



# *Creating An Empire*

*Day 1 – Expansion and Immigration*

**BECAUSE EMPIRES AREN'T JUST FOR  
STAR WARS**

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  - Barrios
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  - Imperialism
  - Isolationism
  - Interventionism

# **JOG THE MEMORY...**

- Following the Civil War during the time period we call “Reconstruction”, what were some of the biggest issues / concerns?
- When you suddenly have an influx of “free” people, what do they want?
- In addition, as the U.S. starts to prosper, we will see a lot of *new blood* coming to our shores...

# MAKE AMERICA IMMIGRATE AGAIN

- Before the Civil War, other than enslaved people, most immigrants came from Northern and Western Europe.
  - *Why do you think that is?*
- *In addition, most shared a common religion, spoke English, and “assimilated” well.*
- However, by the mid-1880s that shifted...

# MAKE AMERICA IMMIGRATE AGAIN

1880-1930

Italy	4,600,000
Austro-Hungarian Empire	4,000,000
Russian Empire	3,300,000
German Empire	2,800,000
Britain	2,300,000
Canada	2,300,000
Ireland	1,700,000
Sweden	1,100,000

2 Million

1 Million

100,000

# MAKE AMERICA IMMIGRATE AGAIN



# **DON'T GET OVERZ-ELLIS**



- By the late 1800s more were coming from “foreign” lands, with other languages, religions, and backgrounds.
- *Thus, we needed a way to “process” those individuals efficiently, and on a massive scale. In the West, it was Angel Island in San Francisco Bay, but in the East...*
- Ellis Island
  - Immigrant processing center
  - New York Harbor
  - Immigrants were questioned about health, occupations, relatives, and plans
  - *Some even had names changed!*

# ***DON'T GET OVERZ-ELLIS***



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"GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR,  
YOUR HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE,  
THE WRETCHED REFUSE OF YOUR TEEMING SHORE,  
SEND THESE, THE HOMELESS, TEMPEST-TOST TO ME,  
I LIFT MY LAMP BESIDE THE GOLDEN DOOR!"

# CULTURE CLASH

- *Not everyone to our “golden doors” found America the land of opportunity*
- *After all, they needed to find a job, a place to live, and hopefully room to grow*
- *Meanwhile, those who were now “free” following the Civil War also needed those things...*

