

CHAPTER 18

Colonial Encounters in Asia, Africa, and Oceania

1750–1950



The Imperial Durbar of 1903

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I. Industry and Empire

A. Industrial Revolution fueled Europe's expansion

B. European's perceptions of the “other” changed during industrialization



THE DEVILFISH IN EGYPTIAN WATERS.

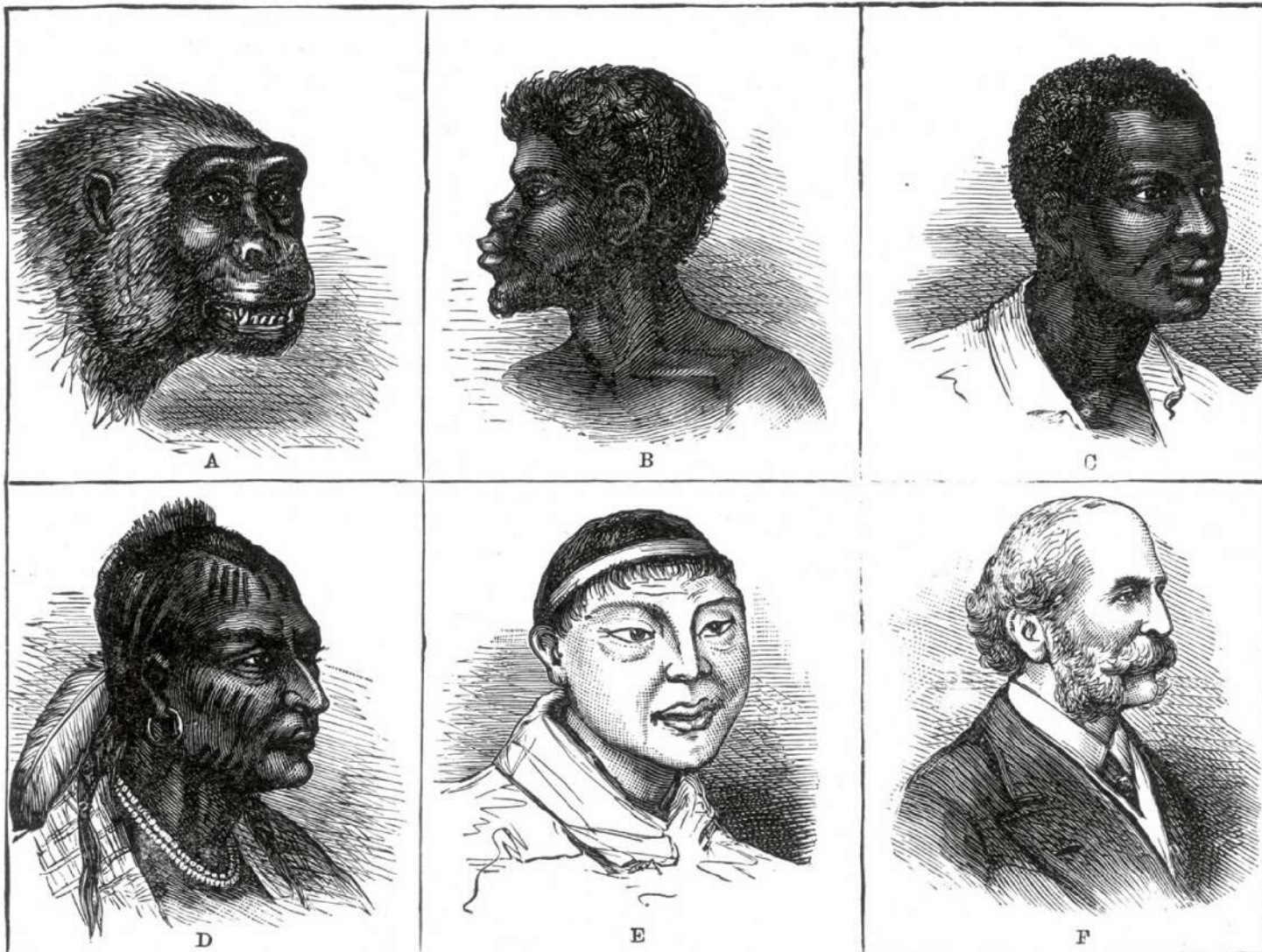
An American View of British Imperialism

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PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF MAN.—(2) EVOLUTION ILLUSTRATED WITH THE SIX CORRESPONDING LIVING FORMS.

