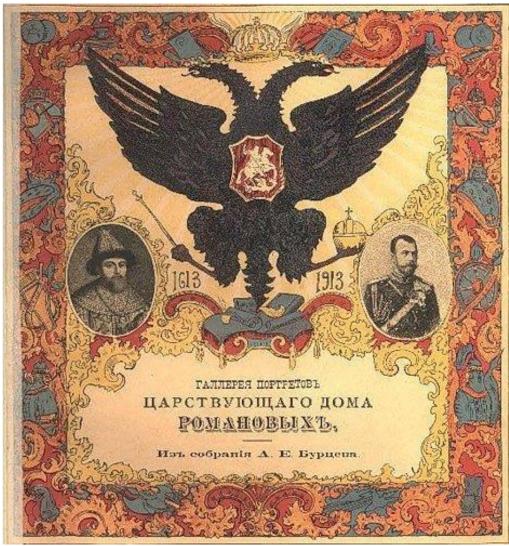


## Balancing the Books. Russian Autocracy in 1913

#### **Optimists vs Pessimists:**

Having survived the 1905 Revolution, tsarist Russia in 1913 celebrated 300 years of Romanov rule and marked the ninth anniversary of the October Manifesto. A question hangs over this last decade of peace. Was tsarist Russia evolving toward more stable forms of political, socioeconomic, and cultural life that made a repetition of 1905 ever less likely or was it becoming an increasingly unstable polity which had not repaired and perhaps even had exacerbated the multiple political, social, and cultural fissures that 1905 had revealed?



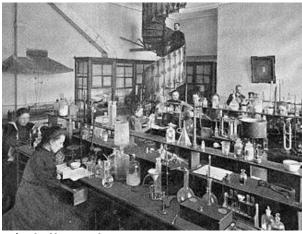
Gallery of Portraits of the Reigning House of Romanov, 1613-1913 (tercentennial publication)



1)peasantry



2)industrial workers



3) civil society

# **Balancing** the Books

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Peter Stolypin

**Imperial State** Duma **Tauride Palace** 

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# The War To End All Wars, The Great War, World War I July 28 1914-November 11 1918



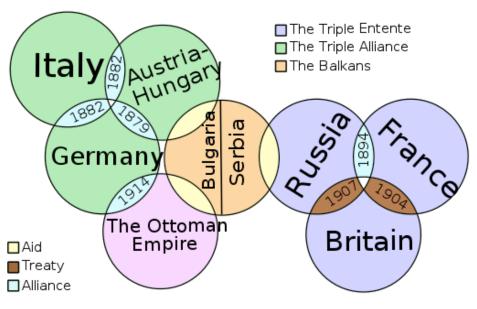
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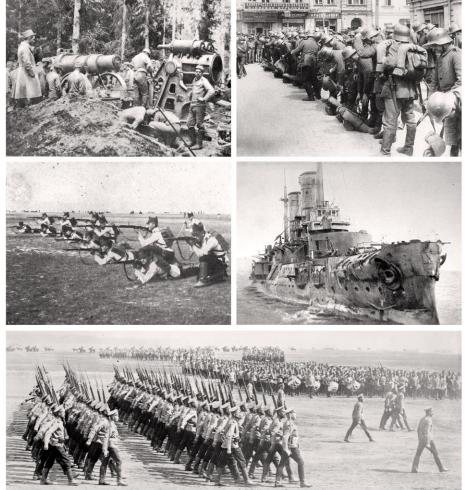




# Causes of General European War in 1914

- Late 19th-Century Context of Nationalism and Imperialism
- Increased State Spending on Armaments and Preparedness
- European System of Alliances: Triple Alliance (Germany, Austro-Hungary, Italy) and Triple Entente (France, Russia, and England)
- Points of Conflict: Balkans, Austro-Hungary, and Russia; Germany, France, and Russia; Germany and Britain
- Myopia of Political Elites





## August 1914: The Guns of August and Patriotism



Palace Square, St. Petersburg July/August 1914



Canada, August 1914



Berlin, August 1914



London, August 1914

# The Experience of War

US Civil War, 1861-1865 625,000 deaths

Franco-Prussian War, 1870 282,000 deaths

Russo-Japanese War, 1904-1905 130,000 deaths

The Great War, 1914-1918

- •9.7 million military deaths
- •6.8 million civilians
- •16.5 million total deaths (1.75% global population)
- •21.2 million military wounded

