

# Diaries of Nicholas II

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*September 21st. Wednesday.*

A warm, clear morning came after a cold night. At 10 o'clock we arrived in Sevastopol, where there was a usual meeting and honor at the pier, Kar. from the 49th Brest regiment. We boarded the "Eagle" and at 11 went to sea. The whole squadron stood in one line and looked beautiful. We sat down to breakfast at Chersonesos. When we turned, it was fresh. At exactly 2 o'clock we approached the Yalta pier, on the cat. Ksenia and Sandro were the first to see. The same meeting as in previous years, with the difference that acquaintances were everywhere. Honor stood right there. car. from the 52nd Vilensky regiment, and in Livadia - from the 16th Rifleman [ovoy] His Vel. p. The weather was colder than in the morning in Sevastopol. Dad was tired and feeling worse. Georgy, Niki and I live in another house, we are in our old rooms. Dined alone with Dad and Mom upstairs. I'm terribly sad that there are no letters from my Alix.

*September 22nd. Thursday.*

The day was clear, but a fresh O was blowing and the surf could be heard overhead. Dad slept a little more and therefore felt more cheerful during the day! After coffee at Mom's, I went with Nicky and Georgy to the sea, where they admired the excitement! We had breakfast at 12 o'clock. Ksenia and Sandro arrived at the very end, thinking that we would start breakfast at one o'clock! We went on horseback to Orianda, to our favorite plage [\[1\]](#), where Papa and Mama arrived in a carriage for a short time. We returned home at 4 o'clock. I read it until lunchtime. Ksenia and Sandro sat with us. Dad took the first salt bath. In the evening we went home earlier than 11 o'clock.

*September 23rd. Friday.*

Dad spent the night better, so he went out for a walk in the morning and then sat for about an hour on a bench not far from his house. Fortunately, the weather was warmer and the wind was weaker than yesterday. We had breakfast alone again at 12 o'clock. Then we went to the sea and sat for a long time on the shore. Finally received three letters at a time from my dear Alix! It was a joyous event of the day for me! Kotya Obolensky came here. In the evening we sat with Mom for a short time!

*September 24th. Saturday.*

Wonderful summer day - put on a tunic! After breakfast [\[2\] the](#) three of us went with Nicky to the vineyard, where they ate from this beautiful fruit of Ioda. We had breakfast alone, as usual, with Ksenia and Sandro only. We went on horseback for Papa and Mama to Eriklik, from where they went down to the farm and drank milk, coffee and ate

yogurt. Everything reminded of the old happy years! I wrote and received two tearful letters from my dear Alix, about the cancellation of my visit to her!

*September 25th. Sunday.*

The day was the same as yesterday. At 11 o'clock we went to mass: the Pope listened to her, as he did last year in Anapap's office [\[3\]](#).

Shooting music was playing at breakfast. We watched the descent of carrier pigeons that flew to Sevastopol. At 2 o'clock we went on horseback to Aytodor, where Papa and Mama arrived earlier. It was funny to inspect Xenia's apartments in a new house, in a cat. she, as a hostess, received us and gave us tea! She and Sandro look so happy that you can't ask for more! The soul rejoices looking at both of them! But at the sight of their happiness, you involuntarily think about your own - about, for example, what could have happened if I had also got married in the summer? We were at home at 5 o'clock.

The "Twelve Apostles" passed, probably testing their mechanisms. Dad was more cheerful! Received three wonderful letters from my beloved dear Alix!

*September 26th. Monday.*

A hot gray day. After breakfast, Dad and Mom went to the vineyard, and we followed them on foot and ate a lot of vine fruit! I saw Vanya, the cat. came here yesterday with count [frost | and my sisters. After breakfast KP Pobedonostsev came to see me. We went on horseback, first to my Orianda, and then to another - to the plage, where everyone else was. We returned home at 4 1/2 o'clock ...

*September 27th. Tuesday.*

In the morning after coffee, instead of a walk, we fought with Nicky [\[4\] with](#) chestnuts, first in front of the house, and ended up on the roof. At 2 o'clock we went on horseback to the waterfall; climbed above the second platform. We were late for tea. Sandro and Ksenia dined at their place - they spent the evening without them!

*September 28th. Wednesday.*

It was a good day, the wind was abating, although the steamers in the sea rocked well. After breakfast we set off on horseback for Papa and Mama, Ksenia and Sandro to Massandra. The manager Shelukhin treated us to strawberries, peaches, nuts and chestnuts. Received two letters from dear dear Alix.

*September 29th. Thursday.*

The morning was clear, but by noon the sky was overcast, although it was completely warm. Again I fought Nicky with cones on the roof. We had breakfast as usual at 12 o'clock. Dear Dad looks as if he is better, but he still feels bad - he is stiff and swelling in his legs interferes with the movement of his legs! We rode on horseback through Orianda down to the plage. We saw the yacht "Foros", which passed very close, going to Sevastopol. The night was wonderful and moonlit.

*September 30th. Friday.*

Warm gray day. After breakfast, the three of us walked along the horizontal line and examined the interior of the Oriand church. After breakfast we went on horseback to the farm and along the high road to Aytodor, through the cat. went down to the lighthouse. Here Sandro is excavating; 60 Greek coins have been found since their arrival after the wedding. We returned home for tea. Dad slept for over two hours on the balcony. We dined without him, because at 9 o'clock he took a bath. Received two letters from darling Alix.

*1st October. Saturday.*

It was a wonderful day. At 11 1/2 Georgy and I went to Aytodor to have breakfast with Xenia and Sandro. There were also A. Ozerova, Evreinov and Dr. Gruzdev at the table. Chatelain filmed us in the garden. We sat in their salon; played pianos with Xenia. We returned to Livadia at 3 o'clock. We went to the sea. I was sitting on the stones with my gloomy thoughts in my head and longing in my heart! Unfortunately, there was no letter!

*2nd October. Sunday.*

It was a gray day, quite consistent with my state of mind! We were at mass - only here and see the rest of the public. After breakfast I went for a walk with Raven \* along the entire seashore and returned to the house by different large paths. Yanyshchev and Leiden arrived from abroad; the first one brought me a pillow and a book with written verses from my Alix! After dinner, two lovely letters came from her.

\* Name of the dog

*3rd October. Monday.*

Two more Aesculapians arrived today. Grube and Zakharyin; so that there are now five of them in Livadia, those two, Leiden, Velyaminov and Popov. It was very fresh at night, the sea probably roared violently. The day was clear and warm. Walked with Nicky in the greenhouses. At 2 o'clock he went on horseback to Aytodor; went down to the sea and walked to the baths of Xenia and Sandro. The waves rolled in huge. After tea, I read and wrote as usual.

*4th October. Tuesday.*

Not a fun day! Dear Daddy, he felt so weak that he himself wanted to go to bed. It happened after a sad, agonizing breakfast! The weather was wonderful on purpose - completely summer. He left, reluctantly, on horseback along the road to Uchans and then home through Autka and Yalta. Dad slept for an hour and thanks to this he looked more cheerful! We dined without him - he was in bed! The second day that I do not have letters from my Alix!