European Racial Images

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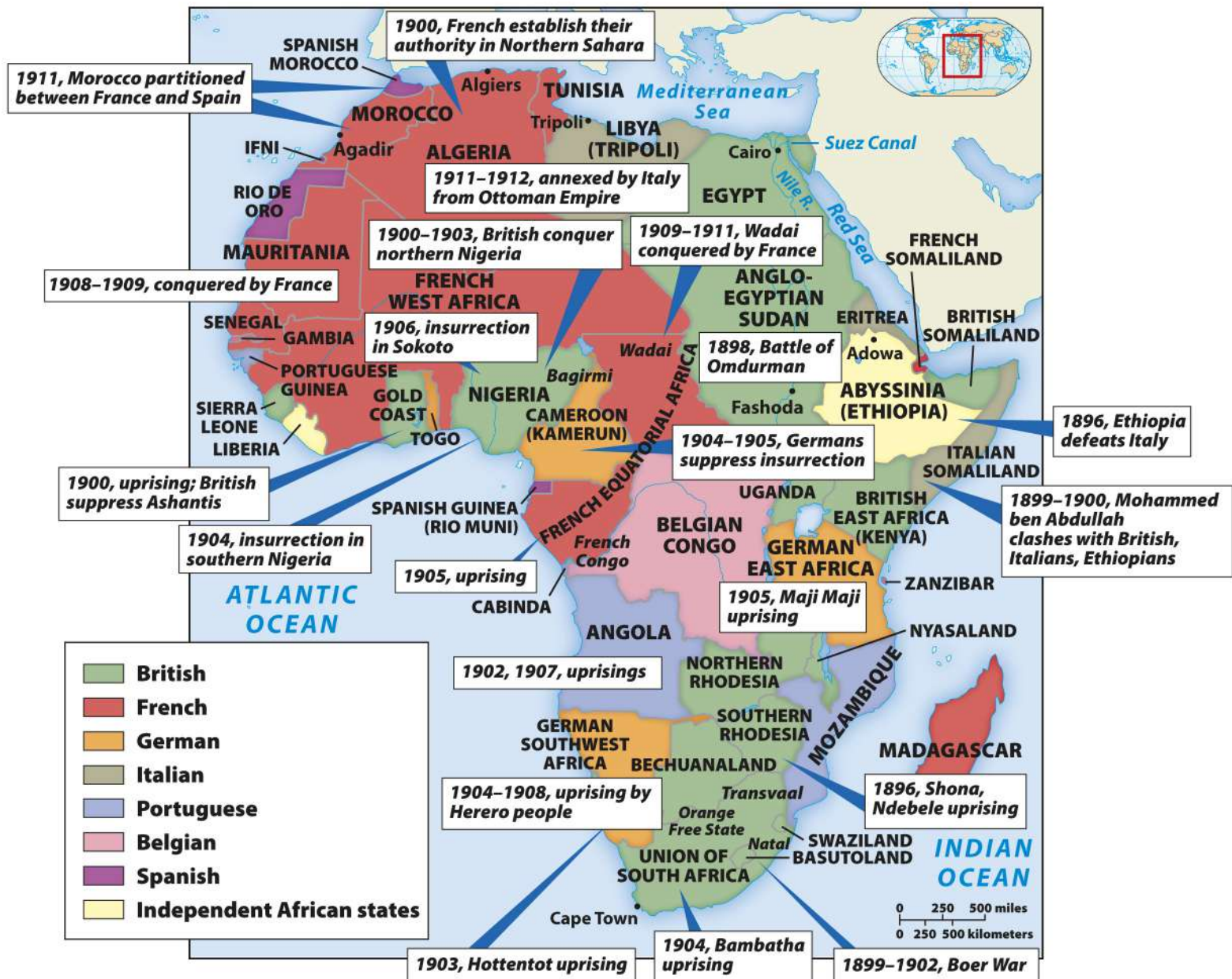
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II. A Second Wave of European Conquests

- A. Second phase of colonial conquest 1750-1990**
- B. Establishment of second-wave European empires**
- C. Becoming a colony happened in a variety of ways**
- D. Asian and African societies: wide range of responses**



Map 18.1 Colonial Asia in the Early Twentieth Century
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III. Under European Rule

A. Cooperation and Rebellion

1. Some groups cooperated with new masters
2. The promotion of European education
3. Periodic rebellions

III. Under European Rule

B. Colonial Empires with a Difference

1. Race distinguished rulers from the ruled
2. Racism especially pronounced in areas with large number of European settlers
3. Colonial states imposed deep changes in daily lives
4. Colonizers counted and classified subjects
5. The role of gender
6. Colonial policies contradicted European values