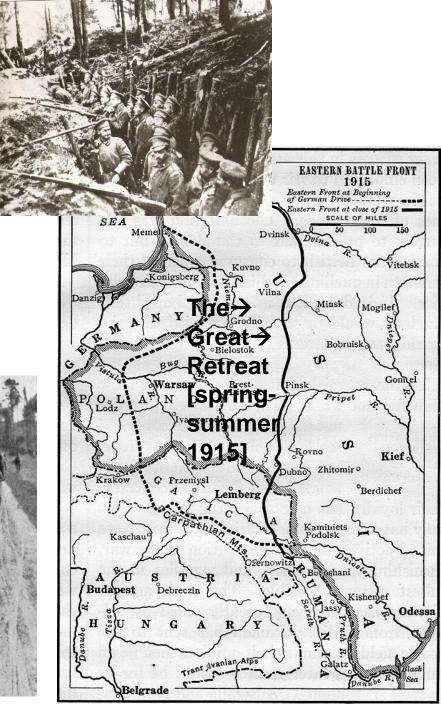
World War II 62-78 million total deaths (3-4% global population)

## The Great War, 1914-1917/18



Nicholas II at Mogilev, 1916

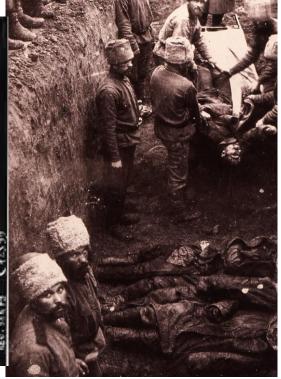




# Dead, Wounded, Maimed









1914-1918 [175 million total population]

2.8-3.4 million deaths

3.7-5 million wounded or maimed

# Militarization





- 15 million men mobilized into armed forces 1914-17
- civilian population and "the rear"
- military rule preempts civilian rule in western European Russia



Russian Women's Hospital Organization

 TABLE 3.1
 Employment in large-scale manufacturing industry, 1913–1918

 (USSR territory)
 Industrial Employment, 1914-18 (000s)

	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918, Ist half
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Real Wages in Russian Industry, 1914-17 TABLE 3.2 Real wages in Russian industry, 1913-1917 (1913 = 100)

Year	White- collar workers	All shop/luin workers	Workers in munitions	Workers in military equipment	Workers in other defence enterprises	non- defence
1913	100	100	100	100	100	100
1914	99.2	105.0	110.9	106.7	97.4	100.3
1915	90.9	105.7	115.3	103.7	96.2	86.8
1916	78.0	107.1	122.8	102.1	93.6	\$4.8
1917	38.0	83.3	74.7	76.2	85.9	53.9

Source: Promyablemaia perepis', 1926, volume 1, p. 57.

#### Index of Russian Cereal Harvest, 1909-17 TABLE 7.1 An index of the Russian cereal barvest (1909-1913 average

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1914	96.5 (99.7)	100.1	105.7	89.5	88.8
1915	110.2 (109.6)	12.3.2	112.7	98.1	97.2
1916	91,3 (90,3)	102.7	79.6	94.7	84.7
1917	87.6 (87.0)	83.1	93.8	87.6	84,7

Sourros and notes: Strove et al., 1930, p. 308. Column 1 includes the 57 provinces of Facopean Rossia and Silvesia (excluding Poland, the Caucasus and Kuban, Turkestan, Korne, Courland, Vilna, Gredma, Volynia, Pedolu, Jakutsk and the Ent Powers territories). Figures in brackets are from Wheateroft, 1980, pp. 216–17. The antal includes the four principal grains plus buckwhent and miller.

## Wartime Mobilization of Economy and Society

 new industrial sectors: petrochemicals, electricity, steel

1. These

•militarization of heavy industry and consumer goods shortages

•Expansion of female industrial labor

•manpower shortages in agriculture and declining grain harvest

•Inflation, 1914-17 (gold standard ends and paper currency expanded)



Storehouse of the Committee for Army Aid of Grand Duchess Elizaveta Fyodorovna (AllRussian Zemstvo Union)



Peasant women railway workers, 1915

Female Textile Workers, Moscow region→

## Role of Women



Empress Alexandra and Grand Duchesses Tatiana and Olga



"On the Night of Holy Sunday" (Nurse Congratulates a Wounded Soldier) Post-Card



#### The Ranting of Wilhelm

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Propaganda

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**Prisoners of War, Oct 1915** 

A Global Fire The Second War for the Fatherland  $\rightarrow$ 

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#### Refugees





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Help The Refugees

18 и 19 августа 1915 г.

