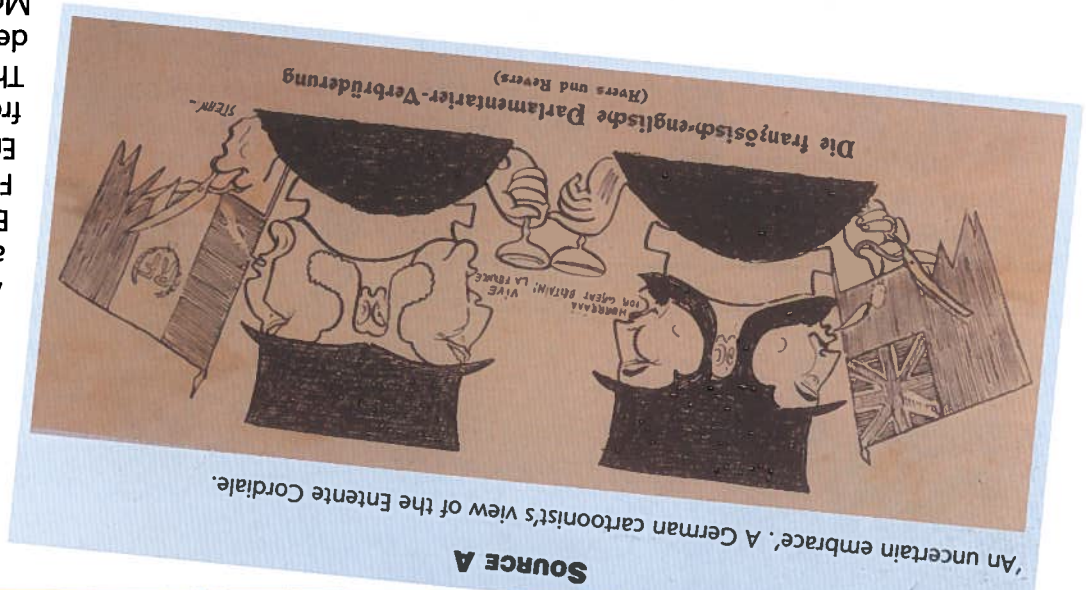
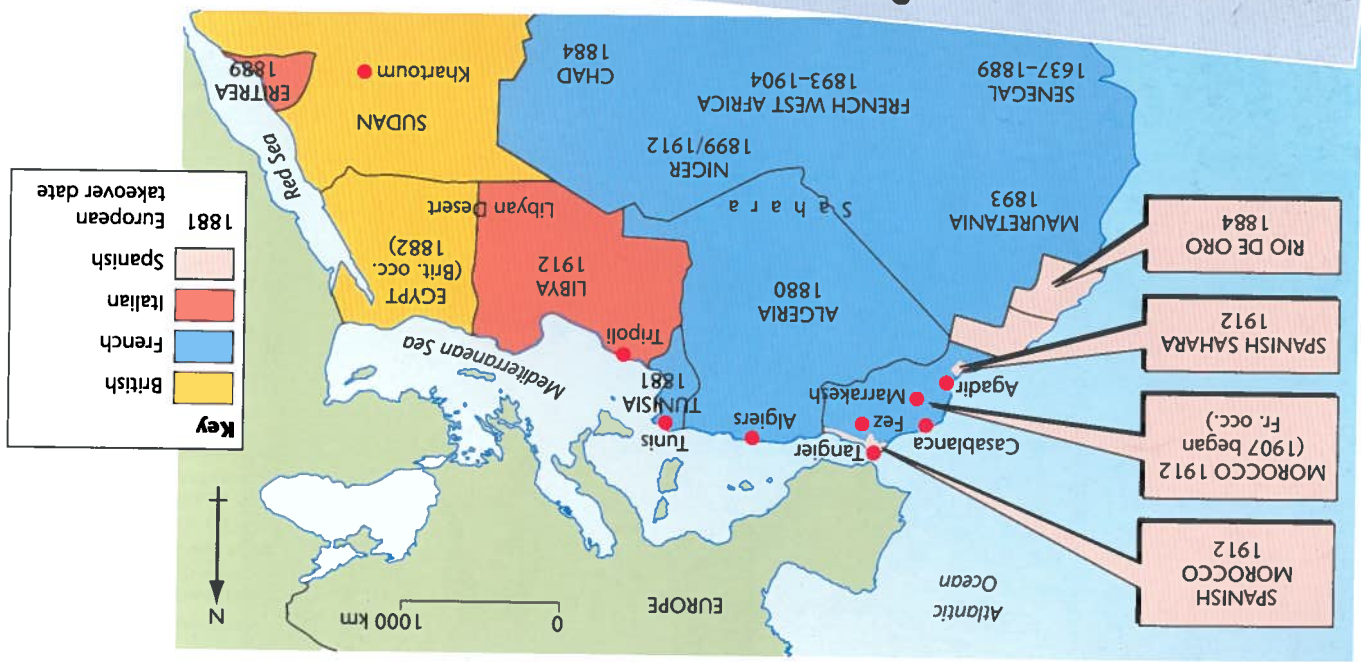


THE CRISES OF 1905-13
 There were crises in Morocco and the Balkans. These increased the rivalry between the Great Powers and brought war closer.

The First Moroccan Crisis 1905-6



France wanted Morocco to complete her empire in North Africa. In 1904 Britain and France agreed the Entente Cordiale (Anglo-French Entente). This Entente gave France a free hand in Morocco. The Kaiser, however, decided to interfere in Morocco:

- He wanted to test the strength of the Entente and believed he could split the agreement. He did not believe Britain would stand by France over Morocco.
- He did not want to see France extend her North African Empire.

In 1905 the Kaiser paid a visit to the Moroccan port of Tangiers. There he made a speech in which he declared that Morocco should remain independent of France. This sparked off a crisis. France, backed by Britain, refused to back down but did agree to the Kaiser's demand for an international meeting or conference to discuss the future of Morocco.