IV. Ways of Working: Comparing Colonial Economics

A. Economics of Coercion: Forced Labor and the Power of the State

1. Unpaid labor on public projects (Congo Free State)
2. “Cultivation system” of the Netherlands East Indies
3. Resistance to forced cultivation of cash crops



Colonial Violence in the Congo

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IV. Ways of Working: Comparing Colonial Economics

B. Economies of Cash-Crop Agriculture: The Pull of the Market

1. Many happy to increase production for world markets
2. Mekong Delta (French-ruled Vietnam)
3. Southern Gold Coast (Ghana)
4. Colonies specialized in one or two cash crops

IV. Ways of Working: Comparing Colonial Economics

C. Economics of Wage Labor: Migration for Work

1. Wage labor common
2. African Migrants in several directions
3. Asia: 28 million Indians and 19 million Chinese
4. Colonial cities attracted many workers



Economic Change in the Colonial World

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IV. Ways of Working: Comparing Colonial Economics

D. Women and the Colonial Economy: Examples from Africa

1. Precolonial Africa: active farmers
2. Colonial economy: subsistence work, left home
3. Colonial economy: small trade and marketing



Women of Kenya forming a Home Guard

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IV. Ways of Working: Comparing Colonial Economics

E. Assessing Colonial Development

1. Defenders: Jump-started modern growth;
Critics: long record of exploitation and limited, uneven growth
2. Helped integrate Asian and African economies into modern global exchange network
3. Did not lead to breakthroughs to modern industrial societies

V. Believing and Belonging: Identity and Cultural Change in the Colonial Era

A. Education

1. Western education brought new identity
2. Created cultural divide: educated and non-educated
3. Western-educated elite saw colonial rule as path to a better future



The Educated Elite

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V. Believing and Belonging: Identity and Cultural Change in the Colonial Era

B. Religion

1. Widespread conversion to Christianity
2. Christianity attractive in Africa
3. Conflicts over gender roles and sexual norms
4. Christianity Africanized with “independent churches”
5. Christianity did not spread widely in Islam



The Missionary Factor
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Swami Vivekananda

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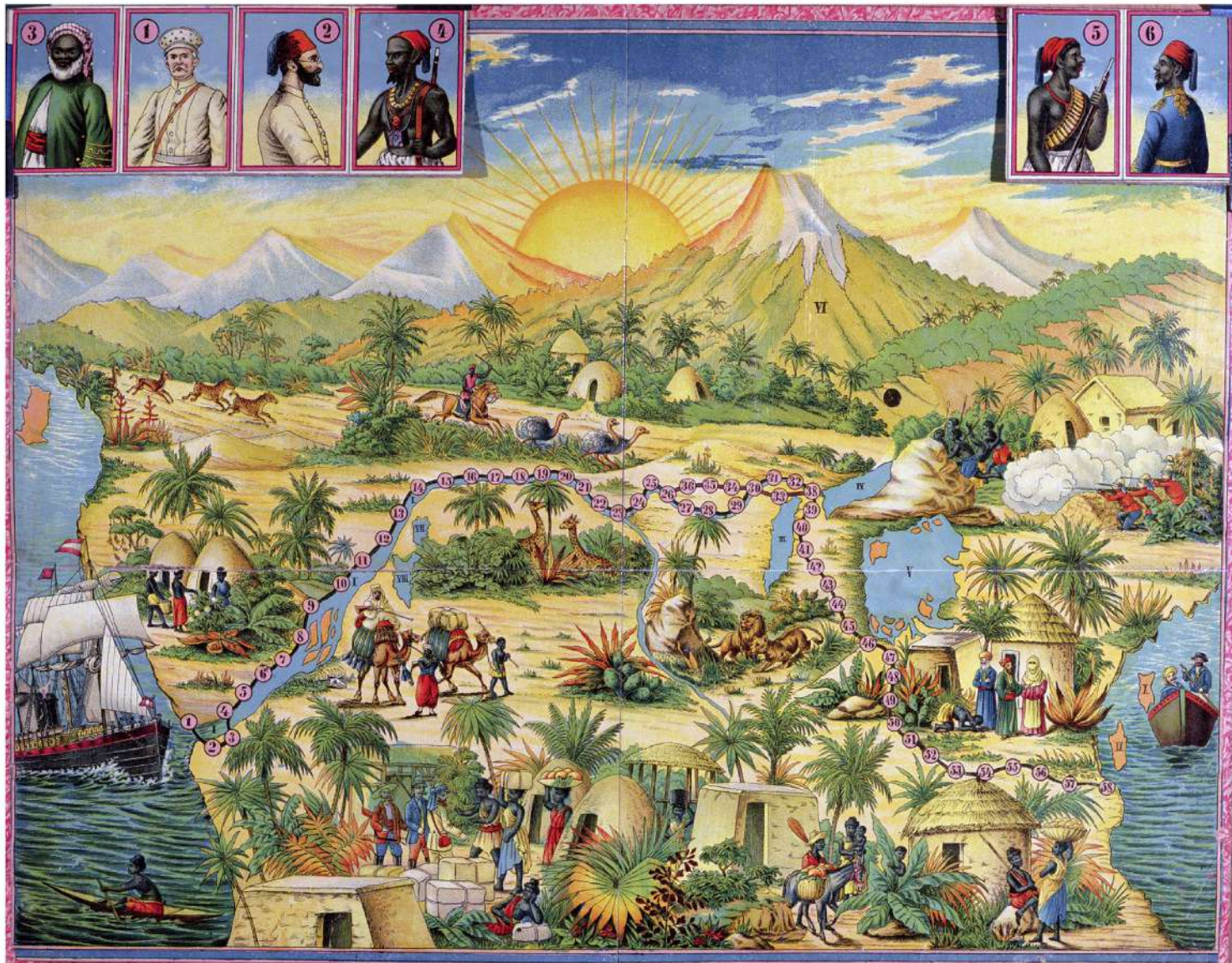
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V. Believing and Belonging: Identity and Cultural Change in the Colonial Era

