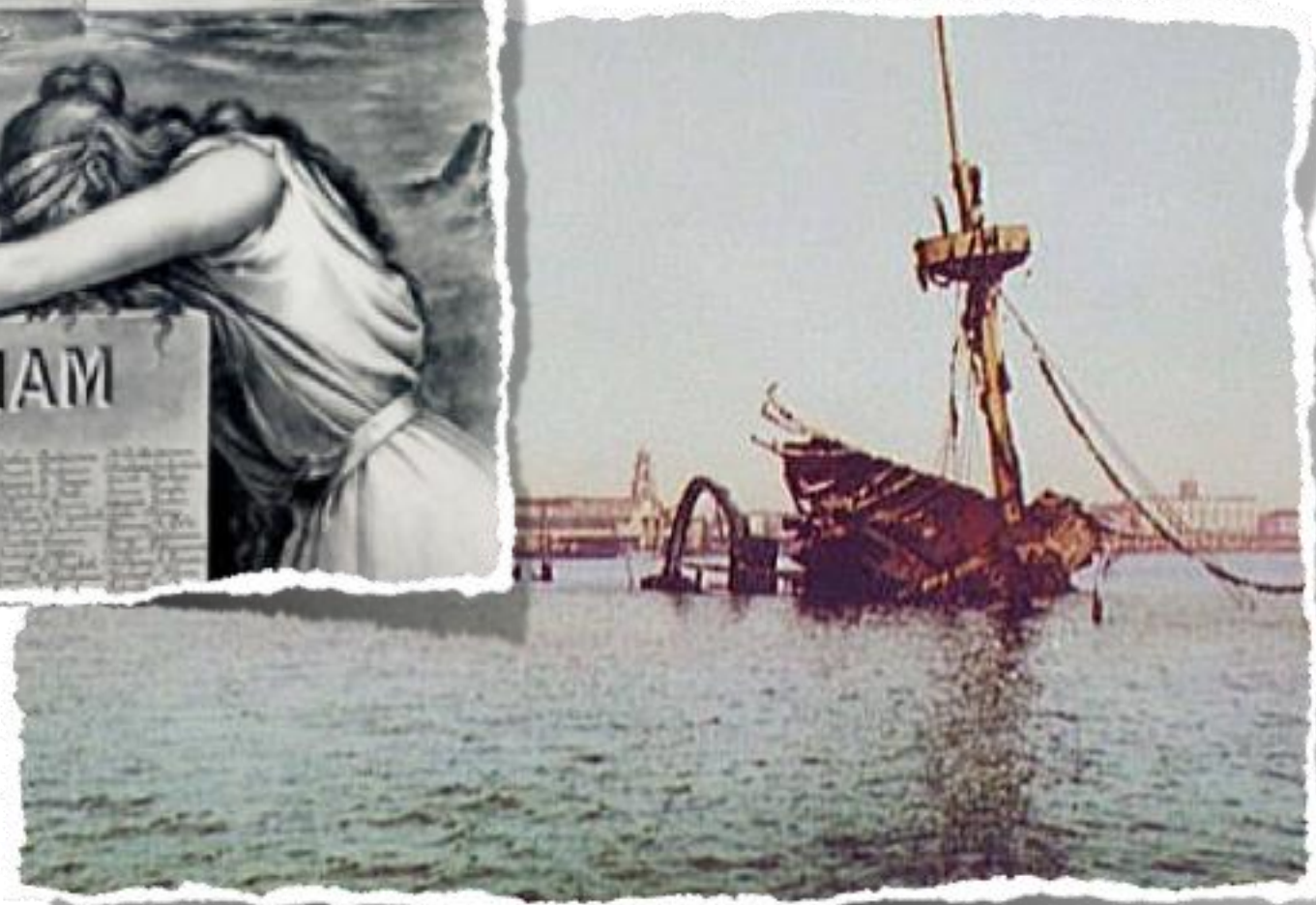
2/15/1898 - Explosion rips the **Maine** in half, sinks it in **Havana Harbor**

260 of 350 sailors onboard are **KIA**



Yellow journalists do their work!
Photos, sketches of wreck circulate
Reporters blame Spain for using a
cowardly "secret weapon" w/o evid.
Mast & bell of the Maine are sent
home, Americans demand revenge!







