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Station 2: Wilfred Scawen Blunt Diary excerpt

22nd Dec., 1900. The old century is very nearly out, and leaves the world in a pretty pass, and the British Empire is playing the devil in it as never an empire before on so large a scale. We may live to see its fall. All the nations of Europe are making the same hell upon earth in China, massacring and pillaging and raping in the captured cities as outrageously as in the Middle Ages. The Emperor of Germany gives the word for slaughter and the Pope looks on and approves. In South Africa our troops are burning farms under Kitchener's command, and the Queen and the two houses of Parliament, and the bench of bishops thank God publicly and vote money for the work. The Americans are spending fifty millions a year on slaughtering the Filipinos; the King of the Belgians has invested his whole fortune on the Congo, where he is brutalizing the Negroes to fill his pockets. The French and Italians for the moment are playing a less prominent part in the slaughter, but their inactivity grieves them. The whole white race is reveling openly in violence, as though it had never pretended to be Christian. God's equal curse be on them all! So ends the famous nineteenth century into which we were so proud to have been born....

source: W. S. Blunt, *My Diaries: 1888-1914*, 2 Vols., (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1921), I.212-213, 298-299, 325, 375-380.

from: <http://legacy.fordham.edu/Halsall/mod/1899blunt.asp>

Station 3:

Extent of Colonialism

(1939)

****	Great Britain	France	Belgium	Netherlands	Germany (1914)
Area in Square Miles	94,000	212,600	11,800	13,200	210,000
Population	45,500,100	42,000,000	8,300,000	8,500,000	67,500,000
Area of Colonies	13,100,000	4,300,000	940,000	790,000	1,100,000
Population of Colonies	470,000,000	65,000,000	13,000,000	66,000,000	13,000,000

SOURCE: Mary Evelyn Townsend, *European Colonial Expansion Since 1871* (Chicago: J.P. Lippincott Company, 1941), p. 19

Percentage of Territories Belonging to the European/US Colonial Powers

(1900)

Region	Percentage Controlled
Africa	90.4%
Polynesia	98.9%
Asia	56.5%
Australia	100.0%
Americas	27.2%

SOURCE: A. Supan, *Die territoriale Entwicklung der Euroaischen Kolonien* (Gotha, 1906), p. 254

from: <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/pol116/colonies.htm>

Station 4: Political Cartoon