The Great Retreat, spring 1915 Imperial Russian infantry and civilians evacuating Przemysl (western Ukraine)

~6 million refugees 1915-17



# All-Russian БЮЛЛЕТЕНЬ Bulletin Zemstvo Union озападнаго фронта. Committee of the Southwestern Front

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#### Сліяніе или согласованіе?

Широкія общественныя организаціи-Всероссійскій Земскій Союзъ, Союзъ Городовъ, Военно-Промышленный Комитетъ-возникли при существовании стараго режима, --- слѣдовательно, при отсутствін со стороны. общества довърія къ правительству. Нельзя было отвътственное пъло обслуживания тыла передать въ руки правительства, не только не пользовавшагося довъріемъ. общества, но и ведшаго съ нимъ упорную борьбу. Теперь-другія времена. Во главѣ освобожденной страны стоить правительство, оппрающееся на довъріе самыхъ разнообразныхъ элементовъ общества. Казалось бы, при такихъ условіяхъ исчезаеть главное основаніе для параллельной двятельности правительственныхъ и общественныхъ органовъ въ отношении къ обслуживанію тыла, и не пора ли, напримъръ, Всероссійскому Земскому Союзу слиться съ интендантствомъ.

Думаемъ, что эта пора еще не пришла. Во-перми тука залжени только первия основы поваго строи, кончательное его укрбиление еще вперели. А стакова стракъ общественности, еще не время. Нато береклостирожения позация. Во-вторыхъ, есси стакока и канаучи. А потому течерь же перелавать дъло, викова оторожения портанизацият, вторуки оргапова соражи пала, то старые павняки еще останизопова соражи пала, то старые павняки све останизот пова, соражированные старом каторы ст. соотвъттора состанъ, общественныхъ заементовъть съ соотвътта окаки обудеть поворить о демобилизаци обощественны къз состалъ, общественныхъ заементовъть съ началота, образи состанъ, общественныхъ заементовъть съ соотвъттаки состанъ, общественныхъ заементовъть съ соотвъть ти констари, образи состановани съ съ соотвъть ти констари, образи страновани съ съ соотвъть ти констар, соразнизования съ заементовъть съ съ началота, образи состанъ, общественныхъ заементовъть съ съ началота, образи состанъ, общественныхъ заементовъть съ соотвъть ти констар, соразнизования съ заементовъть съ соотвъть ти констар, соразнизовани съ заементовъть съ соотвъть ти констар, соразнизовани съ съ состанъть правления къ устиновлению большей состановани и съ правлась, обще ти нарались съ предоринита и тора, съ состановъ, съ образи съ состанъть общественны и кърнатовани, съ состановани съ состановани съ съ состанъ, со съ состанъ, съ состановани съ съ состанъть съ съ состановани съ съ состанъть съ съ состанъть съ съ состанъть развения и тора и поръть, и съ съ состановани, ото на пореходинато времени и позволица, съ состановани, съ съ состановани, съ съ состановани, съ состаностана съ съ состановани и съ съ состановани, съ съ состановани и съ съ состаностана и съ съ состановани и съ съ состановани и съ съ состановани и с

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#### О продовольственной организации.

Государственный перевороть, открывшій широкій просторь для діятельности общественныхь организацій, въ первую очередь поставнять вопрось о реорганизацій продовольственнаго діяла. Земскій Союзт, въ частности его Комитеть юго-западнаго фронта, удблявшій не мало вниманія и силъ продовольственному діялу, конечно, не могь не откліпкиуться оцинихь изъ первыхь на призывъ Временнаго Правительства приложить всё усплія къ удовлетоворительному разрѣшенію продовольственнаго вопроса.

Въ Комитетъ юго-занаднаго фронта сейчасъ же по полученіи извъётія о совершившемся переворотѣ было созвано совъщаніе представителей нѣкоторыхъ отдъловъ для составленія плана продовольственной организаціи.