*October 5th. Wednesday.*

The mail arrived late last night and brought with it two letters from Alix! It was a clear day, but a very fresh wind was blowing from the mountains - like a bora! <sup>[5]</sup> After breakfast, followed by Dad, I went for a walk with Mom. She read me a long letter from Comrade Alix. After breakfast we set off on horseback to Chair, drove to the teahouse and returned by 4 o'clock to their place. Dad and Mom allowed me to write my dear Alix from Darmstadt here - Ella and D. Sergei will bring her! I was indescribably touched by their love and desire to see her! What a happiness to meet again so unexpectedly - it's only sad that under such circumstances.

*6th October. Thursday.*

All day I received and answered telegrams from relatives from all over. The weather was good. Dad was on his feet in the morning, but lay down after breakfast, he was overcome by drowsiness. I read papers for him. The five of us went for a walk with Ksenia and Sandro. We climbed the Mount of the Cross in Orianda. After tea the correspondence by telegraph continued. In the evening Georgy and I moved to the house of Dad and Mom - still calmer! I'm in our old rooms downstairs.

*7th October. Friday.*

Today there seemed to be a slight improvement: although Dad slept little, his appetite, especially towards evening, increased and his health improved! Telegrams continued to pour in. I read the papers brought by the courier, the cat. Dad passed it on to me. The weather was good. After breakfast we went to inspect the rooms cleaned by the ladies in the suite's house for Alix, Ella, etc. I look forward to her arrival with terrible impatience! Received two

lovely letters. Tomorrow she must meet with Ella in Alexandrov! For the first time in Russia after she became my bride! We had lunch at 8 o'clock, we all felt more cheerful, because Dad ate well and was more cheerful!

*October 8th. Saturday.*

A wonderful summer day: 19 ° in the shade! After coffee we saw "Eriklik", which was going from Comrade Sani, Comrade Olga, Minnie and Christopher to Yalta. Immediately with Nicky flew there and arrived at a time when "Eriklik" swaying strongly approached the pier. We waited for a long time in the cabin for the travelers to leave, because they were pumped up and they did not get up before arriving in Yalta. Fr. John arrived with them and upon his arrival in Livadia he served Mass, and later a prayer service for all people. We had breakfast downstairs - it's nice to see new faces - it's so sobering! After breakfast we rode on horseback to Orianda Vit. - on the plage, where the surf was huge - rare! I received a wonderful telegram from my dear dear Alix already from Russia - that she would like to be anointed upon arrival - it touched me and struck me so much that I could not figure out anything for a long time! - D [poison] Sergei and Pavel came from Moscow. Sweet Dad felt a little better and ate more! I read reports and papers.

*October 9th. Sunday.*

Dear Dad, although he slept more, he felt weak; the doctors were pleased with his condition. Several times the blood was taken from the nose. After Mass, Yanyshv went to the Pope and introduced him to the Holy Mysteries! After that, he completely calmed down. We were forced to have breakfast with everyone and even with music, which was completely inappropriate! When we returned to our homes, we only learned that the dear Pope had joined! At about 2 o'clock he went to bed and fell asleep for an hour and a half. I met and talked with Fr. John. It was a wonderful day; went for a walk with D. Sergei. We examined the church in Orianda, went down to the sea and so returned to Livadia. Got good news on the way from dear Alix and also a letter from Darmstadt!

*October 10th. Monday.*

Woke up with a wonderful hot day! Uncle Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen arrived early in the morning on the "Saratov" from Odessa. At 9 1/2 I went with the village Sergei to Alushta, where we arrived at one o'clock in the afternoon. Ten minutes later, my beloved Alix and Ella drove up from Simferopol.

We sat down to breakfast at the house of the retired general Golubov. After breakfast I sat down with Alix in a carriage and together drove to Livadia. My God! What a joy it is to meet her at home and to be close to you - half of the worries and sorrow seemed to have been lifted from your shoulders. At each station, the Tatars were greeted with bread and salt; at the border of Massandra they were waiting: Lazarev, Olive and Vyazemsky. The whole carriage was filled with flowers and grapes. I was seized by a terrible excitement when we entered our dear Parents. Dad was weaker today and Alix's arrival, except for a date with Fr. John, weary him! At the palace stood the arrows of His Vel. in the guard of honor. We entered the church, where a short thanksgiving service was served. Sat with my Alix until lunchtime. The evening was spent as usual. Took her to her rooms!

*October 11th. Tuesday.*

At night, D. Aleksey came to the "Orel" from Odessa! Dear Daddy slept all night and felt better in the morning; but in the afternoon he was tired all the same and went to bed. In the morning I drank coffee with cute Alix together. I can't get enough of her presence among us! Walked with her and took care of the papers in her room while she worked. We had breakfast upstairs, as always, at 12 o'clock. The four of us went to Orianda Witt on the seashore. It was a wonderful day - tropical heat - later found fog. We drank tea together again! We dined at 8 o'clock and played cards as usual. I did not sit with her for long.

*October 12th. Wednesday.*

Nice clear day with strong wind from the mountains. Drank coffee at the sweet Alix's. I cannot recover from the joy of seeing her among us - her presence gives me so much cheerfulness and tranquility! At 10 1/2, most of the family set off on foot to the Oryand Church, to the Mass served by Fr. John. He makes exclamations very sharply, somehow shouts them out - he read his prayer for the Pope, which made a strong impression on me. Dear Alix came with me too! We had breakfast at 12 1/2 o'clock. Four of us went: Alix, Ksenia, Sandro and I to Uchans in a carriage - the rest on horseback. It blew cruelly! Until dinner I sat with my beloved bride, whom I love more and more! What a joy it is to have such a treasure as a wife! In the evening I sat with her until 12 1/4 o'clock.

*October 13th. Thursday.*

Dad slept little, but he felt fine; he looked more cheerful. At 11 1/2 I went with Alix and the others to Aytodor on the occasion of D. Misha's birthday. We had breakfast only with the family. Nikolai was there too! We returned at 3 o'clock when everyone was walking. After tea I sat with my dear Alix; helped her to embroider the air and [\[6\]](#) for St. Gifts on the day when she will receive communion for the first time. We dined at 8 o'clock and then played secretaire [\[7\]](#). All the uncles and aunts came to the evening tea. Daddy slept in his restroom!

*October 14th. Friday.*

Dear Dad, the night was not bad, but after breakfast he felt weaker again. The weather was gray but warm. Nikolay had breakfast with us upstairs. At 2 o'clock we went to Massandra in a large company. We walked to a house under construction in Verkhnyaya M [Assandra]. Alix rode in a wheelchair, because you need to take care of her legs so that the pain does not recur! We returned home at 5 o'clock and after tea I again read the case files with dear Alix while she was working. Everyone spent the evening as usual!

*October 15th. Saturday.*

Dad felt a little better! It was a wonderful day. After breakfast with v. Misha, we went to Eriklik, from where Alix and I came to the farm on foot. They drank coffee there and ate yogurt with others. D. Vladimir also came up at this time. I sat with my dear Alix until lunchtime and in the evening until 12 1/2 o'clock.

*October 16th. Sunday.*

Got up late on a wonderful day. Dad felt better, but during the visit to the doctors he vomited. At 11 o'clock. went to mass - prayed with Alix.

We had breakfast as a family on the balcony in a large house. Walked with my sweetheart bride; were by the sea and returned through the helipad \*. The evening was spent as usual.

\* Vineyard (church) .

*October 17th. Monday.*

In the morning, the Pope received Holy Communion. Secrets of Father John. He felt weak with excitement, and he slept little at night. At 11 o'clock. went to the funeral service and prayer service on the occasion of the anniversary of the crash [\[8\]](#). After breakfast, the four of us with Ella and D. Sergei went to Alupka, where they examined the house and the garden from the terrace.

