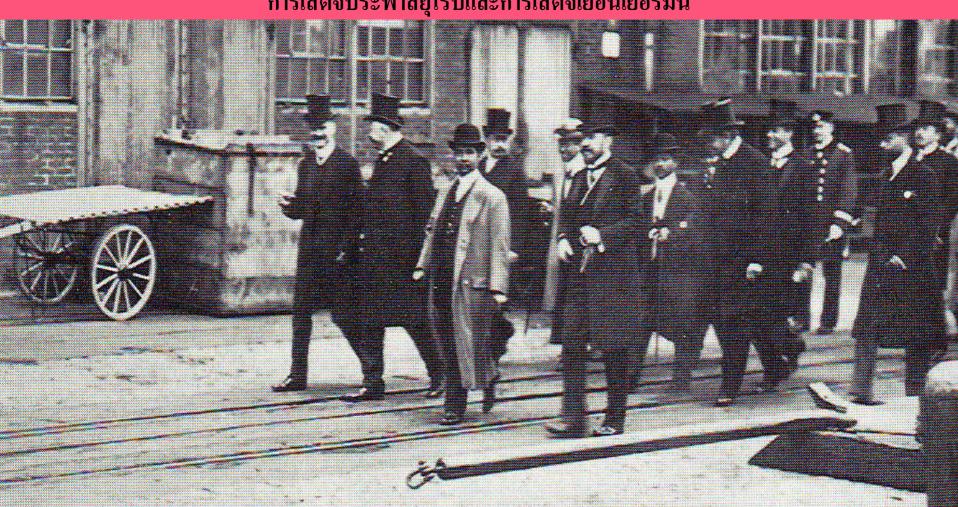
King Chulalongkorn's Grand European ToursWith Special Reference to Germany

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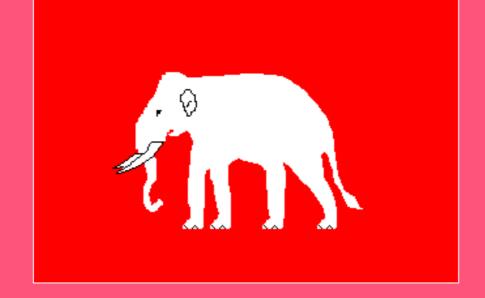
การเสด็จประพาสยุโรปและการเสด็จเยื่อนเยอรมนี





Charnvit Kasetsiri - ชาญวิทย์ เกษตรศิริ

The Siam Society – Bangkok - 16 January 2008



- Ladies, and Gentlemen, it is a pleasure to be speaking to you this evening.
- I would like to thank the Siam Society for inviting me to this distinguish gathering.
- I am deeply honored to give this talk on such an auspicious occasion of the Centennial of King Chulalongkorn's second visit to 'civilized' Europe (1897, 1907).

- In present-day Thailand, King Chulalongkorn, is known as 'the King who opened the World of Travel'.
- During his long reign, from 1868 to 1910, he visited the British colonial possessions of Singapore, Malaya, Burma, and India.
- He went to Dutch-ruled Java three times and the island became his favorite.
- In the latter part of his reign the king made two 'Grand Tours' to 'civilized' Europe and Russia.
- Photographs of him dressed as a perfect Western Gentleman are displayed in houses, shops, and offices all over Bangkok.

- The trips are as followed:
- 1871 (9 March-15 April): Singapore and Batavia/Java. The 18year old king was accompanied by 208 men. Thus he became the
 first Siamese king ever to leave the kingdom in peacetime.
 Actually, he was still a minor, with a Regent ruling on his behalf.