Совѣщаніе пришло къ заключенію, что въ рѣшительный моментъ исторіи, когда продовольственная разруха, созданная старою властью, грознтъ благонолучію фронта и тыла, Фронтовой Комитетъ Земскаго Союза долженъ безотлагательно взяться за организаціонную работу въ области продовольствія армін н тыла. Фронтовой Комитеть, въ роли посреднии фронтомъ и всёмъ тяготёющимъ къ ниму долженъ объединить работу губернскихъ продово ныхъ комитетовъ всѣхъ губерній тыла юго-за фронта. Комитеть долженъ централизовать работу ловольственномъ вопрост встур областныхъ об ній края: Совѣта рабочихъ депутатовъ, кресть союзовъ, кооперативныхъ и военно-промыша комитетовъ и Союза Городовъ. Для объеди централизаціи продовольственной работы въ к ственный комитеть по снабжению армии н общественныхъ началахъ. Впредь до создания продовольственнаго аннарата, въ виду онасност живаемаго момента и остроты положения. Комите занъ немедленно взять въ свои руки и подъ ср троль \* продовольственную организацию стараго тельства въ формѣ управления особоуполномо и фуража для фронта и тыла, вельдъ за этим

19-26 March 1917

# Public Participation Obshchestvennost' Общественность

- All Russian Zemstvo Union (1914)
- Union of Towns (1914)
- Military-Industrial Committees (1915)
- Special Council for State Defense (1915: Defense Production, Food Supply, Fuel Supply, Transport, Artillery)



A.I. Guchkov Octobrist → Chair Central War-Industrial Committee

George L'vov ←Kadet Chair Zemstvo Union





Pavel Miliukov Constitutional Democrat  $\rightarrow$ 



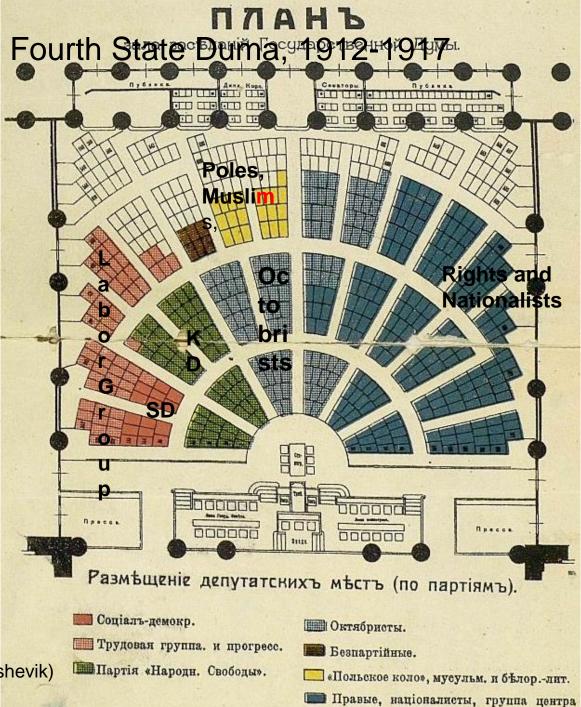
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Mikhail Rodzianko, Octobrist, Chairman of State Duma





Nikolai Chkhidze Social-Democrat (Menshevik) Georgia



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Tsar Nicholas II blessing soldiers with icon, 1904



Alexandra and Tsarevich Alexei, 1913 Autocratic Illegitimacy

satirical magazine, April 1917 "The Russian Imperial House"

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Alexandra and Nicholas, c. 1917

Portrayals of Protopopov, Rasputin, Old Regime, April 1917



# The February 1917 "Overturn" Переворот/Perevorot The Days of Revolution

Soldiers' Demonstration, Nevsky Prospect

Tauride Palace, February Days

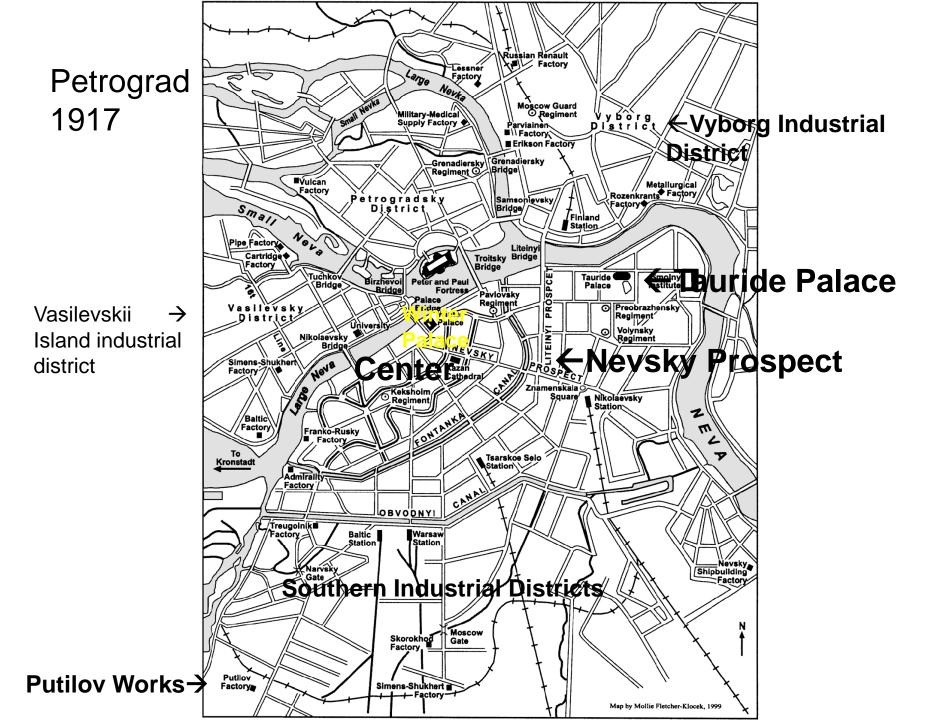
Эни ревалюция, Знаменскаята. 1917 г.