The day was lovely and warm. Returned home with darkness. Sergei arrived with Alexei in transit to Vienna; that poor man has consumption! After dinner I spent the evening with Papa - he was greatly tormented by a throat cough. He was sitting, as always, with my dear dear Alix!

*October 18th. Tuesday.*

Hard, sad day! Dear Dad did not sleep at all and felt bad in the morning, so we were woken up and called upstairs. What a challenge! Then Dad calmed down a little and dozed during the day with interruptions.

I did not dare to leave home for a long time. Such a consolation to have dear Alix; she sat with me all day while I read the files from various ministers. About 11 a.m. D. Vladimir had a conference of doctors - awful! We had breakfast downstairs so as not to make noise! I walked a little with Alix around the house. After tea I read again. In the evening it seemed that dear Dad felt more cheerful - but a terrible weakness! One hope and hope in the Merciful Lord: may His holy will be done!

*19th October. Wednesday.*

In the morning, dear Pope slept for four hours straight and sat in a chair during the day. Our anxiety began again towards evening, when Pope moved into his bedroom and went to bed: again the weakness became terrible! Everyone wandered about the garden scattered - I was with Alix by the sea, so I was afraid for her legs so that she would not get tired of climbing up: there was no carriage. After tea and in the evening I read papers. Sat with my beloved Alix!

*20th October. Thursday.*

My God, my God, what a day! The Lord recalled our beloved, dear, beloved Pope to Himself. My head is spinning, I don't want to believe - the terrible reality seems so incredible. We spent the whole morning upstairs beside him! His breathing was difficult, it was necessary to give him oxygen to inhale all the time. At about half past three, he received Holy Communion. Tyne; mild convulsions soon began ... and the end came quickly! Fr. John stood at his head for more than an hour and held his head. This was the death of a saint! Lord, help us in these difficult days! Poor dear Mom! .. In the evening at 9 1/2 there was a memorial service - in the same bedroom! I felt like I was killed. Dear Alix's legs hurt again! In the evening he confessed \* .

\* The entry for October 20 is underlined with a vertical line; the day of the death of Alexander III is marked on the left side of the text.

*October 21st. Friday.*

And in deep sorrow, the Lord gives us a quiet and bright joy: at 10 o'clock. in the presence of only the family, my dear dear Alix was **anointed** and after mass we received communion with her, dear Mama and Ella. Alix read her answers and prayers amazingly well and clearly! After breakfast a panikhida was served, at 9 pm another. The expression on the face of dear Dad is wonderful, smiling, as if he wants to laugh! All day he answered telegrams from Alix, and also dealt with business with the last courier. Even the weather had changed: it was cold and roaring in the sea!

*October 22nd. Saturday.*

Last night I had to move the body of dear Dad down, because, unfortunately, it quickly began to decompose. Therefore, both the morning and evening requiems were served in the small church. Thank God, dear Mom is completely calm and heroically endures her grief! All I did was to unsubscribe from the clouds of telegrams. There was a ferment of minds about where to arrange my wedding; Mama, some others, and I found it best to make her here quietly, while dear Papa was still under the roof of the house; and all the uncles are against it and say that I should get married in St. Petersburg after the funeral. This seems completely inconvenient to me! During the day we went to the sea - the surf was huge. The weather warmed and became clear. In the evening they expected the arrival of D. Berti and Comrade Alix from Odessa, but at night they learned that they had entered Sevastopol.

*October 23rd. Sunday.*

The weather improved - it became warm again. At 10 1/4, Comrade Alix and D. Berti arrived from Sevastopol on the Orel. We were at the funeral mass. What a tremendous consolation to stand in the church next to dear Alix and pray with her! Had breakfast separately from Mama, etc. Alix. At 2 1/2 I went with my fiancée to Oriandu, went to the church, examined the mosaic images and went to the plage. We sat by the sea, in the place where until recently we were together with the unforgettable Pope! We returned home for tea. Wrote telegrams endlessly; sweet Alix helps me with this! After lunch we went to church for a memorial service.

The evening was spent together as usual.

*October 24th. Monday.*

The day stood gray - so it was in my soul! In the morning I walked a little with dear Alix, then wrote and read. After breakfast, at 2 o'clock there was a funeral service in the church, in the evening at 9 o'clock. I still do not dare to go into the corner room where the body of dear Pope lies - it has changed so much after embalming that it is difficult to destroy the wonderful impression that remained from the first day! During the day I rode with Alix, walked by the seashore in Orianda. I sat with her in the evening.

*October 25th. Tuesday.*

The morning was busy: after coffee with my beloved, Alix was receiving General Leith. Dena for Finland. I talked for a long time with D. Vladimir about whether to make my wedding solemnly or privately after the funeral? The courier arrived again and read in fits and starts until evening. After the requiem, I rode from Alix to Aytodor. At 6 1/2 began the heavy ceremony of transferring the body of dear Pope in a coffin to a large church. The Cossacks carried the coffin on a stretcher. For the third time in a row, I have to attend memorial services in this church - for Obolensky, Basargin and now for our unforgettable Father! We returned to the empty house morally broken! The Lord sent us all an ordeal!

*October 26th. Wednesday.*

In the morning, most of the family went ahead to Moscow and St. Petersburg. The day was gray, but quite quiet. At 2 o'clock and at 7 o'clock there were memorial services in large churches; the coffin was not opened! I was finishing the last papers. I went for a drive with dear Alix for the last time. We examined the excavation site at the Aytodor lighthouse. Everything is laid out - the rooms look sad. Everyone went to bed early - sat with his Alix!

*October 27th. Thursday.*

Fortunately, the weather was good and the sea was calm. At 8 1/2 we left our house, which is now so sadly orphaned, and went to church. Mass ended there. They carried out the coffin and handed it over to the Cossacks, who alternated with the arrows and rowers from the boat His Vel. carried him to the pier in Yalta. Mom and all of us walked to the coffin. After the litiya we switched to "In Memory of Mercury", where the coffin was placed on a quarterdeck under an awning made of St. Andrew's flag. Full watch stood around. A wonderful, beautiful, but sad picture. We had breakfast downstairs separately from the others. Approaching Sevastopol, it began to sway. The 12 Apostles and the Eagle followed us. The whole squadron was lined up in one line, just like a month ago. But God! What a terrible difference from the time Sevastopol looked funny then. At 4 1/2 we approached the pier. After the lithium, the rowers moved the coffin to the carriage and the funeral train with full watch (from Preobraz. And Horse p. N.) Left 20 minutes. before us. And in this grief there was still a sad parting with dear George. He again returns to the "Eagle" in Batum and from there to Abastuman; with him a drop. II p. Stackelberg. Nicky and Minnie also leave for Greece in Eriklik. We left Sevastopol at 5.20. In Simferopol we went to the station to the funeral carriage for the funeral service.

*October 28th. Friday.*

Wedding day of dear Dad and Mom! How much suffering is awful for her! Help, Lord! We stayed in Borki and Kharkov for funeral services. Everywhere there are the same meetings - the guards of honor, all the authorities, educational institutions, etc.

*October 29th. Saturday.*

We finally got into the winter. We stayed three times: in Kursk, Orel and Tula. For me, the presence of my dear beloved Alix on the train is a tremendous consolation and support! Sat with her all day.

