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- Britain, Belgium, Germany, U.S. boomed. France fell somewhat behind, Russia trailed far behind industrially
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- widespread destruction of African cultural & economic systems
Leopold II of Belgium

- Brutal, greedy colonist of Congo Free State

Congo Free State - open to private enterprise, exempt from national conquest
Euro powers “scramble” to claim colonies in Africa
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- **Second International** - a multi-national federation of working-class organizations & political parties - adopted a Marxist revolutionary program, advocated for suffrage and better working conditions - banned anarchists from ranks

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called for Irish home rule - opposed by Conservatives, fell from power after scandal w/ married woman
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- 1879 Dual Alliance - AH & Germany form alliance to hedge against Russian power - Italy joined in 1882 due to rivalries with France, forming the Triple Alliance
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- Assassination of Alexander II - killed by radicals - succeeded by Alexander III, who unleashed extreme oppression, anti-semitism, pogroms against Jews in the Pale of Settlement, xenophobia