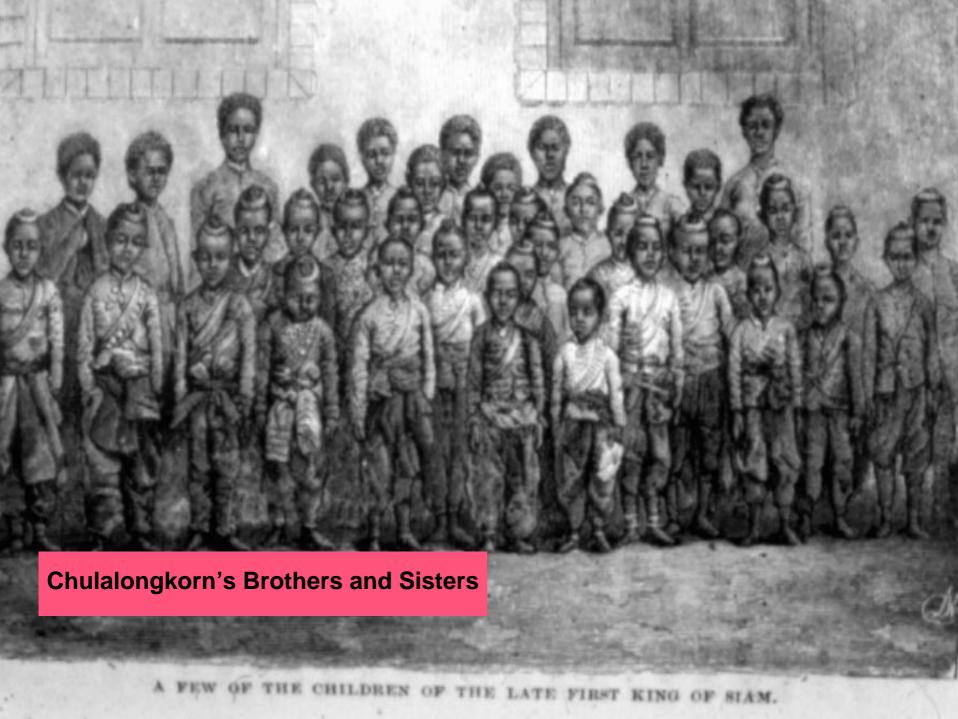
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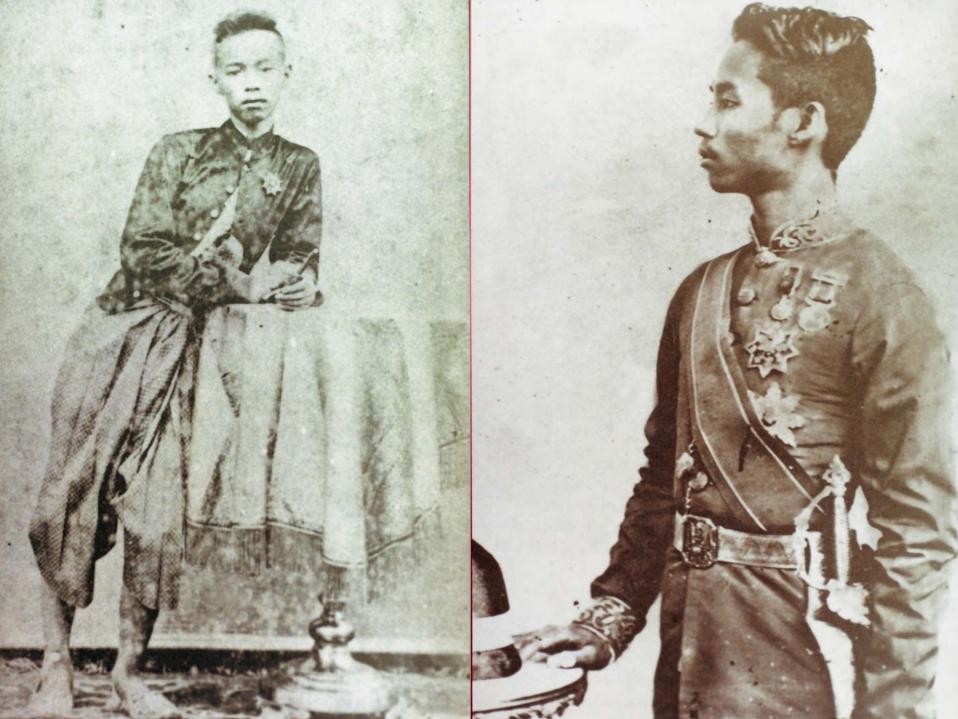
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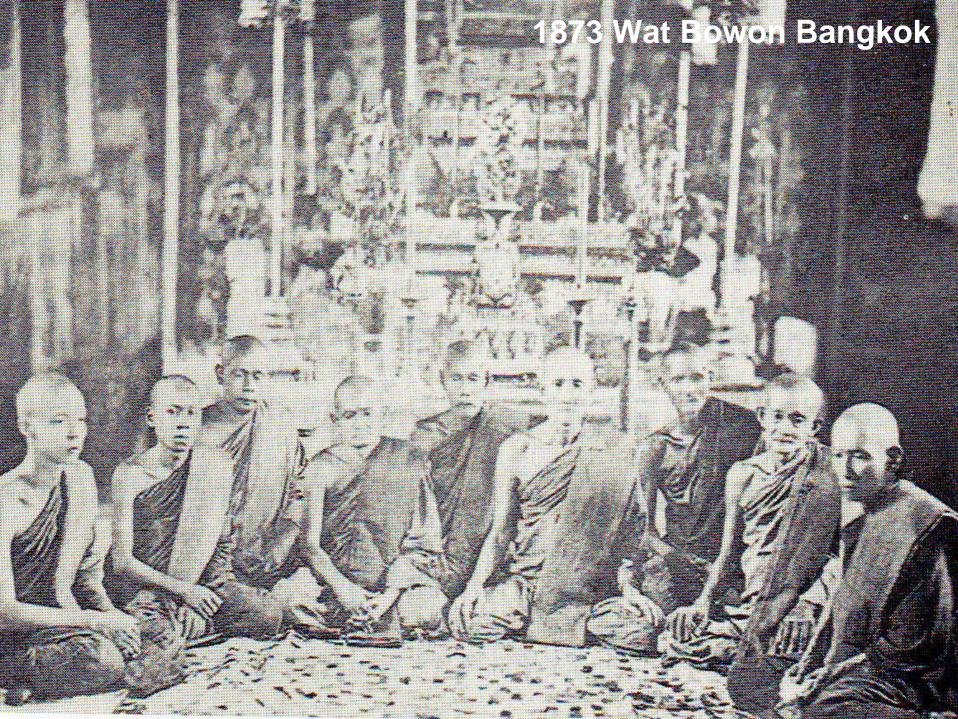




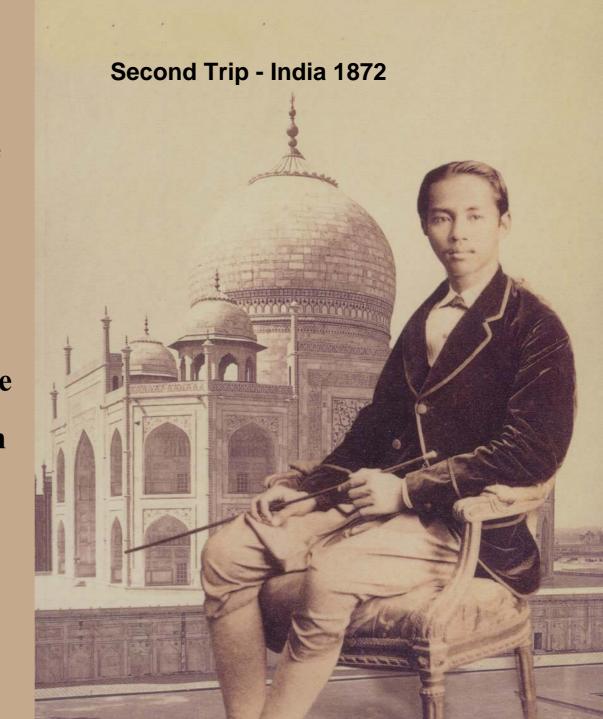








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Various Trips before Europe

- 1888: Northern Malay states (Kelantan, Terangganu, and Pattani), then still tributary states of Siam.
- This was his first trip outside Siam proper in 16 years.
- The king was now 35 years old.
- The journey was made in the context of Chulalongkorn's concern about his realm's southern border and the British.

