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FOUR OF THE COUNTRIES ENGAGED IN WAR HAVE POSSESSIONS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Four out of the six powers of Europe which have engaged in warfare have colonial possessions, protectorates and dependencies scattered all over the world.

Austria-Hungary and Russia have no colonial possessions, though the Russian Empire stretches through the continents of Europe and Asia and presents a long coast line on the northern Pacific. Of the others, Great Britain has colonies and protectorates the world over; France has colonies and protectorates in Africa, India, China, in South America, in the West Indies, in the North Atlantic, and in the Pacific and Indian Oceans; Germany has colonial possessions in Africa, in China, and in the Pacific Ocean, and Italy has dependencies in Africa and a concession in China.

England's vast empires, India, Canada and Australia; her holdings on the Malay Peninsula; her colonies in Africa, and her fortified positions in the Mediterranean—Gibraltar and Malta—put her at the head of the colony-holding nations of the world; they also increase the field of her protective operations in the war with Austria-Hungary and Germany, and possibly with Italy.

Many of the minor holdings of the four powers with colonial possessions to defend are themselves without military strength. In many cases the protecting power has only very small garrisons on shore, which amount to nothing more than local police forces. This is particularly true in Africa, outside of the French and British colonies, in the Pacific Ocean, and in American waters.

The continent of Africa presents a notable picture of the juxtaposition of protectorates and colonies belonging to Great Britain, France and Germany.

France has a protectorate over Morocco, and her Algerian possessions, facing the Mediterranean, are bounded on the east by Tripoli, a dependency of Italy. Then comes Egypt, where British interests are paramount. On the Red Sea and contiguous to Egypt is the Italian dependency of Eritrea. Coming down the east coast are British Somaliland, Italian Somaliland, British East Africa, German East Africa, Portuguese East Africa, and then British South Africa, embracing Rhodesia, the Transvaal, the Orange River Colony, Natal, and the Cape of Good Hope. On the west, contiguous in the order named, are German Southwest Africa; Portuguese West Africa; the Congo State, belonging to Belgium; the French Congo; Kamerun, belonging to Germany; the Niger Territories, a protectorate of Great Britain; French West Africa; Togoland, belonging to Germany; the Gold Coast, a British Colony, and the Ivory Coast, annexed by France twenty years ago.

The following is a list of the colonies, protectorates and dependencies of the three countries—Great Britain, Germany and France—which are already involved, and of Italy, which may be drawn into the war:

Great Britain.
GIBRALTER—At the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea; area, two square miles; military force, 3,857.
MALTA—In the Mediterranean Sea; area, 117 square miles; military strength, 7,647.
CYPRUS—Island in the Mediterranean, 60 miles from the coast of Asia Minor; area, 3,584 square miles; military strength, 121 men.
EMPIRE OF INDIA—Area, 1,800,000 square miles; population, 295,000,000; military strength, British troops 75,897, native troops 163,836, with 35,700 reservists.
CEYLON—Off the southeast coast of India; area, 25,335 square miles; military strength, 1252 men.
MALDIVES ISLANDS—In the Indian Ocean, 400 miles southwest of India; area, 115 square miles; population, 50,000; a group of twelve coral islets.
FEDERATED MALAY STATES—Of the Malay Peninsula; area, 28,000 square miles; population, 678,000; military strength, 851 natives, under eleven European officers; also a native constabulary.
BORNEO—In the East Indies; area, 76,000 square miles; population, 550,000.
HONGKONG—East coast of China; area, 400 square miles; population 400,000; military strength, 4270.
WEI-HAI-WEI—In the Province of Shantung, China; area, 285 square miles; population, 150,000. Not far from the German possession of Kailu Chau.
BAHREIN—Or Aval Islands, in the Persian Gulf, near the coast of Arabia; area, 230 square miles; population 68,000.
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—(Singapore) on the Strait of Malacca; area, 1500 square miles; population, 572,000; military strength, 2504.
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—Comprising Cape of Good Hope; Natal, the Transvaal and Orange River Colony; area, 473,000 square miles; population, 6,000,000; military strength, British imperial troops, 6800, and local organizations.

OTHER BRITISH POSSESSIONS IN AFRICA—British East Africa, with an area of 275,000 square miles and population of 5,000,000, is left almost wholly to the natives for defense. The same is true of British Central Africa, Somaliland; Zanzibar, Basutoland, the territory of Bechuanas, Rhodesia, Nigeria, the Gold Coast, Lagos, Sierra Leone and Gambia.

IN THE INDIAN OCEAN—Scattered British possessions or protectorates are St. Helena, Ascension, Tristan d'Acunha, Mauri-

tius, the Seychelles, Chagos and other islands and the islands of St. Paul and Amsterdam. All told, these islands have a population of about 400,000, but their military strength is practically negligible.

BRITISH COLONIES IN NORTH AMERICA—Canada, with an area of 3,600,000 square miles; population, 5,500,000; has a military strength of permanent and reserve forces amounting to about 80,000 men. Newfoundland and Labrador have an area of 50,000 square miles and a population of 200,000. Off the coast of Florida are the Bermuda Islands, with an area of twenty square miles and a population of 17,000, whose military strength is given as 1340 men.

