

# **SPANISH – AMERICAN WAR**

## **FUNERAL PROCESSION FOR USS MAINE VICTIMS**

**Burial of the  
"Maine" Victims**

**©April 21, 1898**

**Thomas A. Edison**

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***UNITED STATES***

*HISTORY*

**with Mr. Willis**

## UNIT 3 - DAY 2

# 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

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



**america**  
**IS PULLED INTO THE**  
**CONFLICT!**

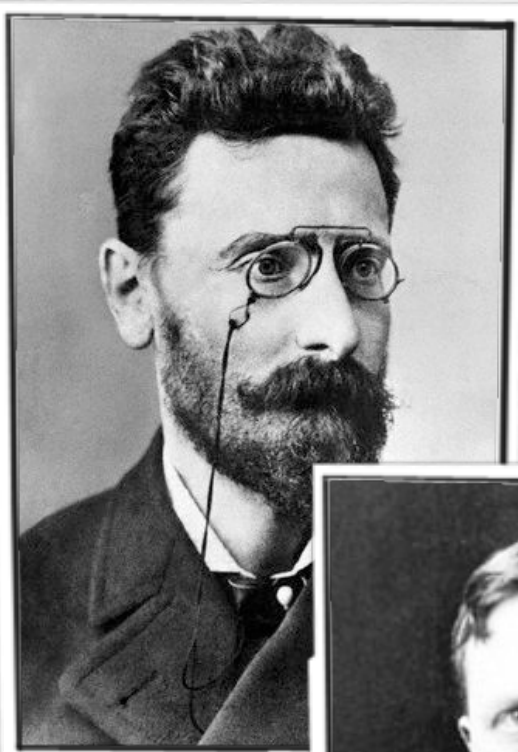
**SO LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE  
THREE CAUSES OF THE**



**SPANISH -AMERICAN  
WAR**



# 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

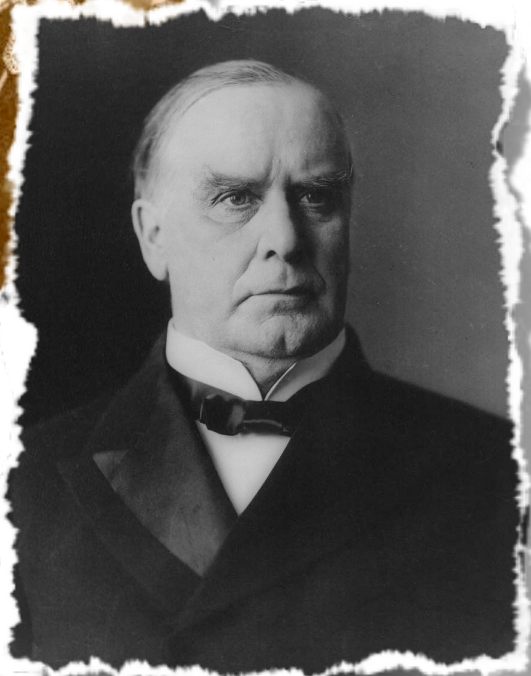
"You furnish the pictures, I'll furnish the war" - W. R. Hearst



# **WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT?**

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

# THE DE LOME LETTER



1898 - NY Journal publishes a private letter of **Spanish Minister** to the US, **Enrique De Lome**