 1890: Langawi, Penang, and Kedah (the latter still a tributary of Siam).

 The trip could be seen as mainly arising from diplomatic-political concerns. 1896: Singapore and Java.

 The king was now 43 and that his major Queen Saowapha and court ladies were among the entourage.

 The trip can be seen as a 'dressed rehearsal' before the 'Grand Tour' to 'civilized' Europe the following year, 1897.

• 1897 First European 'Grand Tour'

- The first official trip to 14 countries in Europe, including Russia.
- The king was 44 and the journey took 8 months and 9 days from 7 April to
 16 December
- Germany:
- -22 August arriving Cologne, Frankfurt, Dresden,
- -26 August arriving Berlin
- October 4-9 arriving and staying in Baden-Baden





Illustriertes familienblatt. — Begründet von Ernst Keit 1853.

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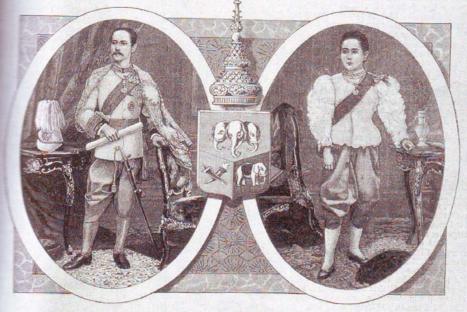
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König Cschulalongkorn von Siam.

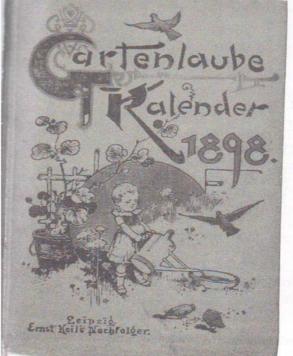
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König Tschulalongkorn von Siam beim Fürsten Bismarck in Friedrichsruh am 2. September 1897.



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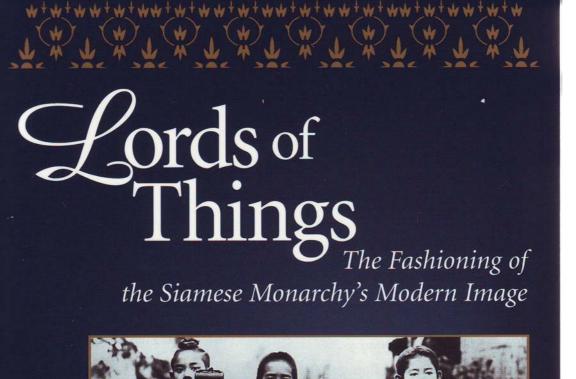


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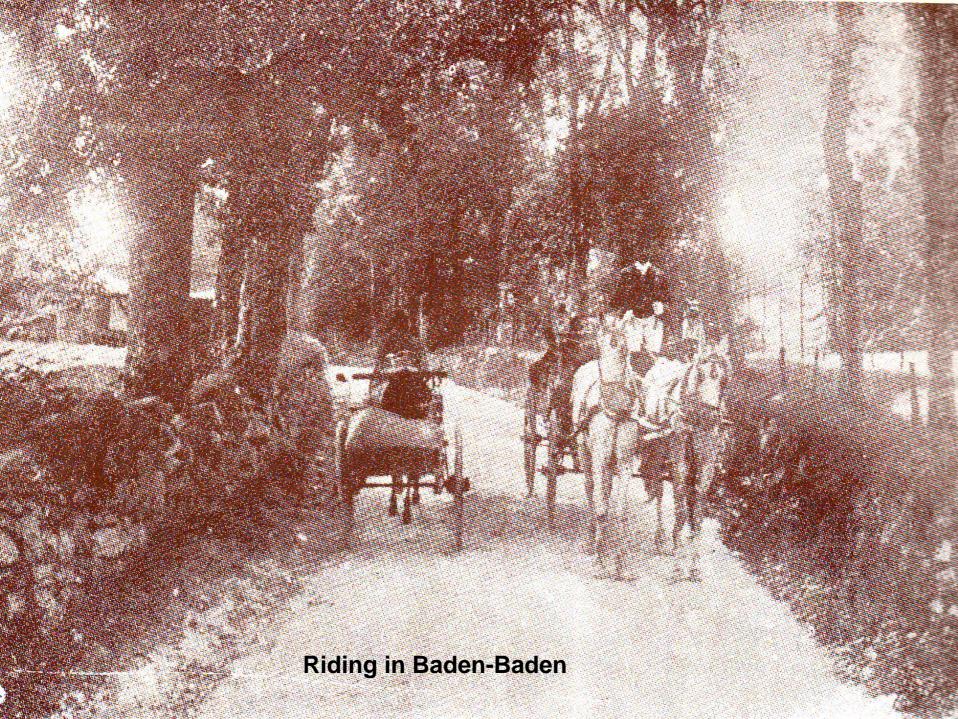




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1907 Second European 'Grand Tour'

- 27 March to 6 November, 7 months and 9 days
- A semi-official second 'Grand Tour' of eight European countries, excluding Russia. .