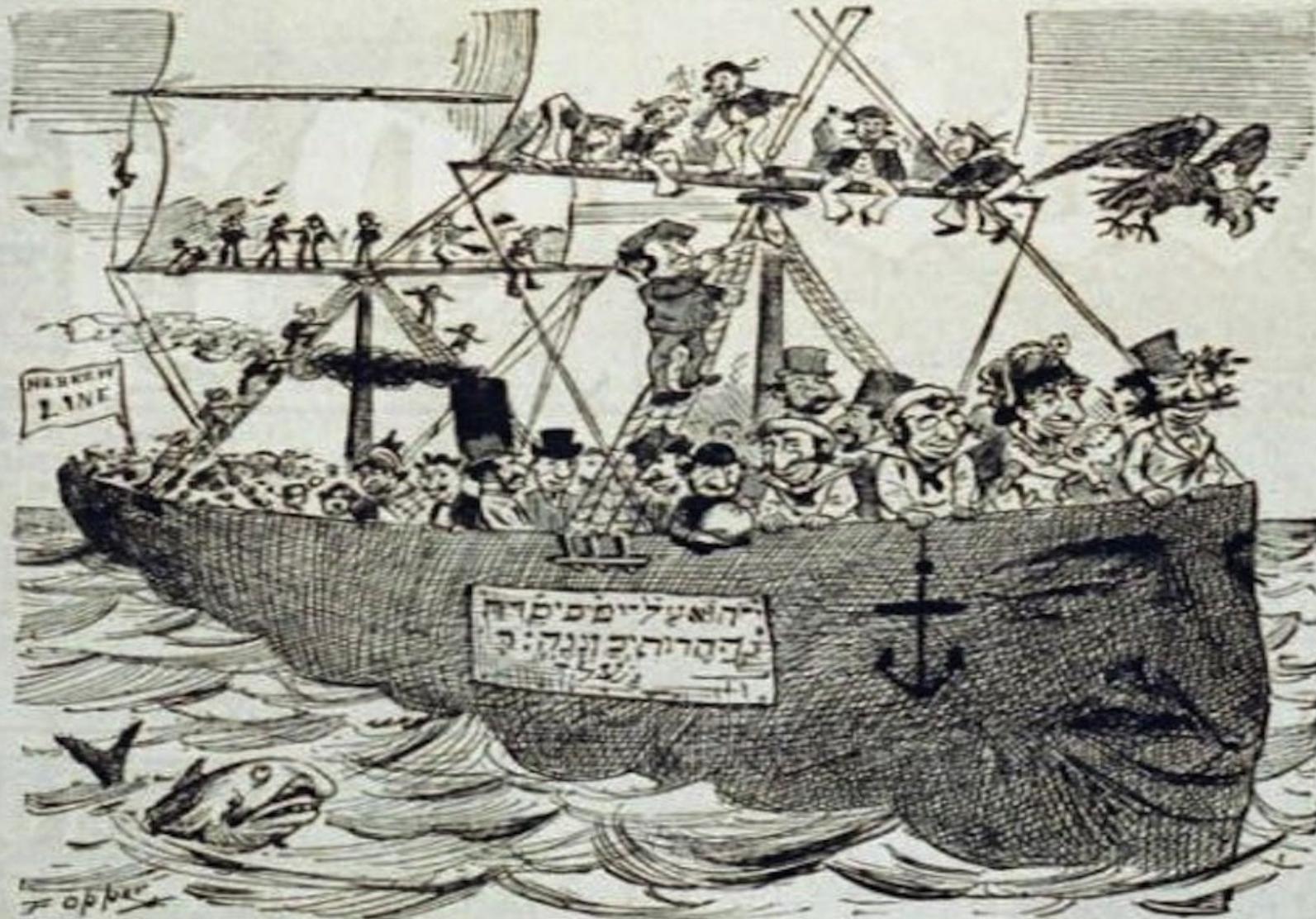
# CULTURE CLASH

- *Many suffered discrimination*
  - Unfair treatment of a group
  - *In the late 1800s **generally** due to race (ethnicity), religion, or place of birth*
- *This, along with crammed situations in cities forced many immigrations into “less than ideal” situations...*