*October 30th. Sunday.*

At 9 1/2 we moved to the salon of the funeral train and so we rode it to **Moscow**. On the platform we met D. Sergei, Ella and D. Misha. We carried out the coffin and put it on the chariot. On the streets were troops and thousands of people - the order was wonderful. Before the Kremlin, there were 10 stops for lithiums against churches. A coffin was erected in the Archangel Cathedral, and after the requiem, I went to venerate the relics in the Assumption Cathedral. and Chudov mon. I arrived at the palace for breakfast. How many bright memories are here in the Kremlin - and how hard it is now for me to do everything instead of my dear Dad! I read, received and sat between classes with my dear Alix. Dined at 8 o'clock and went to bed early.

*October 31st. Monday.*

In the morning I got up with terrible emotions, because at 9 3/4, going with Mama to the Arkhangelsk sob. through the halls, I had to say a few words to the assembled estates in the George [Ievskaya] hall. It came down, thank God, safely! After the litiya, the coffin was carried out and put on the chariot, and we set off again on the same road to the station. It melted - it was quite warm to go. At 12 o'clock the train started. We got on the Nikolaev train in Khimki and drove on. We rested in the carriage, and a memorial service was served in Tver. All the time he was sitting with his dear Alix.

*1st November. Tuesday.*

We moved to the station. Obukhov on the funeral train and at 10 o'clock. arrived in **Petersburg**. Bitter meeting with the rest of the relatives. The procession from the station to the fortress lasted 4 hours, due to the fact that the bridges on the Neva were lifted. The weather was gray - melting. After the requiem we arrived at Anichkov [palace]. How empty it seems. I was most afraid of this moment for dear Mom. Aunt Alix and D. Berti live below - on the Nevsky. My Alix is temporarily with Ella. Decently tired this day! At 8 o'clock I went with Misha to the evening requiem. We had dinner upon arrival home. Sweet Alix spent part of the evening with me - it's so strange to see her here - it reminds me of 1889.

*2nd November. Wednesday.*

I slept well; but as soon as you come to your senses, now the terrible oppression and the heavy consciousness of the accomplished return to the soul with new strength! Poor Mama again felt weak, and in the afternoon she had a slight faint. At 10.25 D. Willie arrived with George; the whole family greeted them, as well as an honor guard from the Izmailovsky regiment. Brought it to Anichkov. At 12 o'clock he received the State. Council in full force - I had to speak again! Sweet Alix arrived for breakfast; sad to see her only in fits and starts! At 2 o'clock I went to the memorial service. It was raining, the darkness was hellish, a fresh wind was blowing and the water in the Neva went to profit. I ran through the garden three times. At 8 o'clock. was at the second memorial service. Dined: Alix, D. Bertie, George and I - at 9 o'clock. In the evening she sat with me.

*3rd November. Thursday.*

In the morning I read reports. At 11 o'clock I went to the station from the village of Berti towards the village of Alfred, Erni, Dzhorzhi and Irene. Alix and Ella too



met their own. Received by N. X. Bunge. We ate breakfast alone, because Mom ate with Comrade Alix. At 1 1/2 I went with Misha to the fortress, then visited foreign princes. At 3 1/2 I received the whole retinue, again I had to say a few words. Walked in the garden - the weather cleared up. At 4, dear Alix arrived - spent time until 7 1/4. After the requiem, I dined at the village of Sergei and Ella. It's boring that we see Alix so little - I would like to get married as soon as possible - then the end of the goodbyes!

*4th November. Friday.*

I woke up at 9 o'clock. After coffee at Mama's, I went from the village of Berti to the Warsaw [Avskaya] station. to the meeting of Apap \* and D. Valdemara. My dear company of the Preobrazhensky regiment was on the guard of honor. At 11 o'clock. a train came up; took Apap to Anichkov. Now our house is completely filled: Comrade Alix, Apapa, D. Berti, D. Valdemar, George and Borovig live in it. Had two reports: NK Girsu and Witte. As a result, I was late for breakfast. At 2 o'clock everyone gathered for the funeral service. Walked in the garden, the air was warm. My dear Alix arrived at 4 o'clock only at this time, before and after tea, and I see her alone! After the requiem, I dined with her at 9 o'clock - very comfortable. Spent the evening with D. Valdemar and both Georgi!

\* Apapa - King of Denmark Christian IX.

*5th November. Saturday.*

At 11 o'clock. Heinrich of Prussia arrived - stayed at the station to await the arrival of the Erz-Duke Karl-Ludwig and Prince. Montenegrin. Returning home, he accepted a deputation from Alix from Slavyansky Society. <sup>[9]</sup> After breakfast we attended a funeral service.

The church is filled with foreigners - German and Danish officers are on duty at the coffin. At 3 1/2 he took the gene. Boisdefrat, Gervais and the entire French Embassy Extraordinary. In the evening I dined at the village of Sergei and sat with my beloved Alix!

*6th November. Sunday.*

Sad day of the Hussar holiday. At 11 o'clock. went to mass in the fortress. The Serbian king arrived there directly from the station. We had breakfast at one o'clock at home. Then he received a lot of deputations: four German, two Austrian, Danish and Belgian - I had to talk to everyone! I walked a little in the garden, my head was spinning. The Serbian king visited me, then Ferdinand the Romanian - they took away from me those few free minutes of the day in which I was allowed to see Alix.

She drank tea with Erni at my place. At 7 1/2 I went to Winter for Xenia and took her to the fortress for a memorial service. We had dinner at 9 o'clock. In the evening the little Neapolitan prince arrived. My dear darling Alix was sitting with me.

*7th November. Monday.*

The second time I had to go through those hours of grief and sorrow that fell to our lot on October 20th. At 10 1/2 began the episcopal service and then the funeral service and funeral of the dear unforgettable Pope! It is hard and painful to bring such words here - it still seems that we are all in some kind of sleepy state and that all of a sudden! he will appear between us again! Returning to Anichkov, I had breakfast upstairs with my dear Mom, she surprisingly takes it upon herself and does not lose heart. Walked

in the garden. Sat with his Alix and drank tea with everyone. We had lunch at 8 o'clock and spent the evening in the Pope's office.

*November 8th. Tuesday.*

The twentieth day has already arrived! At 12 o'clock there was the same funeral service as during all these days - in the fortress. I had Vannovsky with a report. All the relatives living in Anichkov had breakfast in the dining room. Received the Duke of Alba, sent by the Queen of Spain. Made a visit to the king of Serbia, cat. everybody got tired of his behavior yesterday and today in the fortress, and the little Italian. I returned home at 4 1/2 and only then saw my dear Alix. After tea I read in my room while she worked. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. and spent the evening quietly in the family circle. Two of the princes have already left: they would rather have carried away the rest. It is easier to work when there are no strangers at my side, whose presence only increases the burden on me!

*November 9th. Wednesday.*

Got up late. I read until 10 o'clock. I had reports of D. Misha and Muravyov. We had breakfast at one o'clock with the village of Valdemar and George. Received various foreigners with and without letters. You have to answer all sorts of questions - so you are completely lost and confused! Walked in the garden. My Alix came to me at 4 o'clock. We drank tea upstairs. At 7 o'clock. gathered in Malakhitova. There was a big dinner for all visiting princes at the Concert Hall. I almost burst into tears, sitting down at the table - it was so hard to see such a situation when there is a stone on my soul. Then they brought in all the others who ate at the knight marshal's table - they had to go around this circle of 200 people. I sat at home for a while with dear Alix.