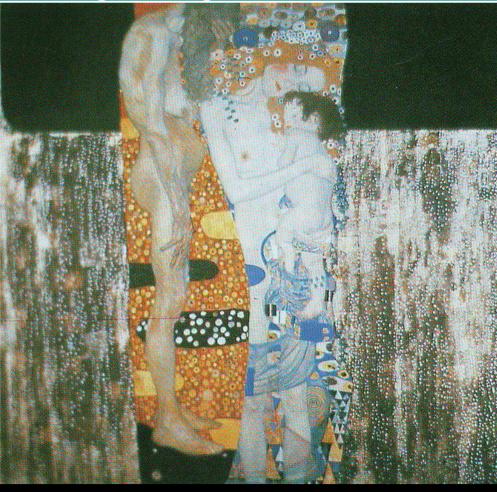
• In Germany

- -27 May Visiting a Rhine Fall
- -29 May arriving Baden-Baden, Bad Frederick, Heidelberg, 300 Anniversary Mannheim
 Modern Arts Exhibition, Frankfurt, staying till 18 June = 21 Days
- -29 June arriving back in Hamburg, for one day
- -1 August arriving back in Kiel (Steel), Berlin (Telegraph) Kassle, Brunswick (Fire Brigade) till August 14-23 August
- -22 September back from Paris for physical treatment at Bad Homburg = one month

300 Anniversary Mannheim Modern Arts Exhibition

Impressionist Masters: Monet, Renior, Degas, Gauguin, etc. 5 June 1907





Gustav Klimt's The Three Ages of Woman



- The 1907 Second European 'Grand Tour' became memorable for two reasons:
- First, the king wrote a good number of travel-letters to one of his daughters (the king had 77 children). They were later compiled and published as a book called Klai Ban/ไกลบ้าน or 'Far From Home'.

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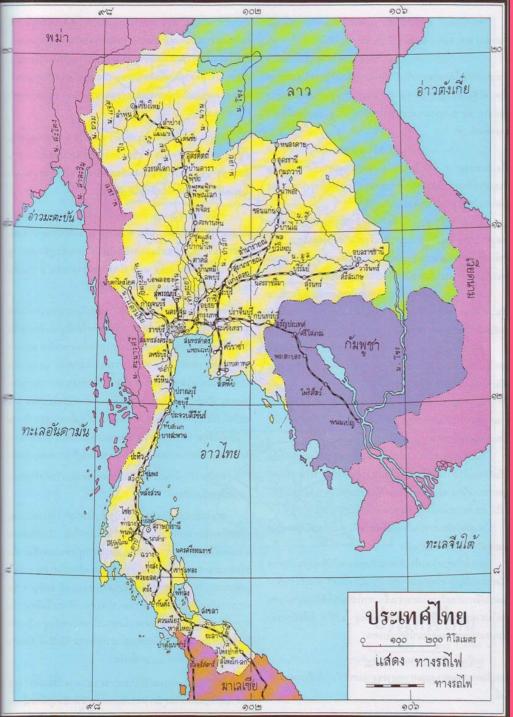
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'Far From Home'

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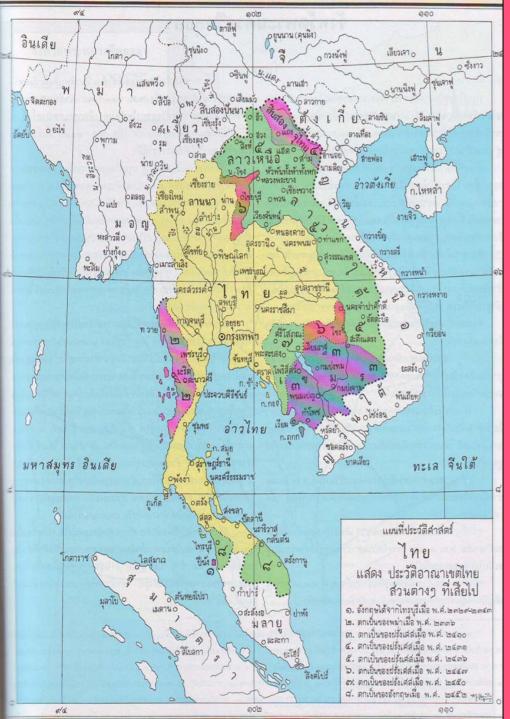
Later on in 1908, he reached an agreement with London on a permanent southern border, which put Pattani inside Siam, and Kelantan, Kedah, Perlis, and Terangganu, inside British Malaya.

• With these agreement the borders of Siam/Thailand assumed their present form and seemed to be secured.



ChulalongkornSiam's Boundary
as of 1907-1909
Agreements
With the French in Indochina
and the British in Malaya

(from ทองใบ แตงน้อย แผนที่ภูมิศาตร์ ทวพ. ๒๕๔๘)



Footnote: Field Marshal Phibun Thailand's Claimed Territories as of 1939

Siam's name was changed to Thailand

The Thai Government Claimed it has 'lost' 8 territories:

- 1. Penang
- 2. Tenasserim
- 3. Cambodia
- 4. Sipsongchutai
- 5. Laos
- 6. Xaiyabuli & Champasak
- 7. Siemreap-Battambang
- 8. Kedah, Perlis, Kelantan, Terangganu

- Commentaries:
- With all these trips, especially the most two celebrated ones in 1897 and 1907, the King came to be regarded as bringing Siam into the modern world and pursuing policies of 'bending with the wind' and playing the British against the French, plus great help from Russia and Germany which succeeded in ensuring Siam's independence and sovereignty.
- However, this conventional interpretation of King Chulalongkorn's reign is rather misleading for two reasons.
- First, it puts too much emphasis on the two European trips.
- Second, it over emphasizes the success of the King's attempts to use the British and to some extent the Russians and the Germans, against the French.

A close study of the reign shows that actually the first two Royal Asian Trips, in 1871 and 1872, not the 1897 nor 1907, were much more important, and had a powerful influential impact on the king's administrative reforms and the larger modernization of Siam.

• It was the progress of colonial Singapore, Java, and India that really impressed the young king at the start of his reign.

• British and Dutch colonial governments and administrations, not states in Europe, were his models.

- This is why Siam's reforms were set in motion when Chulalongkorn came of age (20) in 1873, after the ordination and second coronation. But they met with resistance from powerful senior officials, and the king was forced to 'go slow' for some years.
- Ten years later, by the 1880s the King and his inner circle were in full control of the country.
- The peak of the campaign for centralizing administrative reforms came in 1892 with the establishment of western style, 'functional-not-territorial', ministries headed by cabinet ministers.
- One notes that the peak was passed well before the two 'Grand Tours' to Europe in 1897 and 1907.

