

#1917LIVE: THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION IN

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Have you dreamed of time travel? We tried to make it possible with our Twitter time machine: we take you 100 years back to relive the Russian Revolution in real time. Dozens of historical accounts from Nicholas II to Vladimir Lenin are live-tweeting the events day-by-day as if Twitter existed a century ago.



RUSSIAN TELEGRAPH

Russian Orthodox Church Convocation begins in Moscow. First priority is to choose Patriarch for the first time since 1700

29 AUGUST



GENERAL KORNILOV

Germans clearly preparing operation in the vicinity of Riga, concentrating troops & weapons there



ROMANOV SISTERS

People of Tobolsk well disposed towards us. They show their respect in secret, bringing gifts of food



VLADIMIR LENIN

I can't share my location, but I'm OK



AUGUST



RUSSIAN TELEGRAPH

BREAKING: Chaos in Petrograd, 100k workers & about 50 factories on strike

- ⚡ **URGENT:** Interior Minister Protopopov reporting 'serious disorder' in Petrograd to Nicholas II
- ⚡ **DEVELOPING:** Around 300,000 workers, 421 factories on strike; Clashes between protesters & police widespread
- ⚡ **URGENT:** Workers with red flags throw hand grenades & bottles at police – troops forced to open fire to restore order



RUSSIAN TELEGRAPH

BREAKING: Police officer killed in attempt to remove red flag from Znamenskaya sq. Hacked by a Cossack, then a mob set on him

- ⚡ **UPDATE:** 100 Cossacks blocked police from dispersing crowd on Znamenskaya Square



STUDENT VLADIMIR

OMG! Cossack forces stop police from firing on protesters in Petrograd. End is nigh for Nicholas II!



CAPTAIN ZEITLIN

So many of our boys are refusing to turn on protesters! We're standing WITH them! No shooting!

Tweets are accurately sourced through memoirs, diaries, letters, newspapers of that time. After 1 year of running and over 7,000 tweets we turned online storytelling into a book.

Task: to interest students & educators with innovative approach in studying a very complex history subject.

1917LIVE book is being delivered to client's partners, media influencers, educators, journalists all across the world as a handcrafted exclusive present

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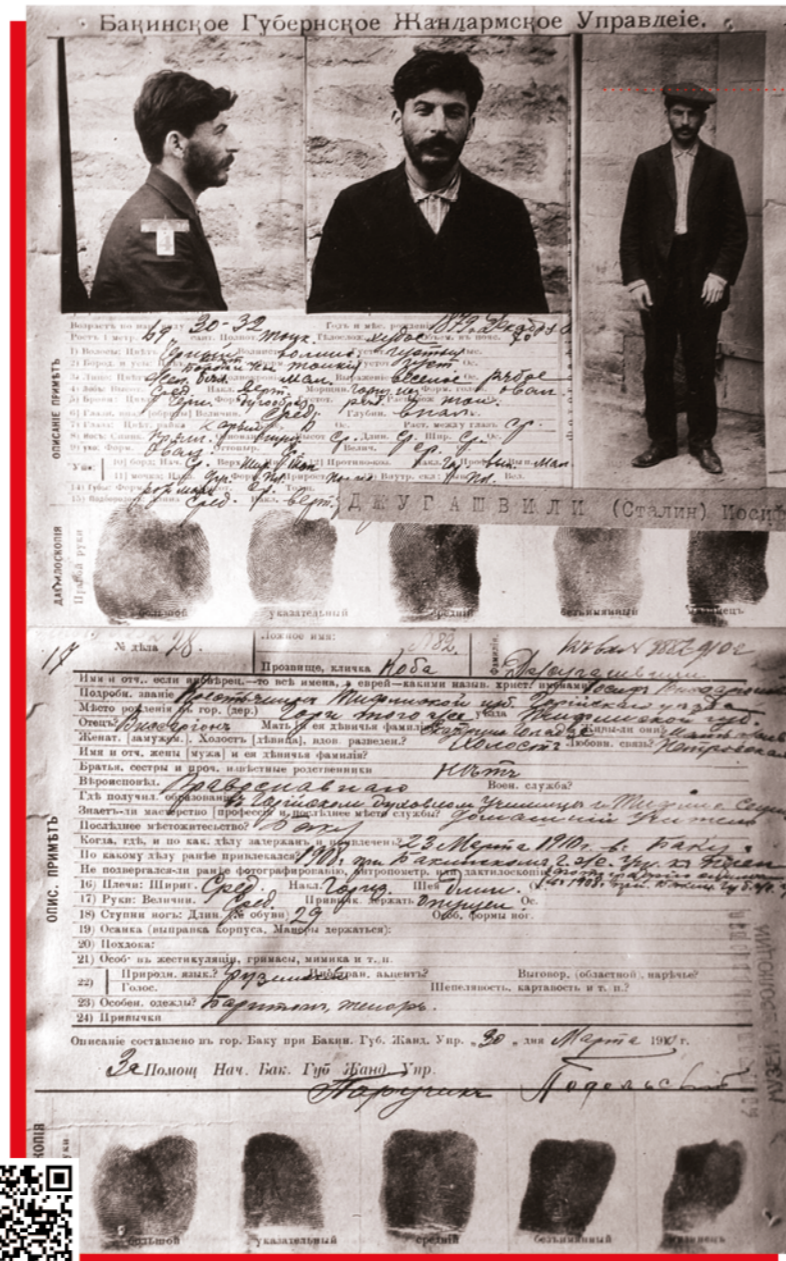
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GENDARME ZAVARZIN