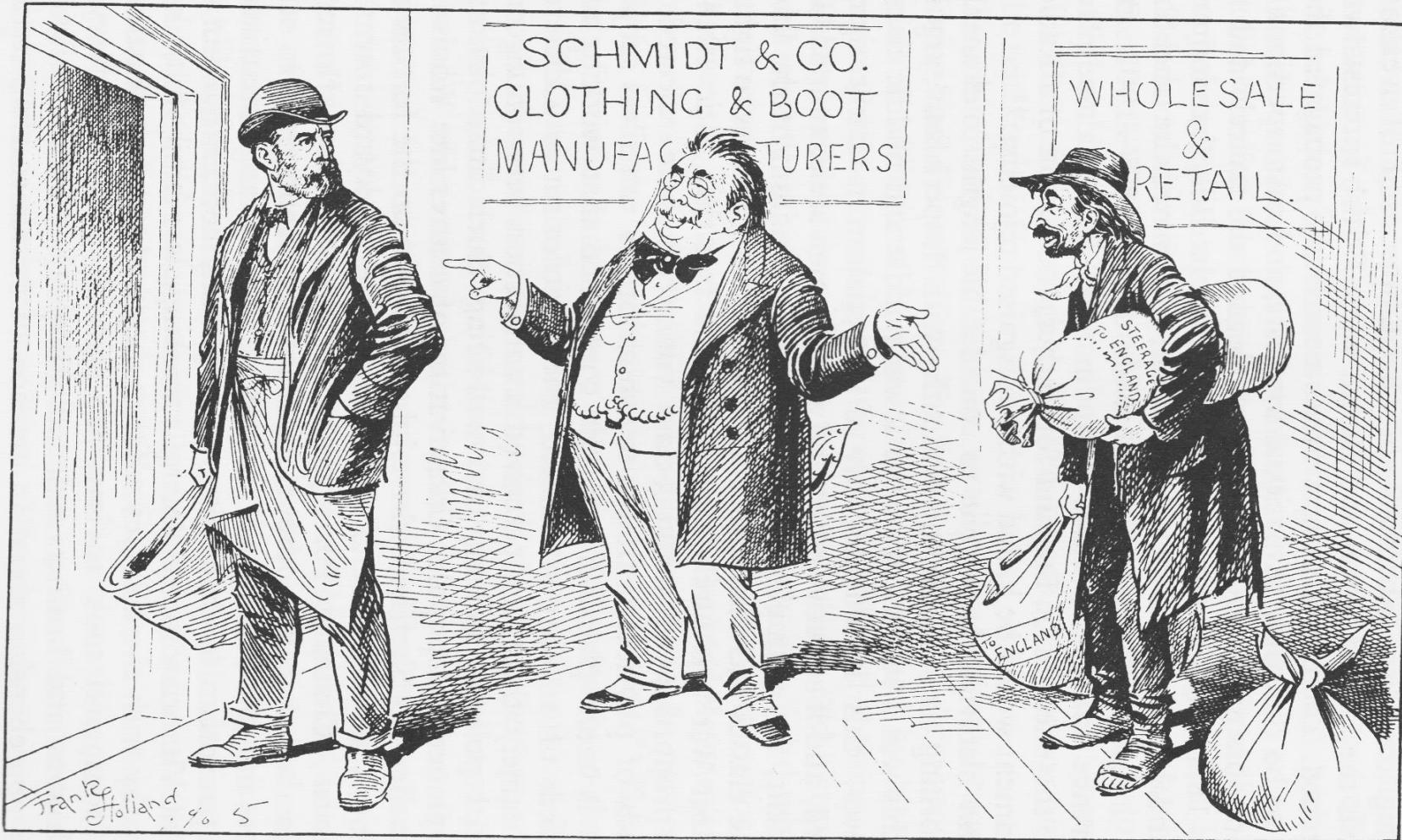
# CULTURE CLASH

## THE "NEW TRANS-ATLANTIC HEBREW LINE"



# CULTURE CLASH

“THE LIBERALS’ PAL.”