- It is also important to remember that the Paknam Incident (เหตุการณ์ ร.ศ. 112), took place in 1893, or one year after the above mentioned administrative reform, when French gunboats threatened the Siamese capital, Bangkok, and forced the king to renounce Siam's claim to the left bank of the Mekong River, i.e. present-day Laos. The French also took hold of Chanthaburi, Trad, and Dansai (Loei).
- During this crisis the king and his cabinet expected help from the British, but it never came. London was anxious to maintain its alliance with Paris against Berlin. For this reason, it looked for a way to limit imperial tensions in mainland Southeast Asia.

The outcome was the Anglo-French agreement of 1896, again one year before the first European trip, whereby both sides pledged to guarantee that Siam's independence would be respected as a buffer-state between French Indochina and British Burma and Malaya.

This agreement was signed one year before the first diplomatic
 'Grand Tour' and before the celebrated 1897 photograph of
 Chulalongkorn together with Tsar Nicholas II or the king's photos
 in Germany or with Prince Bismarck.



- Chulalongkorn
- Tsar Nicholas II
- St. Petersburg
- 5 July 1897



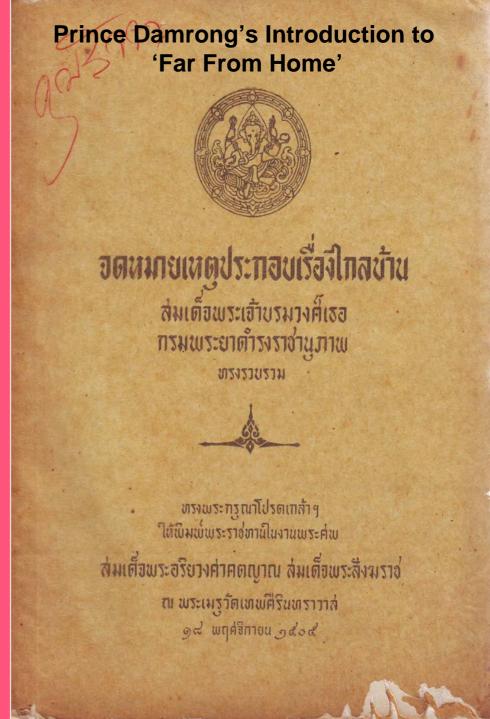
With Prince Bismarck, 2 September 1897



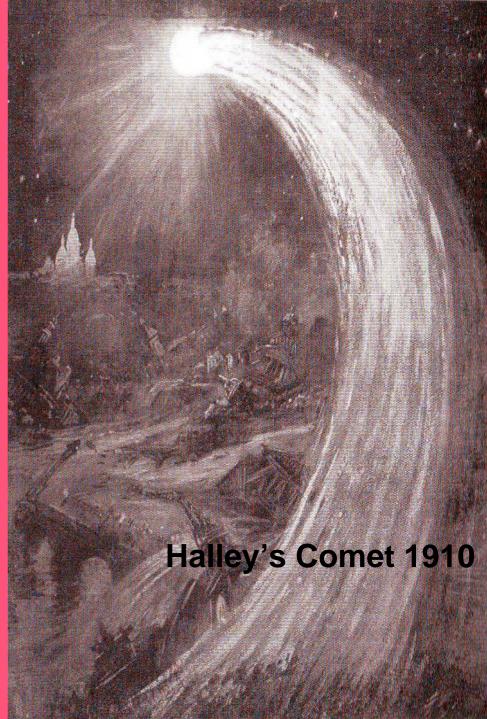
- As one commentator put it: [King Chulalongkorn's] ... trip (1897) was more in nature of a triumph, a victory parade, confirming Siam's sovereign status and announcing to the world (and to the folks back home) the progress she had made". (Michael Wright 'Travels of King Chulalongkorn misrepresented' Bangkok Post 5 July 1997)
- Or as an eminent Thai historian: Dr. Thongchai W. described the two European trips as 'The Quest for 'Siwilai' (Civilization): A Geographical Discourse of Civilizational Thinking in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Siam' Journal of Asian Studies, 59:3 August 2000

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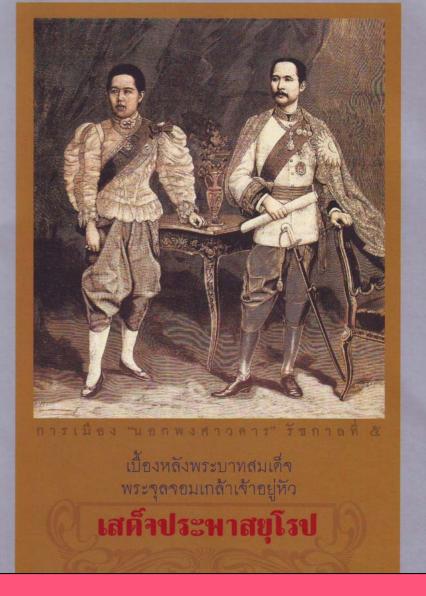
The king must have been happy with the results of his diplomatic trips, since he mentioned a plan to return to Europe in 1917, said Prince Damrong.



But unfortunately he passed away, at the age of 57, on October 23, 1910, only a few years before the Great War in Europe, and the disappearance of many of its major monarchies which were Chulalongkorn's 'friends', esp. the Tsar and the Kaiser, etc.







