many ppl thought the US should expand. Trembling from labor violence + agrarian unrest, people though overseas markets would relieve these pressures

Hearst and Pulitzer described foreign exploits as adventures and used yellow journalism to get Americans to sympathize with the Cuban cause

pious missionaries influenced by Reverend Strong’s Our Country. Inspired missionaries to look for new people to convert + trumpets superiority of Anglo-Saxons, calls Americans to spread religion + values to backwards people

aggressive Americans use darwinism to show only the fit should take the earth. If America wants to compete, needs imperialism

new steel navy → attention focused overseas

Alfred Thayer Mahan, Influence of Sea Power: argues control of the sea is key to world dominance. This helps stimulate a naval race among great powers (gain momentum 1900s). Americans joined demand for a better navy. Also called for a canal between Atlantic and Pacific Ocean

new international interests → diplomatic crises + near wars late 1880s, early 1900

Am vs Ger in Samoa, lynching Italians at New Orl = near war, →:( Chile

Venezuela Crisis: conflict b/w Br and Venezuela over boundary of Br Guyana and Venezuela

gold in disputed area, US involved bc Venezuela gives US mine companies right to mine in area, Monroe Doctrine allow them to get involved

Br allows arbitration (3rd party decided dispute, so US in this case) b/c already have issues w/ Kaiser Wilhelm’s Ger + near war w/ S. Afr Dutch

important bc Br is honoring Monroe Doctrine

Hawaii: orig a way station + provisioning point for Yankee shippers, sailors, whalers. Had some missionaries.

Sugar production flourished → US more protective of Hawaii. 1887 treaty gave US naval base rights @ Pearl Harbor

old world pathogens killing native hawaiians → import Jap + Chin laborers

protective tariff → sugar markets ↓, white planters want US to annex so doesn’t pay $ to trade with US

Queen Liliuokalani insists natives should control Islands. White planters coup w/ support of US troops

Treaty of Annexation sent to Cleveland, he rejects saying it is wronging those ppl

later annexed 1898 bc Am needs coaling + provisioning way station to send supplies + reinforcements to Philippines

Cuba: rebelling is partly econ bc protective tariffs in US hurt them. Tried getting Span out by burning fields.

many cuban civilians sent to concentration camps

USS Maine: exploded, Americans blamed the Spanish but real cause was an internal error. Leads to war and US adopts Teller Amendment