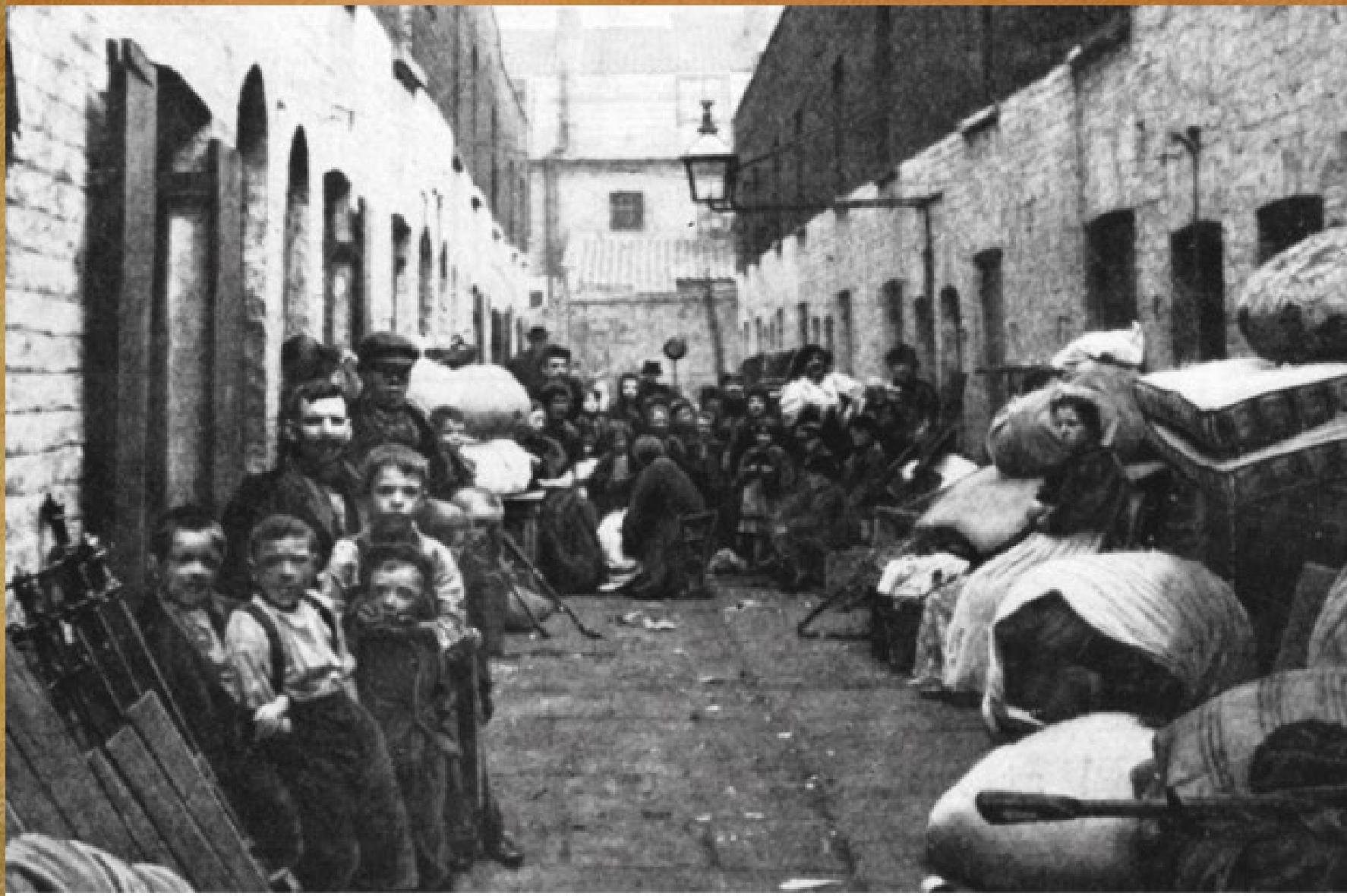
THE ALIEN EMPLOYER (to British Workman): “You can go now. Mine friend, who has just arrived, will do your work for half your wages.”