Krairerk Nana's 2 Books on King Chulalong and the West: 2003 & 2006

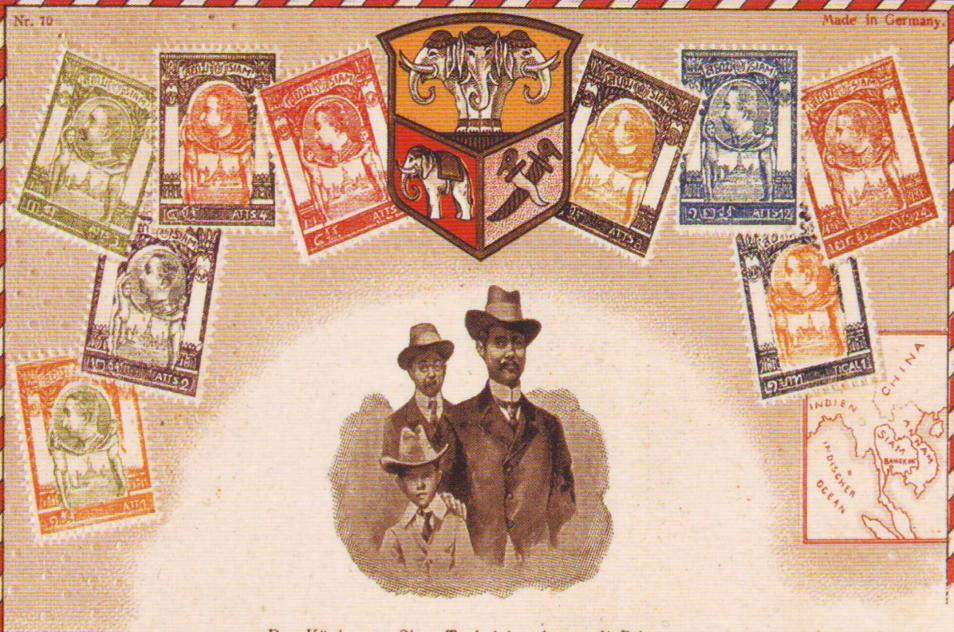




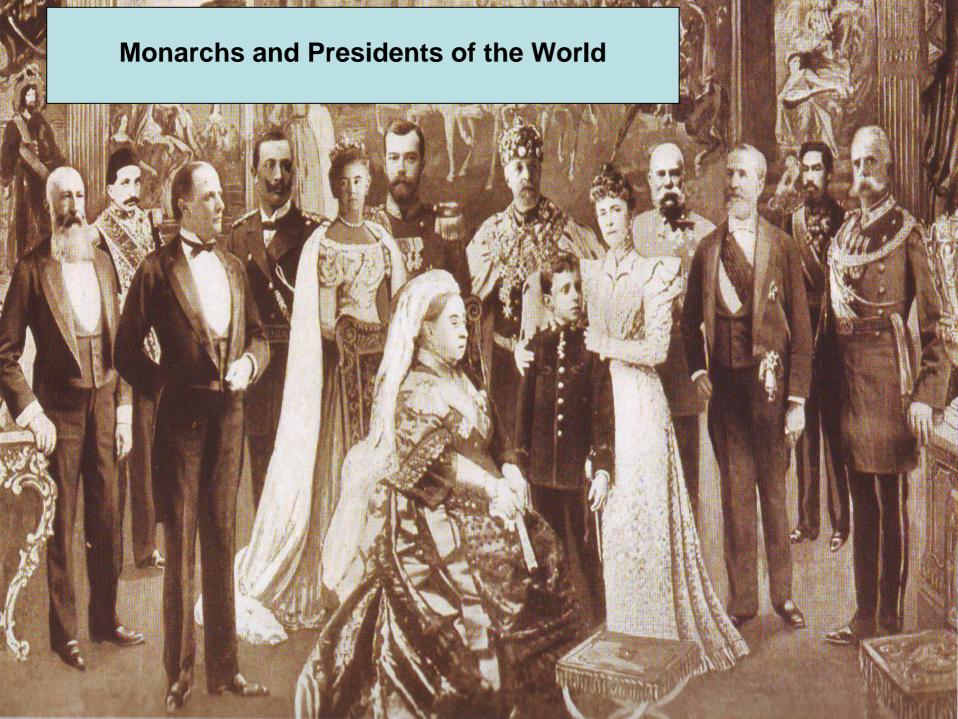


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Der König von Siam Tschulalonykorn mit Prinz Paribatra und dem ihn begleitenden Minister.







NICHOLAS II

RUSSIA

GOVERNMENT - CONSTITU-

TIONAL MONARCHY.

Nicholas II became Czar Oct. 20, 1894. Products: Wheat, barley, oats, buckwheat, millet, potatoes, tobacco, rye, hemp, flax, coal, petroleum.

Industries: Farming, manufacturing and mining.
Area, 8.785,000 square miles
Population, 130,000,000



GERMANY

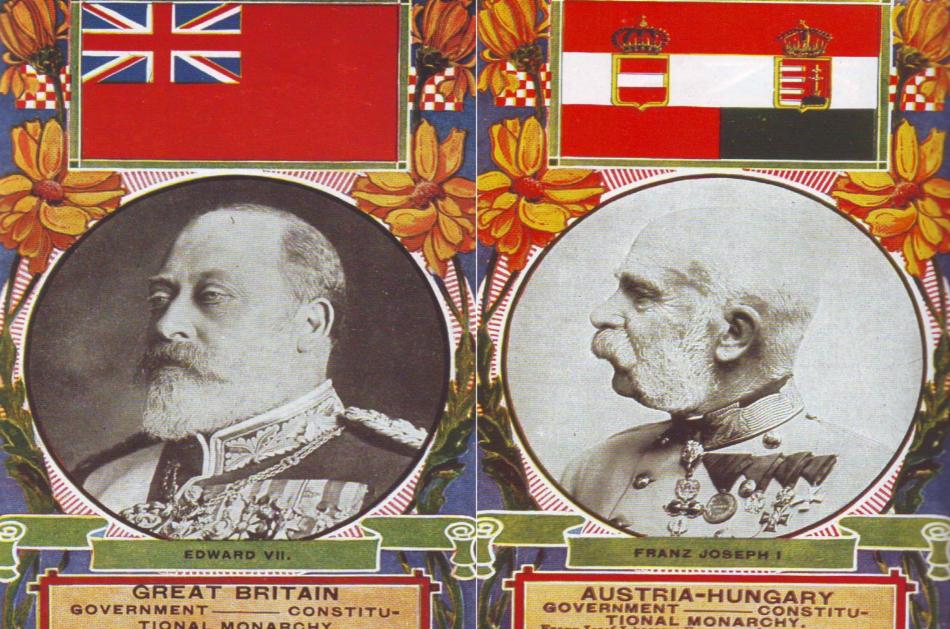
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Withelm II became Emperor June 15, 1888.