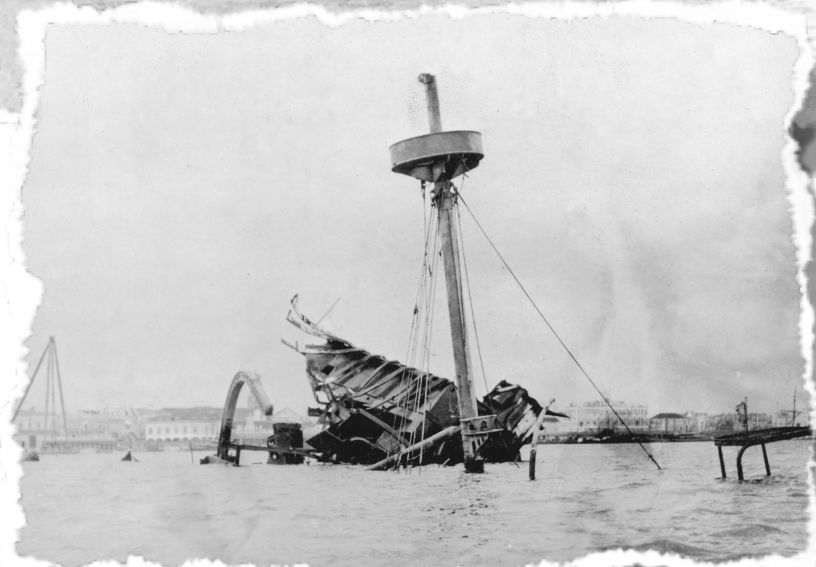
*LETTER WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE SEEN*

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**

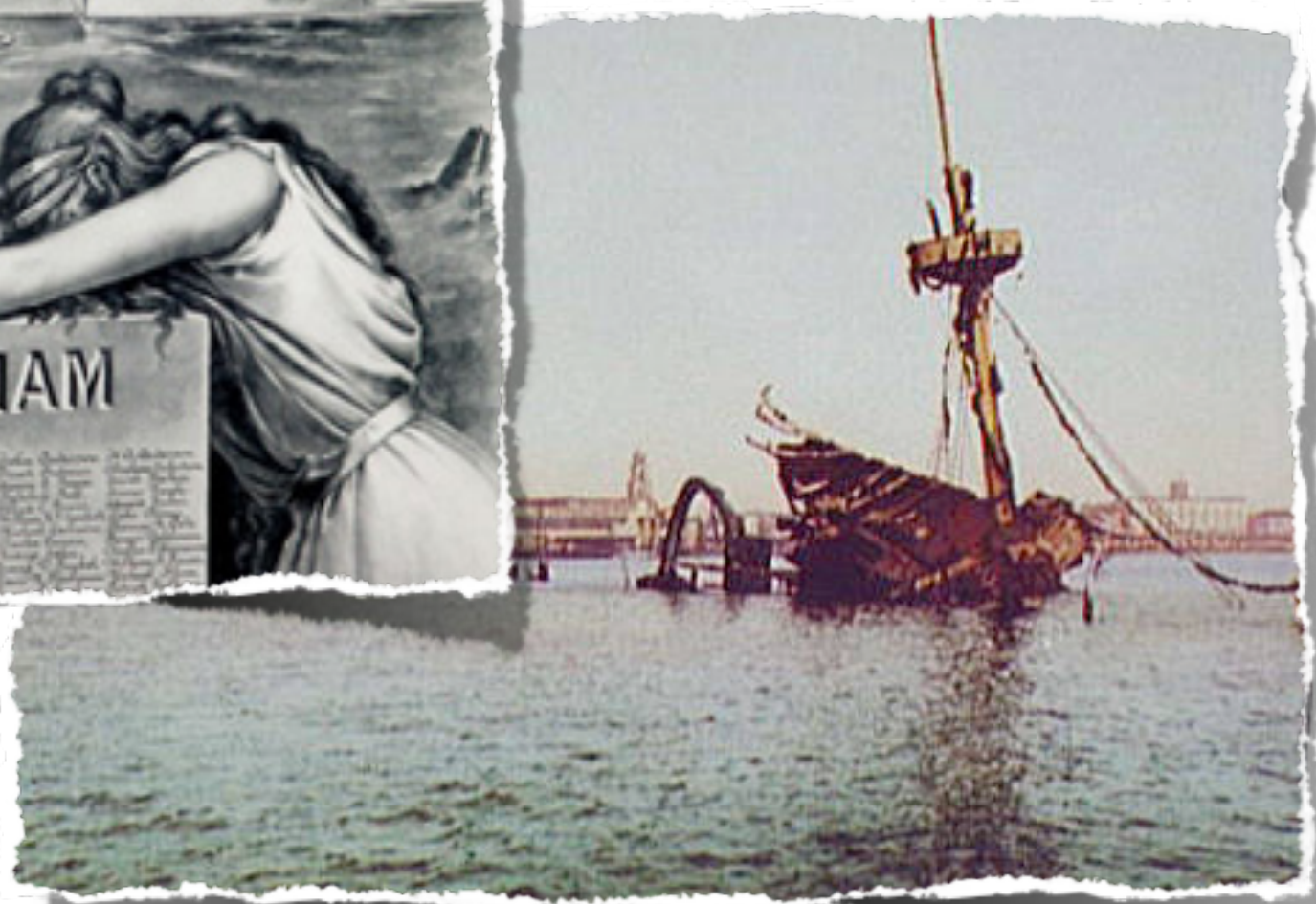
**260 of 350** sailors onboard are **KIA**

