

The Russian Revolution



Nicholas II became Tsar (King) in 1896. His family ruled over a huge empire, stretching from central Europe to the Pacific Ocean and from the Arctic to the borders of Afghanistan.

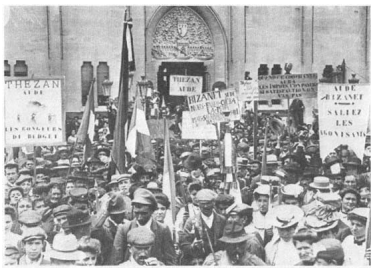
This mighty empire covered one-sixth of the land of the world, and the population was almost 150 million people.

However, the Russian Empire had many tensions and arguments. A lot of people were not happy with Nicholas II and wanted to get rid of him and his Royal family.



Problems: War 1914-1916

1905 Just nine years earlier she had been defeated in a war with tiny Japan. The Russian navy sailed half way around the world to get sunk by the much smaller navy of the Japanese.



The people did not like losing and started to complain about Nicholas II.

In 1914, Russia was not ready for the First World War. The people wanted Russia to win the First World War.

In the First Battle of the First World War Masurian Lakes, in 1914, Russia lost two entire armies (over 250,000 men).



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When did Nicholas II become Tsar

How big was the empire? How many people?



Was everyone happy with Nicholas II



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When did Russia have a war with Japan? What happened?



What happened in the First World War?

Were people happy with the Tsar? Why?



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