Products: Rye, oats, grapes, barley, wheat, tobacco, beets, coal, iron, lead, silver and copper.

Industries: Manufacturing, mining, farming and fishing.

Area, 210,000 square miles. Population. 56,400,000.



TIONAL MONARCHY

Edward VII became King Jan. 22, 1901. Products: Corn, green crops, flax, hops, fron, zine, alum, coal, gold and silver. Industries: Farming, grazing, mining, dairying and manufacturing.

Area, 121,000 square miles. Population, 42,000,000.

Franz Josef I became Emperor of Austria, Dec. 2, 1848, and King of Hungary, June 8, 1867.

Products: Cotton, coal, coke, silk, wool, hides, to-bacco, wine, flax, jute, sugar, barley, glassware and lignite.

Industries: Farming, grazing, mining, dairying and manufacturing.

Area, 201,300 square miles. Population, 47,150,000



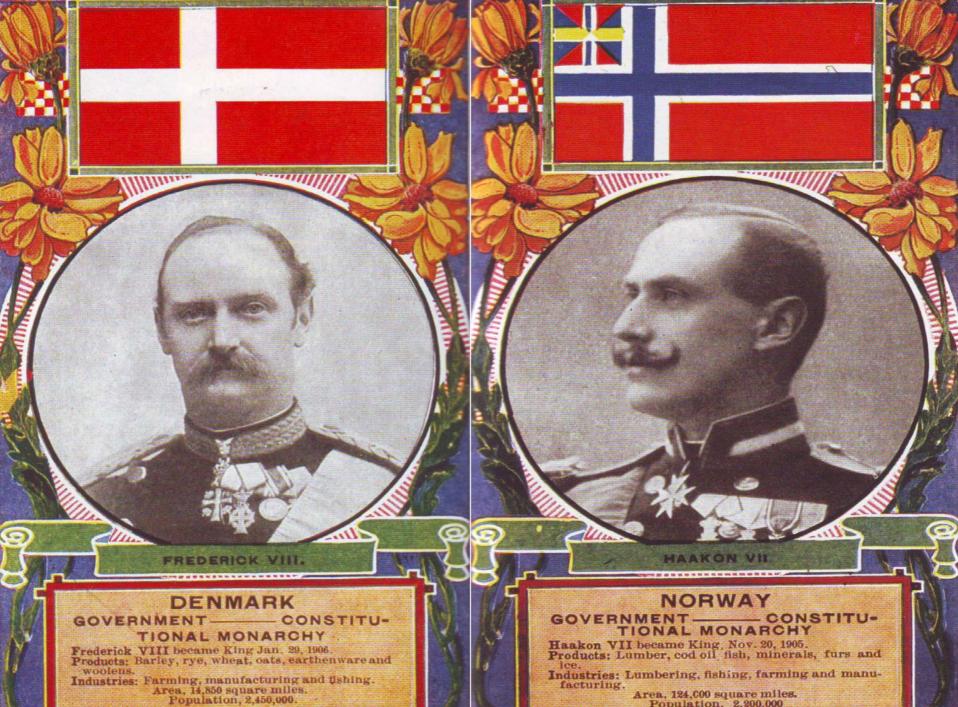
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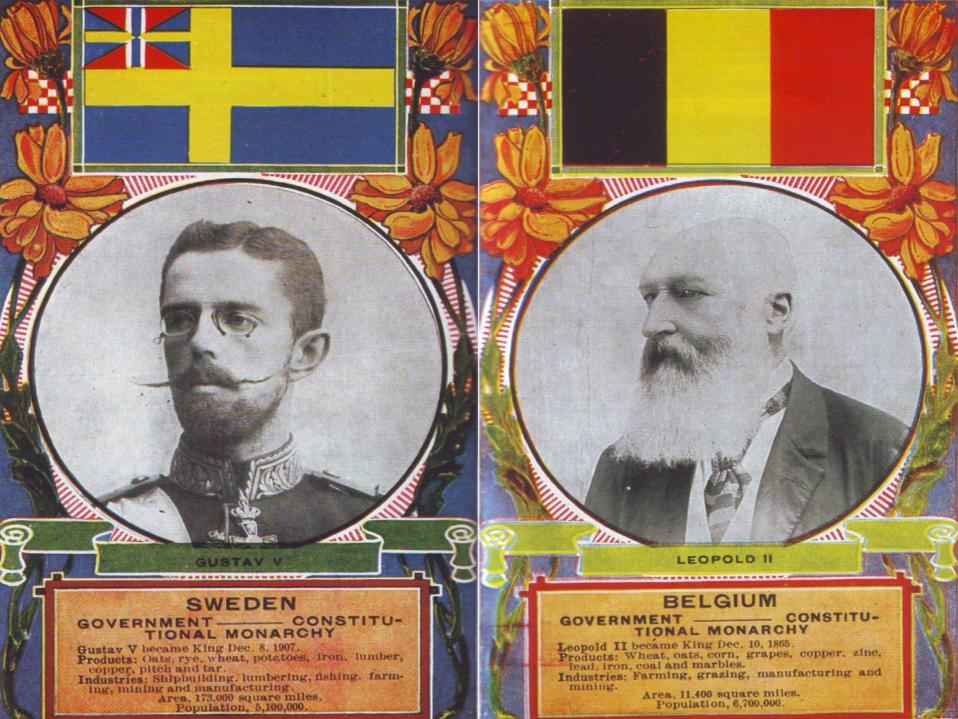
Alfonso XIII became King May 17, 1886.