**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  
BROUGHT 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)**



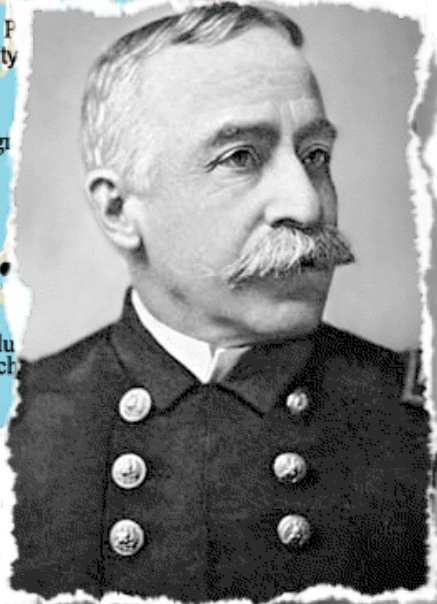
**nonetheless, Congress declares war  
on Spain 11 days later**



**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**

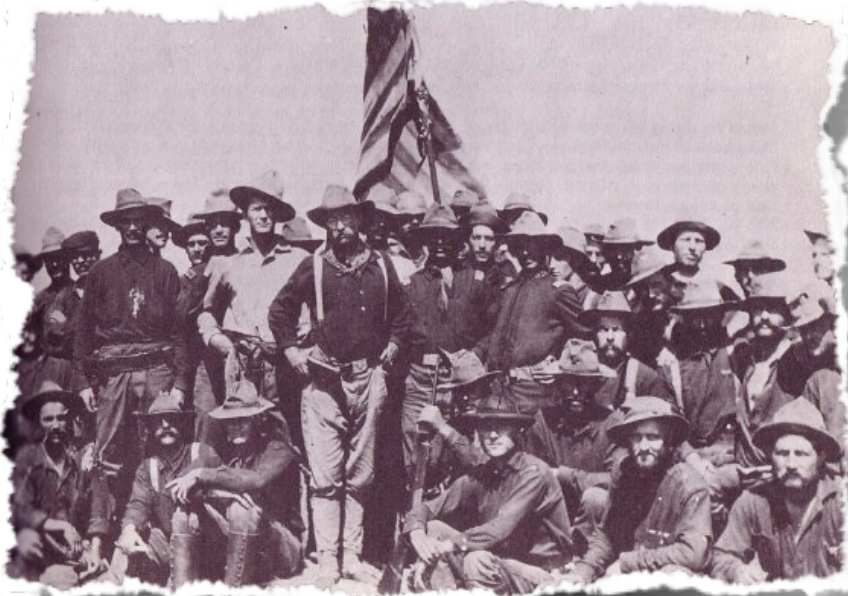
**SPANISH FLEET IS SURPRISED, ANNIHILATED**

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

# THE SPANISH - AMERICAN WAR

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**