Protectionist propaganda 1906 from the Conservative pamphlet 'Topical Tips for Typical Tykes'.

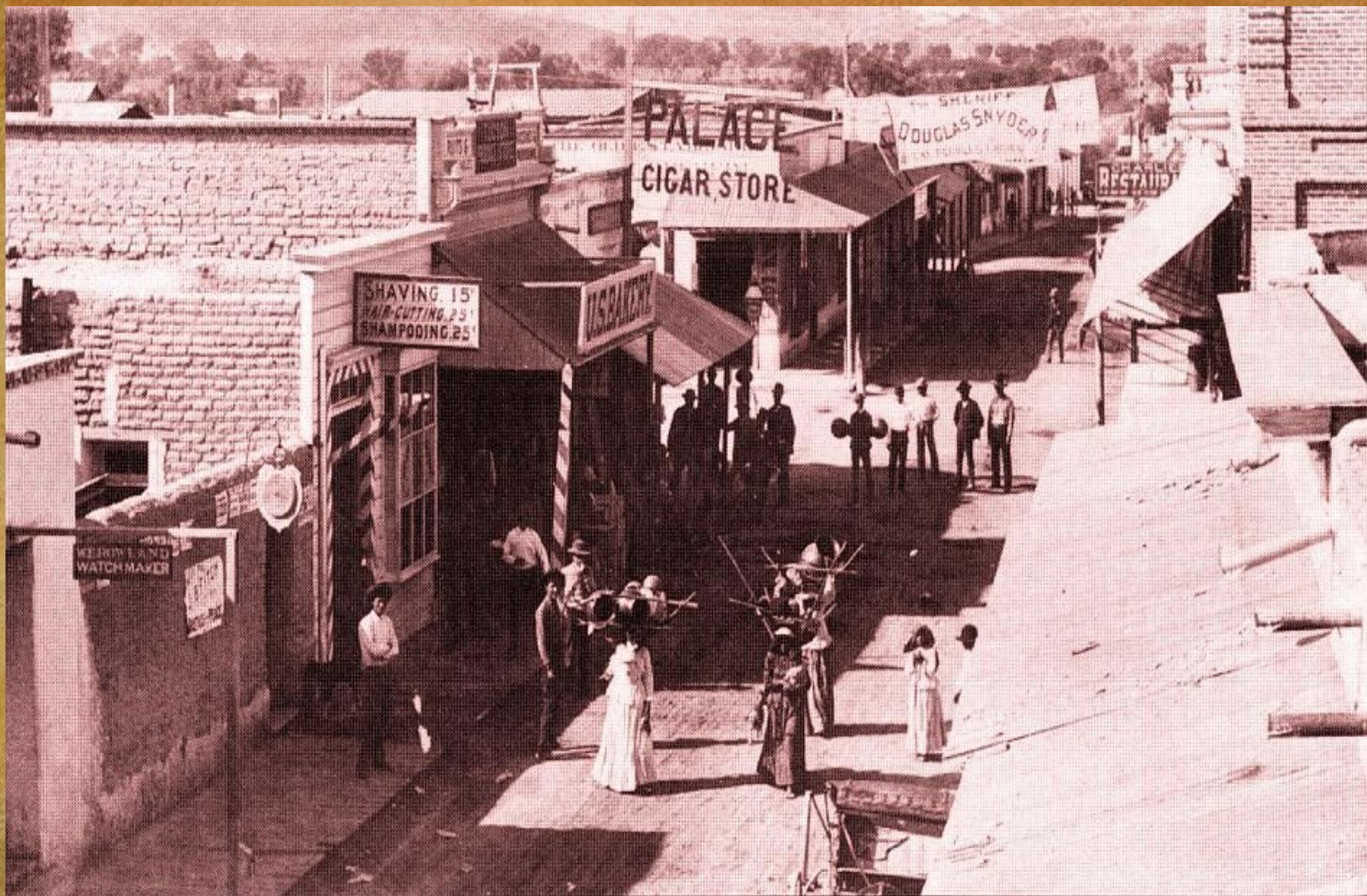
# SWEATIN' TO THE MOLDIES

- *In places like New York City, this created slums*
  - Poor, crowded, and run-down urban neighborhoods
  - Often unsafe, and higher in crime
- Others merely chose to segregate by culture group, like the barrios
  - Spanish-speaking neighborhood
- And finally, many had no choice but to take whatever work they could find, even if in sweat shops
  - Long hours, low wages, and unsafe conditions

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# SO... WHY MOVE?

- *So... WHY did so many immigrate to the United States between 1870-1910?*
- *Opportunity?*
- *Food?*
- *Land?*
- *Better Treatment?*

# ATTITUDES EMERGE

*The reasons people came TO the U.S. also forced those IN the U.S. to take a stand, and decide how to view the “World’s Problems” but also America’s role in them...*

**RETHINKING  
AMERICA’S  
ROLE**



# ATTITUDES EMERGE

These attitudes can be simplified down to primarily four “isms”:

