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From its foundation to serve the immediate needs of the City of London, 'the stockbroker's Bible', the Financial Times quickly recognized that global financial and economic issues were to increasingly become the predominant forces of the twentieth century. While questions of immediate concern to the London markets were covered from an early date – such as the Boer War, the rise of the motor car, and, later, the Wall Street crash – the paper broadened its coverage after WWI to include international banking and the emerging importance of the Canadian and Chinese economies. Incorporating its competitor, the Financial News in 1945, the Financial Times expanded again during the years of post-war recovery. Topics such as labor, economics, international politics, energy, industry, commodities, investment, insurance, began to be covered in full. In the final decades of the twentieth century, coverage of management, technology, personal finance and the arts were added, to make the paper what it is today – a complete general newspaper for the businessman, nationally and internationally.

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