IN THE WEST INDIES—British possessions comprise Jamaica, Turks and Caicos Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Windward Islands, the Leeward Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, with a total area of 12,000 square miles and a population of about 1,600,000. Of these the most important is Jamaica, with a military strength of 1054 and with strong fortifications at Port Royal.

IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA—British Honduras and British Guiana, the former with an area of 7562 square miles and a population of 37,500, and the latter with an area of 104,000 square miles and a population of 300,000.

IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN—The Commonwealth of Australia, comprising New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, with a total area of about 3,000,000 square miles and a population of about 5,000,000. The principal ports are protected by fortifications and the military forces of the Commonwealth show a total of 174,000 men. Sydney is a first-class naval station and the headquarters of the British fleet in Australia. Pacific islands of lesser importance are the Fiji groups, British New Guinea, the Tonga Islands, Fanning, Phoenix, the Gilberts, Ellice, the Solomons, Pitcairn, and Ducie.

French Possessions, Colonies and Dependencies.
MOROCCO—In northern Africa; area 220,000 square miles; population, 4,000,000. The effective total of the French army of occupation is given as 75,000 men, while the native troops number 18,000.
ALGERIA—On the northern coast of Africa; area 343,500 square miles; European population, 7,500,000; native population, 5,000,000. Garrisoned by the Nineteenth French Army Corps and six regiments of native troops.
FRENCH INDIA—(Pondicherry) on the southeastern coast of India; 80 miles south of Madras. Area, 196 square miles; population, 276,500.
FRENCH INDO-CHINA—East of Siam, north of Singapore, south of Hongkong. Area, 256,000 square miles; population, 17,000,000. The military force consists of 10,681 Europeans and 13,968 native troops commanded by a French general of division. Naval forces consist of one gunboat, three destroyers, several torpedo boats and two submarines.
EQUATORIAL AFRICA—Or the French Congo. West coast of Africa, between Kamerun, a German colony, and the Belgian Congo; area, 669,000 square miles; white population, 1200; native population, 3,000,000. Military force consists of 530 Europeans and 7145 natives.
MADAGASCAR—Off the east coast of Africa; area, 228,500 square miles; French population, 10,000; native population, 3,500,000. Military forces consist of 2411 Europeans and 6376 natives.
IN THE INDIAN OCEAN—The Mayotte Islands and Camoro Islands between Madagascar and Africa, and the Islands of Reunion, St. Paul, Amsterdam and Kerguelen.
FRENCH SOMALI COAST—Western coast of Red Sea, opposite Aden; area, 5790 square miles; population, 208,000.
FRENCH WEST AFRICA—Comprises Senegal, French Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Dahomey and Mauritania, Senegambia and Nigeria; area, 1,500,000 square miles; European population, 9,000,000; Africans, 10,000,000 men.
TUNIS—On the northern coast of Africa; area, 50,000 square miles; population, 1,500,000; military force, 17,500 men.
FRENCH GUIANA—West of Venezuela; area, 30,500 square miles; population, 50,000.
MARTINIQUE—West Indies; area, 385 square miles; population 144,000.
GADELOUPE—West Indies; area, 688 square miles; population 212,000.
ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON—South of Newfoundland. Area of both islands, 93 square miles; population, 4652.
IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN—New Caledonia and its dependencies; the Wallis Archipelago, the Loyalty Islands; the Huon Islands and the New Hebrides. Other French establishments in Oceania, scattered over a wide area, are the Island of Tahiti, the Society Islands, the Marquesas, the Tuamotu group, the Leeward group and lesser islands. Total area, 8744 square miles; total population, 81,160.
German Colonies and Dependencies.
KIAU-CHAU—(Tsing-Tau) on the east coast of the Province of Shantung. Area, 200 square miles; garrison of 3125, composed of German marines and Chinese sol-

diers. Population 168,900.
TOGO—On west coast of Africa, between the Gold Coast (British) and Dahomey (French); area, 33,700 square miles; white population, 368; native population, 1,030,000; military force, small.
KAMERUN—West coast of Africa, between Nigeria (French) and the French Congo. Area, 191,000 square miles; white population, 1870; native population 2,600,000.
GERMAN SOUTHWEST AFRICA—West coast of Africa, north of Cape Colony; area, 322,450 square miles; white population, 14,850; native, 78,000.
GERMAN EAST AFRICA—Between British East Africa on the north and Portuguese East Africa on the south; area, 384,000 square miles; white population 5336, native 7,645,000.
IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN—Germany has as its colonies or dependencies Kaiser Wilhelm's Land, the Bismarck group, the Caroline, the Pelew, the Marianne, the Solomon and the Marshall Islands, and among the Samoan group, the Islands of Savail and Upolu. Her total Pacific possessions have an area of 96,000 square miles, with a white population of 1984, and 631,000 natives.
Italian Foreign Dependencies.
ERITREA—On the west coast of the Red Sea; area, 45,800 square miles; coast line, 670 miles; population, 450,000; military force of 127 officers and 4484 men.
SOMALILAND—On the east coast of Africa, south of Eritrea; area, 139,430 square miles; population, 400,000.
TIENTSIN—In China, a concession of seventeen square miles on the left bank of the Pei-ho. Population 1700.
TRIPOLI AND CYRENAICA—On the northern coast of Africa, between Egypt and Algeria; area, 406,000 square miles; native population, 523,176; European population, 6000.

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