Znamensky Square, statue of Alexander III

mutiny



Putilov Factory women workers' demonstration 24 Feb



#### The February (March) Revolution: The Collapse of the Romanov Dynasty

- 23 Feb (Thurs) International Women's Day; street disturbances ("bread riots") over rumored bread shortages, city center crowds, disregard of police and military orders, street violence and strikes in working class district of Vyborg
- **24 Feb (Fri)** army ordered into streets; work stoppages; crowds from working class districts throng city center; hooliganism; confrontations with police; massive demonstrations; no leaders
- **25 Feby (Sat)** widespread industrial strikes; revolutionary oratory to street crowds; instances of mob violence; unit of Pavlovsky Guards regiment fires on police; declaration of martial law
- **26 Feb (Sun)** military units use live ammunition on demonstrators in industrial districts and city center; revolutionary prosletyzing in street demonstrations and speeches; speculation about soldiers' response in barracks to live fire on civilians
- 27 Feb (Mon) unit by unit Petrograd military garrison mutiny, join street crowds, officers flee; pitched battles between mutinous troops and dwindling govt forces; breakdown of civil order and anarchy; government prorougues State Duma; Duma party leaders defy and form Provisional Committee of State Duma at Tauride Palace; Petrograd Soviet of Workers' Deputies forms demokratiia, the democracy, демократия; executive committee of Soviet forms from city's socialist activists politicians; dual power, dvoevlastie, двоевластие
- **28 Feb (Tues)** return of officers to regiments; arrests of ministers; mass meeting of Petrograd Soviet; liberal politicians
- **28 Feb-2 March** socialist and liberal politicians debate monarchy and war; military front commanders and general staff urge Nicholas to abdicate.
- **2 March (Thurs)** Nicholas II abdicates the imperial throne for himself and his son Alexei (illegally) in favor of his brother Michael; formation of Provisional Government
- **3 March (Fri)** Michael declines crown until elected Constituent Assembly resolves the question of the form of Russian governance



The abdication of Nicholas II on 2 March 1917 O.S. In the royal train: Minister of the Court Baron Fredericks, General N. Ruzsky, V. V. Shulgin, A. I. Guchkov, Nicholas II. (State Historical Museum)

### **Friday, March 3, 1917**

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FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1917



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# Threaten to Kill Czar of Russia Abandons Throne; Army Revolts and Joins People

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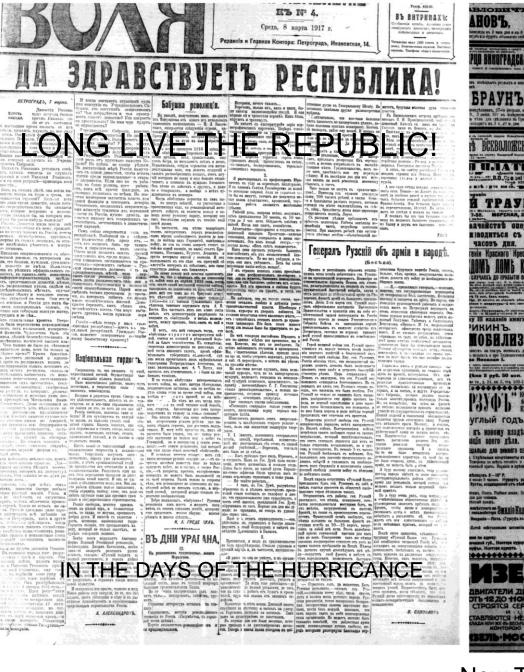
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