Expansionism

Imperialism

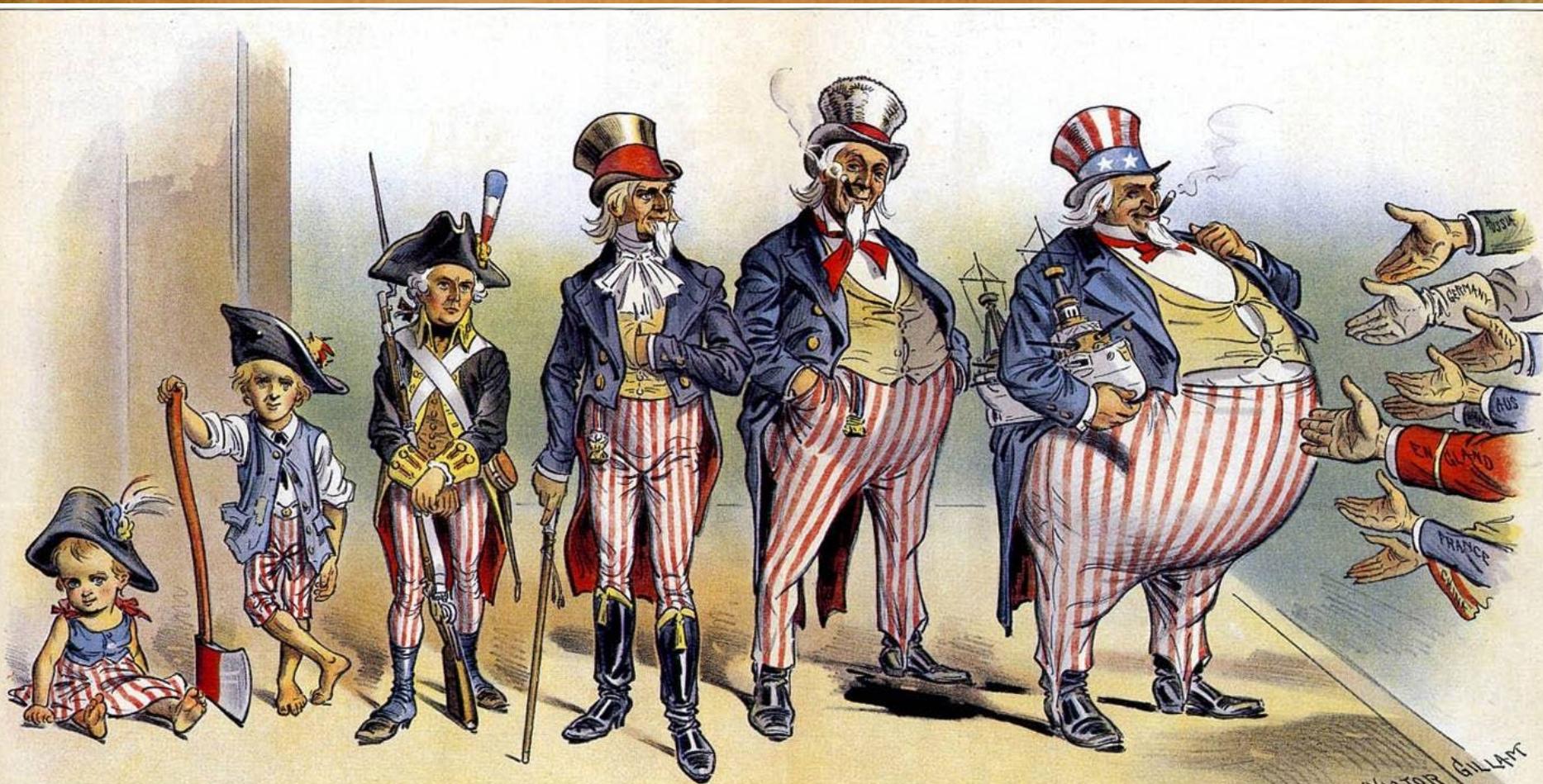
Isolationism

Interventionism

# EXPANSIONISM

- Policy for expanding a Nation's boundaries
  - *Thru whatever means necessary*
  - i.e. The United States in the early years
    - ...or Putin right now ☺

# EXPANSIONISM



-1783-  
THE UNION  
STARTED WITH 13 STATES.  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES.  
3,49,845.

-1803-  
THE UNION CONSISTED  
OF 17 STATES  
AND  
THE PROVINCE OF  
LOUISIANA  
CEDED BY  
FRANCE.

-1819-  
THE UNION CONSISTED  
OF 22 STATES.  
FLORIDA  
CEDED BY  
SPAIN.

-1861-  
THE UNION CONSISTED  
OF 34 STATES  
TEXAS BEING ANNEXED  
IN 1845.

-1898-  
THE UNITED STATES  
CONSISTED OF 48 STATES AND TERRITORIES  
AREA 3,601,270.  
IN THIS YEAR HAWAII  
WAS ANNEXED.

-1899-  
THE UNITED STATES HAS COME INTO  
POSSESSION OF VALUABLE COLONIES  
CUBA - PHILIPPINES  
AND PORTO-RICO.

AND NOW ALL  
THE NATIONS  
ARE ANXIOUS TO BE ON  
FRIENDLY TERMS WITH  
UNCLE SAM.

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"A LESSON FOR ANTI-EXPANSIONISTS."

"Character and History of Uncle Sam and His Famous Expansions."

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# IMPERIALISM

- **When** one nation exercises political or economic control over another
  - *Usually smaller or weaker*
- *i.e. The British Empire*