We've gathered intel on every revolutionary. We MUST arrest them en masse to quash rebellion before it's too late



RUSSIAN TELEGRAPH

URGENT: Interior Ministry is preparing a draft manifesto declaring the dissolution of Parliament – report

⚡ JUST IN: Interior Ministry details a plan for maintaining peace and order in Petrograd in case Parliament is dissolved



NICHOLAS II

I've refused the proposal to dissolve Parliament



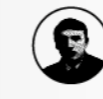
VLADIMIR ABROSIMOV

We keep getting intel that proletarian activists are ready to take up arms against police if disorder breaks out



CAPTAIN ZEITLIN

Saw activists in uniforms spreading anti-war propaganda at improvised meeting in our barracks. Don't look like servicemen at all



IVAN CHUGURIN

We're going on strike any day now. Have talked to fellas from other factories – all confirm they're ready for a general strike



RUSSIAN TELEGRAPH

MPs vs PM: Tensions between PM Golitsyn & Parliament as MPs blame him for failing to establish good relations with Duma

17 APRIL



RUSSIAN TELEGRAPH

Report: Lenin has settled in at Bolshevik HQ at the expansion of ballet dancer Mathilde Kschessinska



RUSSIAN TELEGRAPH

HAPPENING NOW: Vladimir Lenin delivers his 'April Theses' at First All-Russian Soviet Conference at Petrograd Tauride Palace



VLADIMIR LENIN

April Theses



RUSSIAN TELEGRAPH

Almost none of the weapons seized during the revolution have been returned – source in Petrograd Military District HQ



BOLSHEVIK MIKHAILOV

That's way too radical! Seize power now?! Nationalize financial sector?! Lenin has blurted out too much!



PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

Citizens beware! This extremist Lenin is a Trojan horse who was sent to us by Germany!



CAPTAIN ZEITLIN

I don't trust Bolsheviks! Remember scandal a few years back when Bolshevik leader turned out to be police informant?

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ONGOING WAR IS PREDATORY AND IMPERIALISTIC

AGRARIAN REFORM – CONFISCATION AND NATIONALIZATION OF ALL LAND

BOURGEOIS FEBRUARY REVOLUTION IS JUST A PRELUDE TO PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION

NO SUPPORT TO PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

BOLSHEVIKS TO BECOME COMMUNISTS

SOVIET TO CONTROL DISTRIBUTION AND PRODUCTION

ALL POWER TO THE SOVIETS, NO TO PARLIAMENTARY REPUBLIC

BANKING REFORM – NATIONALIZATION OF ALL BANKS

NON-VIOLENT END OF WAR IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT OVERTHROW OF CAPITALISM

MORE BOLSHEVIK PROPAGANDA AMONG WORKERS AND SOLDIERS

CREATE THE NEW INTERNATIONAL



APRIL

DRAMA PERSONS



NICHOLAS ROMANOV
Czar of All Russia



ALEXANDRA ROMANOVA
*Alix of Hesse, Empress, wife
of Nicholas II*



THE ROMANOV SISTERS
*Daughters of Nicholas and
Alexandra – Olga, Tatiana,
Maria, Anastasia*



VLADIMIR LENIN
*Leader of the Russian
Democratic Labor
(Bolsheviks), exiled in
exile*



ALEXANDER KERENSKY
*Russian Politician, State Duma
deputy*



LEON TROTSKY
*Politician, revolutionary,
currently exiled in the United
States*

#1917LIVE book is a one-off experiment because apart from the dynamic Twitter-style retelling of the Russian Revolution, you can interact with it. Printed pages, photos, tweets — will come to life if you scan a QR code with your smartphone where you see one.



**NICHOLAS II
ABDICATES**



**LENIN'S
SPEECH LIVE**



**MAKE SELFIE,
NOT WAR**



**UNFOLLOWING TSAR,
FOLLOWING LENIN**





PAULO COELHO

One of the world's best-selling authors joined #1917LIVE to tweet the last days of Mata Hari based on his book "The Spy"



PAULO COELHO

One of the most interesting tweet experiments: #1917LIVE Telling with photos & texts the story of the Russian Revolution



MATA HARI

Smell of baking bread wafts up to my cell, reminds me of days I walked freely in cafés. It tears me apart more than fear of death



MATA HARI

I've always been optimistic, but time left me bitter, alone, & sad. I was born at the wrong time & nothing can be done to fix this



MATA HARI

We all know I won't be killed because of this stupid allegation of espionage, but because I decided to be who I always dreamed



MATA HARI

All I know is my current heart is a ghost town, populated by passions, enthusiasm, loneliness, shame, pride, betrayal, and sadness



MATA HARI

'Change' and 'change for the better' are two very different things



MATA HARI

My appeal for Clemency denied



MATA HARI

I am ready



PAULO COELHO

Oct 15, 100 yrs ago, she was shot. Great experience to collaborate with @RT_1917, sharing her last days #TheSpy



Sailors from the Russian cruiser Aurora,
Petrograd, November 1917



Alexander III monument in Moscow.
1918

The Nikolskaya Tower, one of 20 surrounding the
Moscow Kremlin, damaged during the revolution,
November 1917



Nikolaevsky Palace near the Kremlin.
November 1917