*November 10th. Thursday.*

I woke up at 7 o'clock and, having drunk coffee, went to get some fresh air. It was cold and sleet. I read until 10 o'clock. After a joint breakfast, I received and had reports from Durnovo, Richter and Vorontsov. We had breakfast at one o'clock. Again he took up to 3 1/4. After the walk, I chose carpets and curtains for two rooms with Alix, the cat. added to my old ones, from Gosh - in view of the fact that it would be too close to fit together in 4 previous rooms! Decently tired of this day. We had dinner at 8 o'clock and then quietly spent the evening in the Pope's office.

*November 11th. Friday.*

Walked in the garden in the morning. The darkness was terrible all day. After breakfast I had reports: Witte and Krivosheina. Then he accepted the second series of governors-general and commanders of the troops. We had breakfast with Mama, Apapa and Dzhorzhi (Greek), since the rest of them all left. Received the entire Senate in full force in the ballroom. Walked and cycled in the garden. It wasn't enough to read, so I had a wonderful time before dinner with dear Alix. Side two rooms are being arranged. After dinner we sat with Mom until 10 1/2.

*November 12th. Saturday.*

Quite a tiring day: at 10 o'clock in the morning, reports began - Den, Count Vorontsov, D. Alexei and Chikhachev, and then all the chieftains of Kaz. troops. Had breakfast with Mama, Apapa, etc. Alix. At 3 o'clock he took in the Winter Dv. a lot of deputations from all over Russia - up to 460 people, all at once in the Nikolaev Hall. He returned with Ksenia to Anichkov and walked in the garden in complete darkness. My dear Alix

sat with me before and after tea. At 7 3/4 I went to the village of Pavel for lunch. There were Alix with her sisters, Erni and Heinrich. We sat with him until 10 1/2 and returned to Anichkov, where my beloved Alix spent another hour with me.

*November 13th. Sunday.*

Day of rest for me - no reports, no receptions. At 11 o'clock. went to mass, for the first time to our lovely church. It was sad and painful to stand in the same old place, knowing that one place would remain empty forever. Words cannot express how difficult and how sorry dear Mom! We had breakfast as usual - some in Dad's office, others in the dining room. We walked in the garden and rode bicycles - the sun came out and became colder. I saw dear Alix for tea, then went to her and said goodbye to her at 8 o'clock. - you can't see each other anymore! before the

wedding? It still seems to me that the matter is about someone else's wedding - it is strange under such circumstances to think about your own marriage! We dined and spent the evening calmly - sitting with Mom.

*November 14th. Monday.*

My wedding day! After the general coffee we went to get dressed: I put on a hussar uniform and at 11 1/2 went with Misha to Zimny. All along the Nevsky there were troops for the passage of Mama and Alix. While her toilet was being performed in Malakhitova, we all waited in the Arab room. 10 min. the first was the exit to the big church, from where I returned as a married man! My best men were: Misha, George, Kirill and Sergey. In Malakhitovaya we were presented with a huge silver swan from the family. After changing her clothes, Alix sat down with me in a carriage with a Russian harness with a postman, and we drove to the Kazan Cathedral. There was an abyss of people on the streets - they could barely get through! Upon arrival in Anichkov, he was honored in the courtyard, kar. from her L. Tv. Ulansky village. Mom was waiting with bread and salt in our rooms. We sat all evening and answered the telegrams. We had dinner at 8 o'clock. We went to bed early because she had a severe headache!

*November 15th. Tuesday.*

So I'm a married man! In the afternoon, fortunately, no one tried to interfere with us - they calmly unsubscribed from the telegrams! After coffee, Mom visited us - she liked the decoration of the new rooms. The most pleasant thing for both of us is sitting in the corner. We had breakfast at one o'clock - Yuri also (dezh.). I went with Alix to the fortress to pray at the grave of dear unforgettable Pope; there were a lot of people! I rode my bike in the garden. At 5 o'clock the family came to us with a gift for my Alix and stayed with us to drink tea. Erni, she and I had dinner three together, then escorted him, Irene and Heinrich to the station. They left at 8.45. In the evening we sat upstairs and read letters from abroad until 11.

*November 16th. Wednesday.*

We got up late, because there was a confusion and we were woken up at 9 o'clock instead of eight. The day was full of bustle. Muravyov was with a report and then I received - so that all morning I saw dear Alix for only an hour. We all had breakfast together in the dining room, Mom, too, for the first time! At 3 o'clock I went for a ride with Alix - it is strange to sit next to her in a stroller in St. Petersburg. Walked in the garden with Mama and Apapa. We drank tea together. Telegrams were being written all the time until lunchtime. In the evening, everyone came to us from above - they were looking at my wife's wedding gifts!

*November 17th. Thursday.*

Drank coffee in the corner room that became our favorite! From 11 - 14 he had reports from Durnovo, Richter and Girs. I read a lot; fortunately, the telegrams stopped pouring in. After breakfast we rode with Alix and visited Aunt Michen and Comrade Sani. We drank tea at our place and again showed our relatives their rooms. We had lunch at 8 o'clock.

Unimaginably happy with Alix, it's a pity that the classes take up so much time that I would so much like to spend exclusively with her!

*November 18th. Friday.*

We fell asleep and therefore drank coffee at 9 1/2. I read reports until 10 1/2, when we usually all gather at Mom's for a common breakfast. I had: Witte and Krivoshey; then a large military reception upstairs. Alix was studying with Schneider at this time. After breakfast we went for a drive and drove to the village of Misha. The darkness was pitch-black. At 8 o'clock, the four of us went to dinner at Xenia and Sandro's. They nicely decorated their premises in the Winter Palace - the former rooms of D. Sergei and Pavel. At 10 o'clock. came back home.

*19th November. Saturday.*

At 9 o'clock. already drank coffee. I read until 10 1/2. Accepted reports: Vannovsky, gr. Vorontsov and Filippov. Volkenstein came to say goodbye - they received him together. All Danish relatives ate breakfast, celebrated Comrade Alix's birthday - she is 50 years old! Walked in the garden with Alix - it was 2 ° frost. We drank tea at home and read together. There is simply no strength to part with each other! After lunch, we sat upstairs for a short time and returned to our place at 10 1/4.

*20th November. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to mass. Alix and I were in our church for the first time [time] after the wedding. We had breakfast for the last time with the family like yesterday. At 4 o'clock we saw village Willy, t, Olga and Dzhorzhi at the station. Ride with Alix; it was sun and was melting. We stopped at the village Sergei and Ella, the cat. drank tea. I dined with Alix downstairs at my place, and at 8 1/2 we again went to the station to see Apap, uncle Bertie, Valdemar and George, off. It is a pity, especially poor Mama, that so many relatives left at once; there is only one comrade Alix - I hope for a long time! Mitya (dezh) also spent the evening with them.

*November 21st. Monday.*

The second day that the sun was showing, which immediately changed the view of the city. A strong ice drift was going along the Neva. We drank coffee at 9 1/2 o'clock. We were upstairs at Mom's - we ran out of family breakfasts downstairs in her old rooms! Uncle Alexei and Chikhachev were with a report and then Ermolov. Took before and after breakfast. At 3 o'clock I went with Alix to Zimny, where Ella was waiting for us. We walked around together and talked about everything regarding the arrangement of our future rooms. After riding, we returned home for tea. We are both happy to think about moving to Tsarskoe for 4 days! We had lunch at 8 o'clock.

