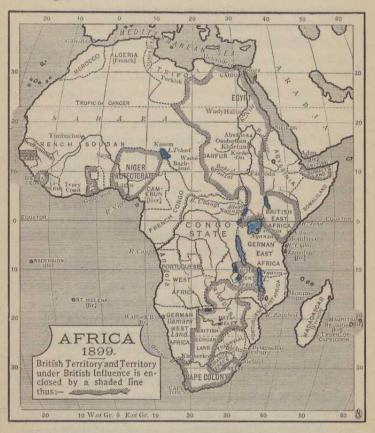
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Orange River, while in 1885-90 similar claims were set up by Germany to the maritime tract on the eastern side of Africa north of Mozambique. This intrusion of a new colonial power into regions which we had fondly marked out as likely to pass



into our own hands, forced England to take action, and the "scramble for Africa" began.

The danger was that the Germans pushing inland from both sides of the continent, might meet in the valley of the