# IMPERIALISM



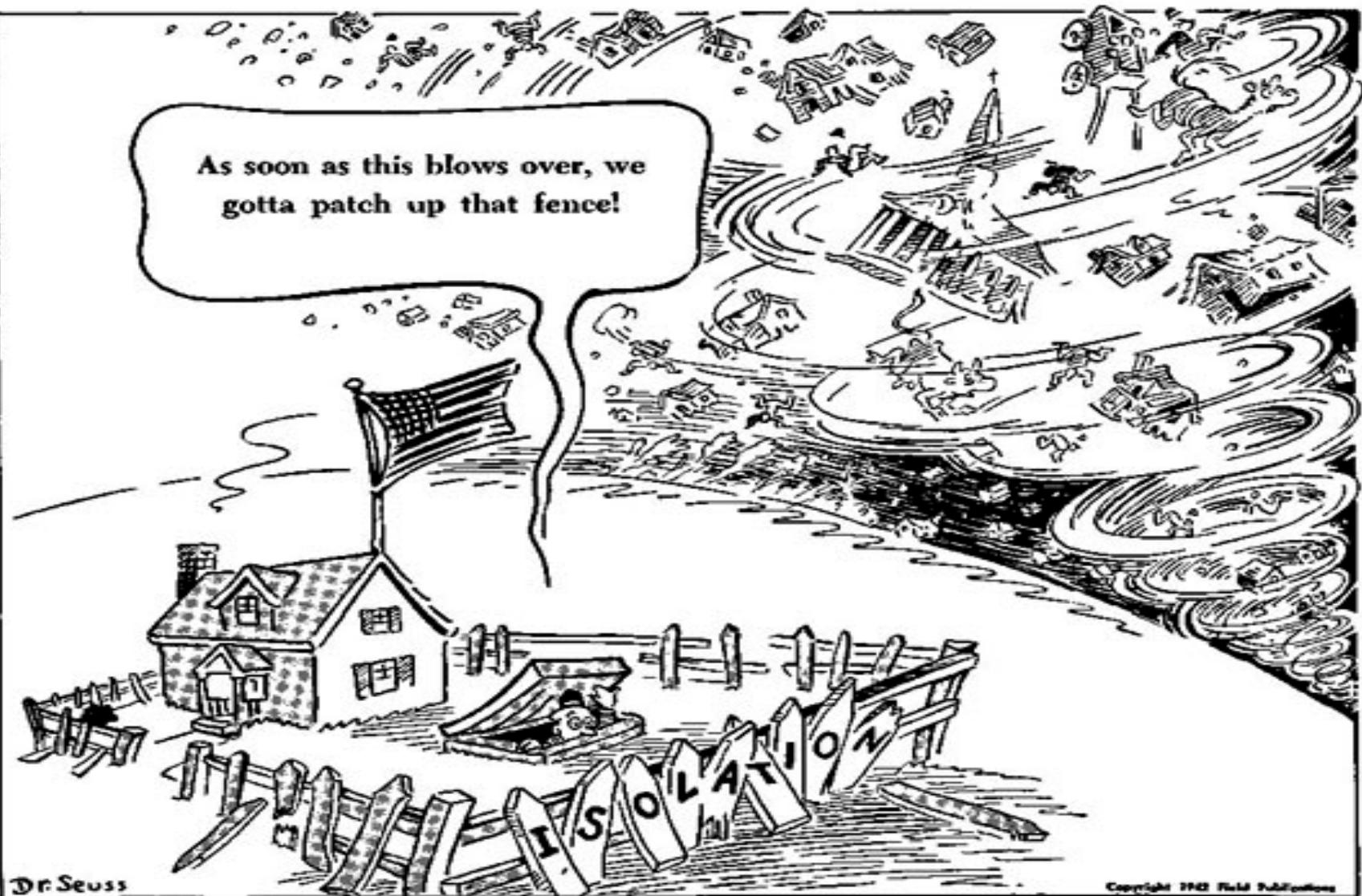
# ISOLATIONISM

- Policy of avoiding involvement in World Affairs
- *“Hands off”*
- *i.e. The United States during the French Revolution*

# ISOLATIONISM

With a Whole World to Rebuild . . .

As soon as this blows over, we  
gotta patch up that fence!



# INTERVENTIONISM

- Being actively involved in world affairs
- *Especially militarily*
  - *But can also mean \$\$\$*
- *i.e. Sending troops to South Korea*

# INTERVENTIONISM



"While US troops were busy in Yugoslavia, South Korea, and Haiti today, North Dakota seceded."

# AND SO...

- *We should see, in part, that the changing makeup of America's PEOPLE would lead to changes in POLICY, and a need for more "space"*
- *In addition, we need ways to improve the ways we LIVE and WORK*
- *But THAT, is next week... The Gilded Age*
- *And now, a video tribute to those generations of immigrants, without whom most of US wouldn't be here...*



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