Products: Wine, silk, quicksilver, iron, fruit, olive oil, wool, grain, vegetables, cork, seeds and salt. Industries: Farming, fruit growing, manufacturing, mining and grazing.

Area, 195,000 square miles. Population, 18,500,000.



Area, 124,000 square miles. Population, 2,200,000





Georgios I became King June 4, 1863.

Products: Wheat, barley, ryc, maize, olives, grapes, tobacco, cotton, iron, lead and zinc.

Industries: Farming, grazing, manufacturing and mining.

Area, 25,000 square miles Population, 2,435,000



GOVERNMENT ____ CONSTITU-TIONAL MONARCHY

Manuel II became King Feb. 2, 1908.

Products: Maize wheat, rye, wine, mules and fish.
Industries: Mule raising, manufacturing, fishing,
iarming and mining.

Area, 35,700 square miles.

Population, 5,400,000.



TURKEY

GOVERNMENT ____ ABSOLUTE

MONARCHY

Abdul Hamid II became Sultan Aug. 31, 1876.

Products: Tobacco, wool, cereals, cotton, fruits, coffee, opium gum, sponges and pearls.

Industries: Grazing, fishing, farming and manufacturing.

Area. 714,600 square miles. Population, 19,000,000



MOHAMMED ALI SHAH

GOVERNMENT ____ ABSOLUTE

MONARCHY

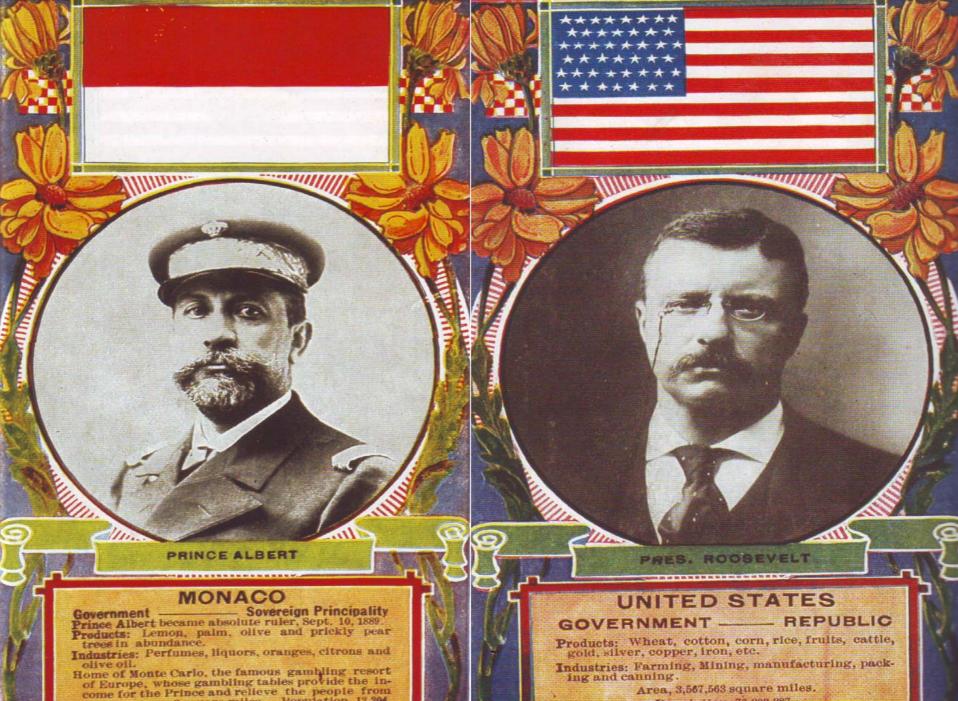
Products: Wheat, cotton, rice, sugar, tobacco, opium, fruits, raisins, wines, lead, copper, and fron, turquoise, and dyes.

Industries: Farming, fruit growing, mining and

Area, 635,000 square miles, Population, 9,000,000

Mohamed Ali became Shah, Jan. 8, 1907.

manufacturing.



Population, 76,303,387.

Area, 8 square miles. Population, 13,304.



JAPAN

GOVERNMENT ____ CONSTITU-

Mutsuhito became Emperor Feb. 13, 1867.

Products: Rice, wheat, barley, rye, tea, sugar, silk, copper, iron, lead, coal and antimony.

Industries: Farming, manufacturing mining and fishing.

Area. 161,150 square miles. Population, 46,500,000



KING CHULALONGKORN I.

GOVERNMENT MODIFIED

Chulalongkorn I became King Oct. 1, 1868.

Products: Rice, Gold, Lead, Tin. Coal, Iron, Teak
wood, Cinnamon trees, Gem mining, Sugar, Silk, Cotton, Cocoa nuts.

Industries: Mining, farming.

Area, 84,600 square miles.

Population, 5,000,000.

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IN CHULALONGKORN'S TIMES

• 18 NATIONS' Heads represented as collected items

- Constitutional Monarchies = 12
- Republics = 2
- Absolute Monarchies = 2
- Sovereign Principality = 1 (Monaco)
- Modified Monarchy = 1 (Siam)

IRONY OF HISTORY

-1910

King Chulalongkorn passed away, Vajiravudh, became King Rama VI

-1912

A military coup attempt against Vajiravudh's absolute monarchy

-1917

Siam entered WWI on the side of the British, the national white elephant flag was changed to tri-colors

-1932

A successful military coup agaisnt Prajadhipok and transforming Siam into a so-called 'constitutional monarchy'

-1939

The name of Siam was changed to Thailand by Premier Phibunsongkhram

-1942

Thailand entered WWII on the side of the Japanese, Italian, and German.

Impermanence of Life and Things

What Was Siam, Then, and Thailand, Now?

Absolute Monarchy,

Constitutional Monarchy,

Modified Monarchy,

Military-Bureaucratic Oligarchy,

etc., etc.

Or Something is Coming?

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