*November 22nd. Tuesday.*

Misha's birthday: he is 16 years old \*. We went to mass with Xenia and. Sandro - there was no one else from the family. We had breakfast at 12 1/2 with Misha village. At 3 o'clock Alix and I left for **Tsarskoe**. the weather was

clear and cheerful. Travel by rail the road reminded England of last summer! At the Aleksandrovskaya st. met the beginning. parts and weight of Tsarsko-Selo \*\*. It began to freeze when we drove up to the Alexander [ovsky] palace. I live in my old rooms, and my Alix is in the room. Mama. It is inexpressibly pleasant to live peacefully, without seeing anyone - the whole day and night together! Dined tete a tete \*\*\* in the corner room and went to bed early!

\* Misha - in. book Mikhail Alexandrovich, brother of Nicholas II.

\*\* This refers to the inhabitants of Tsarskoe Selo.

\*\*\* Eye to eye (French).

*November 23rd. Wednesday.*

It was strange to spend the night in the bedroom of dear Dad and Mom, in the cat. I was born. He walked in a dressing gown, as yesterday evening, from the bedroom to his rooms through Nikolai Pavlovich's apartments, for the morning toilet. Drank coffee at 9 1/4 and then went out for a walk. There was a clear sun and 4 ° frost. Was reading. Breakfast: the maid of honor Alix - Countess Lamsdorf and Benckendorff. At 3 1/4 we went to Pavlovsk in a carriage. We returned home for tea. We spent the rest of the day and the evening together - we also dined alone!

*November 24th. Thursday.*

Every day that passes, I bless the Lord and thank Him from the depths of my soul for the happiness that He has awarded me! A person has no right to wish for greater or better prosperity on this earth. My love and respect for dear Alix is growing constantly! After coffee we walked around and then studied - she was writing, I was reading. We

rode in a droshky during the day, visited my Ceylon elephant, a cat. has grown a lot in three years. It began to freeze. We went to bed early - at 11 o'clock.

*November 25th. Friday.*

Today it was freezing again. In the morning we rode alone in Babolovo - I walked alongside. I was free, because I didn't have to read almost anything. We had breakfast alone and had dinner as well. Words cannot describe what kind of bliss it is to live together in such a good place as Tsarskoe!

*November 26th. Saturday.*

Dear George's birthday! Yesterday we received a telegram from my dear Mom that we can stay here one more day. We walked after coffee on a clear frosty morning - it was 9 °. We had breakfast and dinner alone. At 3 o'clock we went for a drive to Pavlovsk. We drank tea in my rooms. My bliss is boundless - it is very sad to leave Tsarskoe, which became such a dear place for both of us: for the first time after the wedding we were left alone and really lived in perfect harmony.

*November 27th. Sunday.*

After coffee we sat at home and at 11 o'clock. went to mass in the church of the Grand Palace. Returning to our room, we had breakfast with the Count. Lamsdorf, Benckendorf, Kotey Obolen [skim] and Korf (dezh.); the latter talked such nonsense that we all died with laughter. The last time I walked with my darling wife in the park. After drinking tea, they left the Alexander Palace and went to **Petersburg**; arrived in Anichkov at about 6 o'clock. Mom and Comrade Alix finished their tea. We were busy arranging things, hanging pictures and photographs on the walls in the new room. We had dinner at 8 o'clock as before and parted early.

*November 28th. Monday.*

The 40th day has come since the death of the unforgettable dear Pope! At 11 o'clock. the whole family gathered in the fortress for the funeral mass. The ice on the Neva had become, the bridges were opened, so we had to make a big circle. After breakfast I had Yermolov with a report. We went with Alix for the first time in a sleigh - along the end pavement well, but on a stone scraper. After a ride, I went to the garden, where I walked with Xenia and Sandro. We drank tea at our place. I read and wrote. Dined at 8 o'clock with George (dezh.).

*November 29th. Tuesday.*

After coffee he received Kulomzin with a report on the affairs of the Siberian Committee [\[10\]](#). Then there was Vannovsky, and instead of Gears - Den. I went with Alix to the village of Sergei, where Ella showed us the designs of our rooms in the Winter Palace. We rode together in a sleigh, the snow is still not enough. We drank tea at our place. At 8 o'clock Mom, Comrade Alix, Ksenia, Sandro (dezh.) And Misha dined downstairs with us; then they spent the evening in our new rooms until 10 1/2 hours.

*November 30th. Wednesday.*

The morning was busy: at 10 o'clock I had Bunge, Muravyov at 11 o'clock and then the adjutant generals and retinues of major generals, traveling abroad with letters of communication, presented themselves until breakfast. At 2 o'clock the meeting of the Committee of the Siberian Railway began in the library. dor., first a united presence, and then a simple one. I went for a walk with Mom and Xenia. Alix was skating with Ella because I wouldn't be able to get her out because of the committee. We drank tea at our place. I read and wrote. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. In the evening Mom and so on. Alix went for a drive.

*1st December. Thursday.*

I was pissed off all morning. At least the day was clear - it was 10 ° with almost no snow. At 3 o'clock I went with Alix to Zimny, where they were choosing samples of furniture and materials for our future apartment; then they also examined my Japanese, Chinese and Indian things. The evening passed as usual.

#### *2nd December. Friday.*

In the morning there was Pobedonostsev, then with reports: Witte and Krivoshey. 28 people the military was introduced. Completely stupid! Breakfast gr. Sheremetev.

At 2 1/2 upstairs in the ballroom, the transfer of the uniforms of the dear Pope to the patron's units took place. In the courtyard, platoons were awaiting from all kinds of weapons, which, having accepted uniforms with the same honor as the banners, dispersed, preceded by music. Ride with cute Alix. After taking a walk in the garden, we returned and drank tea together. We had dinner at 8 o'clock and played with four hands.

#### *3rd December. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock. there was Delyanov, then Vannovsky and Fredericks. Breakfast: Ella, D. Sergei, etc. Alix (as always). At 2 1/2 he received: the Alexander Committee for the wounded [\[11\]](#), the Military Council and all the chiefs of the main military directorates. min. At 3 o'clock I went for a walk. A lot of snow fell: the toboggan path began again. A skating rink has already been set up in the garden. I went with Alix to Ella; looked at various details of the arrangement of our rooms. We drank tea with them; there was also a little daughter of D. Paul [\[12\]](#). At 8 o'clock. went to dinner at the village Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen. We stayed with them until 10 o'clock; rode in a sleigh on the way home. This was our first trip!

#### *4th December. Sunday.*

After coffee, the two of us went to the garden. The morning was clear - 12 ° frost. At 11 o'clock we went to mass and had breakfast with Ksenia, Sandro and Kostya (dezh.). We went for a drive and stopped by Comrade Eugene. We drank tea and sat downstairs until 8. I had to read a lot, although before my death I would like to have more free time to devote entirely to my darling Alix. The evening was short.

#### *December 5th. Monday.*

We got up early and at 9 1/2 went for a walk. Upon returning home, I had to read a lot, the main thing that overwhelmed me was the signing of decrees to the Senate on awards for tomorrow! With reports came: D. Aleksey with Chikhachev and Ermolov. Took gr. Shuvalov, cat. appointed to the place of Gurka \* in Warsaw. Breakfast: Cherevin and Zhukovsky. Ride with cute Alix. We stopped for a cup of tea at the village Sergei. Received the first birthday gifts from dear Alix. We dined with everyone below. After that, he was treated kindly with gifts from Mom and brothers.