B. “Race” and “Tribe”

1. Race and ethnicity central to new ways of belonging
2. 1900: African thinkers begin to define “African identity”
3. Twentieth century: Africans take part in World War I
4. Idea of “tribe” or ethnic identity



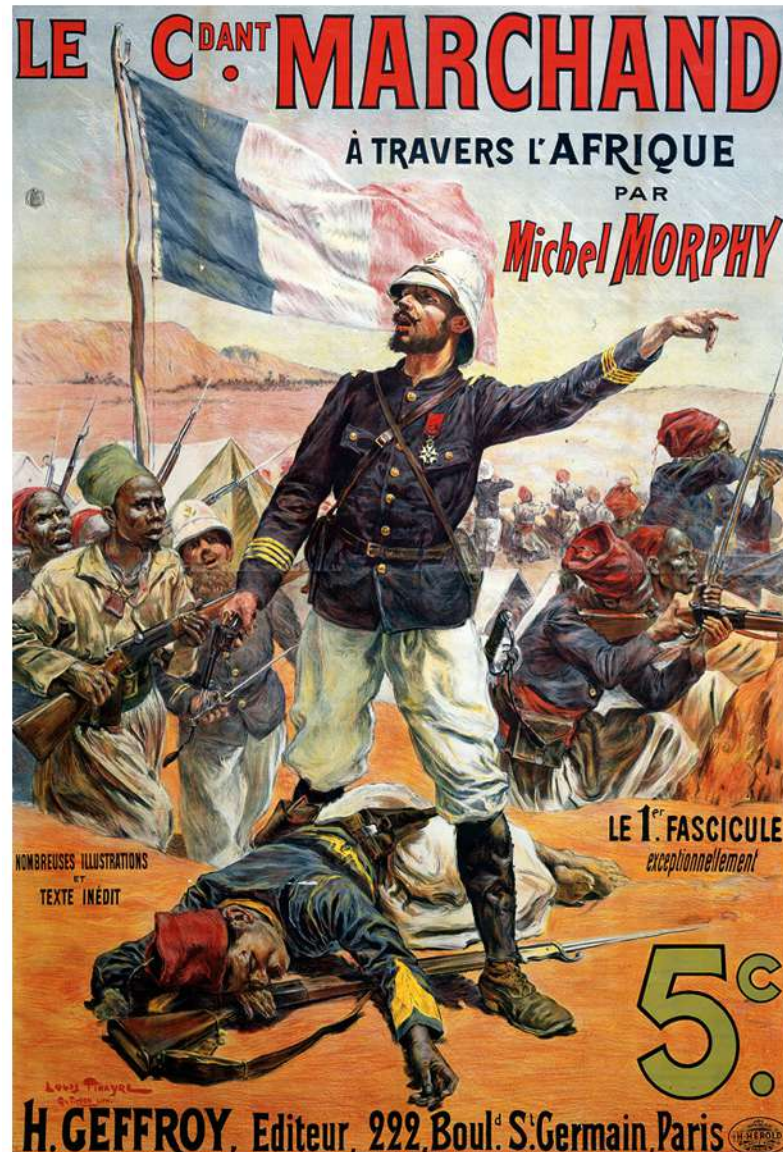
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