South Africa
The South African Gold Rush

- Remember the Zulu War?
  - Afterwards, the mandate to “Canadaize” South Africa put on hold...
- But then the Witwatersrand...
- Back up
  - The Great Trek
  - 1886 Transvaal gold strike
  - 100,000 (English speaking miners etc. in Johannesburg)
  - 200,000 Boers
- By 1913: 1M Dutch, English; 500K Indians, others; 2.5M Zulu, Tswana...
Convince the Boers…

- The 1895 Jameson Raid
- Joseph Chamberlain in 1899: equal rights for British citizens, or war
- Boers struck in October 1899
  - 40K British soldiers in South Africa
  - 50K male Boers of potential military age
  - Mafeking, Ladysmith, Kimberley, Spion Kop, Vaal Kranz, Magersfontein, Stormberg, Tugela River…
- Did the British negotiate?
  - Sent 250K soldiers
  - Competent commander, Lord Roberts
  - Boers turned to guerrilla war
  - British invented the concentration camp
- Boer population of 200K—30K dead after the war: 10K soldiers, 15K children, 5K women and elderly.
- British deaths: 8K in battle, 14K of disease
- African deaths: 30K?
- 1900 “Khaki election”
Nationalism

- German sociologist Max Weber:
  - “The German character of the East... should be protected... the economic policy of the state should enter into the lists in its defense.... The economic struggle between the nationalities follows its course even under the semblance of ‘peace’.... The vulgar conception of political economy is that it consists in working out recipes for making the world happy.... However... elbow-room... can [only] be won... through the hard struggle.... That standard of value adopted by a German economic theorist, can... be nothing other than a German policy and a German standard.... Our successors will... hold us responsible... for the amount of elbow-room we conquer.... The science of political economy is... a servant of... the lasting political-power interests of... our nation's power, and the vehicle of that power, the German national state...”
Erich von Manstein

- von Manstein
- von Lewinsky
- Lewinski
- Levi
“We Offered 4, the Navy Demanded 6…

• ...and we compromised on 8…”
• French politics welcomes a rematch...
• Germany wants its place in the sun...
• the German battlefleet to command “respect”
• Russia seeks a short victorious war
• Austria-Hungary wants to repel Balkan nationalism
• Busying giddy minds with foreign quarrels?
Catch Our Breath...

- Comments?
- Questions?