\* This refers to I.V. Gurko.

#### *December 6th. Tuesday.*

What's the difference in celebrating this day last year and this one! At 9 1/2 I went for a walk with Alix, after which all sorts of people and gardeners with flowers and bakers with rolls, etc., and so on. fam. uniform and with the whole family went to church. During the mass of poor Alix, it became ill and she went out. We had breakfast in the blue living room. We rode together - the day was pretty clear. We drank tea at our place and wrote back telegrams. Alix had a headache. We had lunch at 8 o'clock and left because of this early to our place.

#### *December 7th. Wednesday.*

We woke up with a thick fog in the yard, so that the electricity had to burn until 10 o'clock. There was only one report - Muravyov. Received three envoys and then upstairs the entire Admiralty Council. We had breakfast: D. Alexey and D. Misha. We were busy with sending gifts to England and Darmstadt for Christmas. We went for a walk in the garden a second time. After tea I wrote and read; Alix and I both felt unwell. We had dinner as always at 8 o'clock.

*December 8th. Thursday.*

After coffee we walked as usual - we walked around the garden twice. Accepted the same reports. Alix wrote in the afternoon and we packed gifts for England together. At 8 o'clock. went to dinner at the village Alexei; besides us he had: Ksenia, Sandro, Ella, D. Sergei and D. Pavel. We walked around the whole house from above, where we saw a Japanese reptile, to the cellar, to the cat. drank Hungarian. Returned home at 10 1/2.

*December 9th. Friday.*

After the walk he received Vyshnegradsky. At 12 1/4 there was a large reception of introducing themselves - also camera-pages. After breakfast there was a solemn audience with the Persian prince, who brought me a new order from the Shah, and Alix a necklace of pearls. I had to speak through an interpreter, which reminded me of the Durbars at the Maharajas in India. We went at 4 o'clock to Kostya and Mavra for tea. Upon arrival home, I read until lunchtime. Aunt Michen came to see him.

*December 10th. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock he received Filippov about the very sad and ugly case of Krivoshein [\[13\]](#) . Half an hour later I went to the Catholic Church for the funeral service for Murder's body. Had reports: Vannovsky, Dena and Vorontsov. Breakfast: Sasha Koz [en] and Mitya (dezh.). At 3 o'clock there was a festive reception of Fuad Pasha, a cat. Alix brought me new orders from the Sultan. We rode together; the weather was good. At 5 o'clock. D. Sergei and Ella drank tea with us. I read the governor's reports endlessly. We had lunch at 8 o'clock.

*December 11th. Sunday.*

In the morning we walked together; the weather seemed to be heading for a thaw - warm and a fresh wind blew from the sea. During the mass, Alix became ill again and she had to go out. She, too, could not sit through breakfast. After lying in bed, she got up at 2 o'clock and we went upstairs to Mom. We said goodbye to her and Comrade Alix and went to **Tsarskoe**. With what pleasure we both saw our rooms! After tea I read to her. We had dinner at 8 o'clock. Alix went to bed earlier because she still didn't feel well.

*December 12th. Monday.*

We slept for a very long time, so we sat down for breakfast at 9 1/2. We went out for a walk; the weather was warm and calm. At 11 1/2 he received Yermolov with a report. We had breakfast together. Fortunately, Alix felt better and more cheerful. At 2 1/2 we went for a ride on a gray pacer in my hunting sleigh. They ruled themselves alternately. Enjoy this walk alone! After tea I slept and then read Alix French. book. We went to bed in due time at 11 1/2.

*December 13th. Tuesday.*

At 10 o'clock. let's go for a walk. Upon returning home, he accepted the report of gr. Pratasov-Bakhmetev; I also had to read a lot of other papers. Sandro was on duty; Ksenia also came with him. Had a good breakfast and dined together. At 3 o'clock I went with my dear Alix to go sledding like yesterday. We drove around the entire park and Babolovo too. The four of us spent the evening and parted early.

*December 14th. Wednesday.*

Today is the month that we are married - strange, and I am barely just beginning to get used to this idea. My love for Alix continues to grow! At 10 o'clock we two, Ksenia and Sandro, went on foot to the elephant. The weather was warm. At 11 o'clock. I had Bunge; and then Muravyov. We had breakfast alone and at 2 1/2 went in a sled with another horse through all the parks. It started snowing, cat. covered my eyes. I read a lot. The evening was spent as usual.

*December 15th. Thursday.*

Finally they saw the sun, which was shining clearly, as it should be in this dark month. After coffee we went to the Bolshoi Dvor, which we examined in detail - the upper floor itself and the rooms of Alex [andra] Pavl [ram] and Maria Fyodorovna, as well as the rooms of Anpap and Anmam \*. On the whole, the walk was decent. Took only one gr. Vorontsov with a report. We had breakfast at one o'clock; I read a lot and managed to finish everything I had accumulated. At 2 3/4 we went for a drive to Pavlovsk. Ice on the roads, because yesterday it was melting, and today it is frozen over. After lunch, they played 4 hands.

\* Anmama - grandmother, Maria Alexandrovna, wife of Alexander II, Princess of Hesse-Darmstadt (1824 - 1880).

*December 16th. Friday.*

It's a great clear day. After a short walk, Witte took over. At billiards. there was a reception for the military near the rotunda. We had breakfast later than usual, because I was late due to the reception. We rode in all the parks, as well as on the field. Today I had to read a little; but spent a wonderful evening with my dear Alix, my beloved beauty and darling wife!

*December 17th. Saturday.*

Having made a short walk together, he received Vannovsky, Pobedonostsev and gr. Vorontsov. At 12 1/2 we went to meet dear Mom, Comrade Alix, Misha and Olga. We had breakfast together in the corner room. Unfortunately, today the weather was disgusting: the strongest wind was blowing and it was snowing. The two of us went in our sleigh after them to the Grand Palace. There was almost nothing to be seen because of the darkness. We drank tea and at 5 o'clock we saw Mom to the station. Graduated from reading Alix the book "Les demoiselles de Lire".

*December 18th. Sunday.*

We got up early and after coffee went to the Alexander [ovskaya] station, from where at 10 o'clock. departed for Petersburg. Let's go with Mama to mass. We had breakfast alone without Comrade Alix, since [she] went to her church. They wrote to George and equipped a courier for him. We visited Ksenia, she does not come out due to scabies on her face. We drank tea with Georgy Mikhailovich]. They did the same at Mom's and at 6 o'clock they drove off to their dear Tsarskoe. We dined together. In the evening they were taking apart my dear wife's things, sent with the courier from Darmstadt.

*19th December. Monday.*

After coffee we walked; during the night it snowed, so the sledging track improved. Received the report of D. Alexei and Chikhachev - it was just about the structures in Libau <sup>[14]</sup>. He and George (dezh.) Had breakfast with us. We rode in a sleigh in Pavlovsk. We went upstairs to our children's rooms to look at Alix's things, who came from Darmstadt. Was reading. The three of us dined with George; sat in the Pope's office and looked at his albums of the 1877 war.

*December 20th. Tuesday.*

The program of the day was slightly changed by the fact that after coffee we went for a sleigh ride - the road was great! I had only Vannovsky's report, but others sent mercilessly many papers to read. After breakfast I was sorting



out my things that had come from Gatchina. We rode in Pavlovsk. It was melting and it was very quiet. The evening was spent as usual.