U.S.S. MAINE
BLOWN UP
FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH
1898
HERE LIE THE REMAINS
OF
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE
MEN OF THE MAINE'S CREW
DROUGHT FROM HAVANA CUBA
REINTERRED AT ARLINGTON
DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHTH
1899

DESPERATE TO AVOID WAR, SPAIN WORKS TO KEEP THE PEACE

**Spain gave every concession possible
to the United States**



**US and Spain agree to a 6 month
“cease fire” (even w/o a war on)**



**nonetheless, Congress declares war
on Spain 11 days later**



AND THE WAR BEGINS...

WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES



BACKGROUND

Spain had controlled the Philippines for **400 years**

Spain had imposed **Catholicism**, **brutally subjugated** the Filipinos

5/1/1898 - **Admiral George Dewey** sails the **US Pacific Fleet** into **Manila**

SPANISH FLEET IS SURPRISED, ANNIHILATED

Naval victory allows **US Marines** to **land**

JOIN W/ FILIPINO REBEL FORCES AND OUST SPANISH GARRISON IN 4 MONTHS

WAR IN THE CARIBBEAN



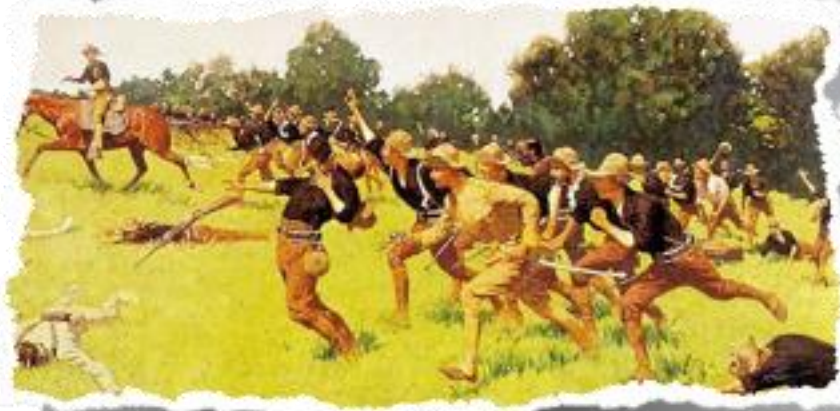
1898 - US Navy **blockades** Cuba

7/1/1898 - **Battle of San Juan Hill**

TEDDY ROOSEVELT AND HIS "**ROUGH RIDERS**" TAKE KEY STRATEGIC POSITION ON DAY 1 OF BATTLE

ON DAY 2, US ARMY WINS THE BATTLE

The WIN IS A **KEY** victory for US
TR IS ANOINTED "**HERO OF SAN JUAN HILL**" ALTHOUGH HE DID LITTLE TO WIN IT



2 days later, desperate Spanish fleet attempts to **break the**

blockade and is destroyed

PUERTO RICO IS INVADED BY US MARINES

THE TREATY OF PARIS (1898)

Treaty that **ended** the **SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR** after **ONLY 16 WEEKS** of fighting

KEY COMPONENTS OF THE TREATY

CUBA GAINS **INDEPENDENCE**, BECOME US **PROTECTORATE**

SPAIN CEDES **PUERTO RICO** & PACIFIC ISLAND OF **GUAM**

UNITED STATES PAYS SPAIN **\$20 MILLION** FOR THE ANNEXATION OF THE **PHILIPPINE ISLANDS** AS A TERRITORY

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The **IMPORTANCE** of the **EFFECTS** of the **CONFLICT**

KEY CONSEQUENCES

THE UNITED STATES OFFICIALLY BECOMES A **WORLD POWER**

AMERICAN **MILITARY POWER** IS RESPECTED **WORLDWIDE**

DEMONSTRATED THE SUCCESS OF **MAHAN'S PLAN**

AMERICAN OFFICIALLY GAINED A **WORLDWIDE EMPIRE** W/

TERRITORIES IN THE **PACIFIC** AND THE **CARIBBEAN**