



The British Empire at its height

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Commercial & Political Map of the World on Mercator's Projection. The British Empire Coloured prominently in Red.

London: Geographia Ltd, c.1920. Colour lithograph, printed area 950 x 1460mm, dissected and laid on linen as issued.

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A large map of the world, published just after the end of the First World War, when the British Empire was at its peak. Insets show gains by the British from the Germans in Australasia, Africa and the Near East (including Iraq), details of the Suez and Panama canals. Born in Hungary as Sandor Grosz, Gross came to London, founding the map publishing company Geographia Ltd in 1911 before emigrating to the US around 1930. His daughter, Phyllis Pearsall, walked the 23,000 streets of London in the 1930s and compiled London's first A-Z.

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