*December 27th. Wednesday.*

Clear frosty morning. After the ride in the sleigh, I had a report from Muravyov. At 11 1/2 he solemnly received the new Austrian ambassador, Prince. Liechtenstein is a real giant. After me, Alix accepted it. Breakfast: D. Misha and D. Vladimir. We went for a drive at 3 o'clock and returned home with darkness. Selected gifts for uncles from

things from the porcelain and glass factories. After tea I read Alix "Tartarin de Tarascon".

*December 22nd. Thursday.*

At 10 1/4 we went tobogganing. Accepted: Durnovo, Dena and gr. Vorontsov. Thanks to classes in the morning, I don't see dear Alix until breakfast - I even forget that I am married. In the afternoon we went to Pavlovsk again; admired the beautiful sunset. By nightfall, the frost increased to 8 °, I managed to read a lot aloud after tea.

*December 23rd. Friday.*

At 10 1/2 we went for a drive; the frost bit his ears. Received: Witte, Rennenkampf and 14 people. presenting themselves. After breakfast Alix sat with me, looking at my huge album from Gatchina. We skated in Pavlovsk for the last time this year. I read a lot. Dined at 8 o'clock and went to bed early.

*December 24th. Saturday.*

We said goodbye to the dear Tsarskoe for this year and at 10 o'clock left for **St. Petersburg**. At 11 1/2 we went to Anichkovo for Vespers, after which we had breakfast with Mama and Comrade Alix. At 2 o'clock he received the Ural deputation, which brought caviar. Having dealt with the things and gifts for the Christmas tree, I went with Alix to the garden. We drank tea upstairs and at 6 o'clock went to the all-night vigil. After her there was a Christmas tree in a pigeon guest. following the example of bygone years! And happy and sad - what a change since last year: there is no dear Dad, Ksenia is married, I am married. Sweet Mom still showered us all with gifts! We had dinner at 8 o'clock. When Alix and I went downstairs, we arranged **our Christmas tree for each other !**

*December 25th. Sunday.*

After coffee, they still looked at their gifts under the tree. At 11 o'clock. there was a mass with a prayer for the expulsion of the Gauls and twelve tongues [\[15\]](#). We had breakfast with t. Mikhen, d. Vladimir, d. Alexei and Mitya (dezh.) And their \* children. At 2 1/2 Alix and I went to the arena, where there was a Christmas tree for the convoy, the combined battalion and policemen, just like it happened in Gatchina! Alix did her job well! Walked with Mom in the garden. We drank tea together. We dined at 8 o'clock at the Pope's office and did not stay upstairs for long in the evening.

\* A dotted line is drawn from the words "and them" to the words "д. Vladimir".

*December 26th. Monday.*

The holidays were already partly over for me: after a morning walk at 11 o'clock I received D. Alexei and Chikhachev. Then, upstairs in the ballroom, Mom went with us to the Metropolitan, where everything happened as before. After singing, Alix served Palladium a snack, and I a glass of malaga and then hugged the monks. After breakfast there was a Christmas tree for the second half of the convoy in the arena; Aunt Alix was also present. After taking a walk in the garden, we returned home for tea. Was reading.

*December 27th. Tuesday.*

The weather became very warm, it was snowing heavily. After the walk, I received only Vannovsky. I had to read a little, so the day turned out to be a half-holiday! During the day I rode with my wife. Walked alone in the garden; drank tea together. We had dinner at 8 o'clock and then went to Ksenia's, with the cat. the rash on the face is still there. After sitting with them for an hour, we went for a ride. The air was nice and refreshing. Were at home at 11 1/4.

*December 28th. Wednesday.*

We fell asleep and therefore went out into the garden after 10 o'clock. Received Muravyov with a report, Vol. Ya.I. Shakhovsky, Veshnyakov and 20 people. judicial department. D. Misha, Xenia and Sandro (dezh.) Had breakfast. Rode with Alix; the snow was falling, rather it was falling in flakes, so that the faces were completely wet. We stopped at Comrade Sani, at whom we sat for about an hour. We drank tea at home and read until lunchtime. The snack was as usual at 8 1/4 o'clock.

*December 29th. Thursday.*

Today we got up early and therefore managed to finish it in the morning before the walk. Received Durnovo, Fredericks, Richter and Avelan. Hurried breakfast at 12 1/2, Alix was present. I went to the Academy of Sciences for the annual solemn meeting. It was not entertaining, but it lasted less than an hour, so at 2 o'clock I was at home. I also received Rennenkampf. Ride with Alix. At 4 1/2 we were visited by Comrade Sani. We drank tea alone. I read a lot. Dined at 8 o'clock with George (dezh.). I went for a drive with a cute little wife to the islands - we got to Strelka. The evening was wonderful and the walk was very pleasant. We returned home at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*December 30th. Friday.*

In the morning I managed to walk for a short time, because Pobedonostsev wanted to see me at 10 o'clock. Accepted: Witte with a report, and then 10 military men and 36 sailors, presenting themselves on the occasion of receiving awards. Breakfast: D. Alexey and Kostya. Received Protasov. For the first time, Alix and I have updated the skating rink. After tea I had to read a lot again, almost until lunchtime. At 10 o'clock we went for a drive to the islands - the night was clear, moonlit and frosty.

*December 31st. Saturday.*

The frost intensified and reached 14 °, then it passed. Despite this, in the morning we still went for a walk. Hosted by: Delyanov, Vannovsky and the bar. Fredericksz. Cherevin had breakfast. We didn't skate around the city or skate because of the frost: we walked in the garden with Mom and Aunt Alix. We drank tea together. I read until 7 1/2, when we went upstairs to the prayer service. It was hard to stand in church at the thought of that terrible change, the cat. happened this year. But trusting in God, I look without fear at the coming year - because for me the worst happened, exactly what I was so afraid of all my life! Together with such irreparable grief, the Lord also rewarded me with happiness, which I could not even dream of - giving me Alix \*.

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*1st January. Sunday.*

Today, a terrible difference from previous years was felt in everything! At 11 o'clock. arrived at mass: dd. Misha, Vladimir, Alexey and Aunt Mikhén. Had breakfast with them, etc. Alix. At 2 o'clock, the reception of the diplomatic corps began in the ballroom. It reminded me so much of the same reception there 10 1/2 years [ago] - on the day of my oath! But on the other hand, it was easier now, because I was not alone - my dear Alix began to work as ladies while I was dressing the men \*. Having accepted the son of the Emir of Bukhara, they returned to their place at 3

1/2 - in Ramolismment \*\*. We went on visits to a small family. Again the filthy telegrams were prevailing all day! Unsubscribed and read. We also had dinner: Boris and Andrey. We went to bed early.

\* So in the text.

\*\* From French ramolissement - softening, relaxation

*2nd January. Monday.*

We walked a little in the morning. Accepted reports: D. Alexei and Ermolov. At 12 o'clock Mom, Comrade Alix and Misha left for Gatchina for a few hours. We had breakfast together. Alix felt not quite well. Received Kulamzin and Clark from London. We rode as usual. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with us. We went upstairs to Mom at 6 o'clock when she returned from Gatchino. At 7 1/2 went to dinner to the village of Alexei; he also had: Comrade Mikhen, D. Vladimir, D. Misha, Xenia, Sandro, Georgy and Kirill. We sat with him until 10 o'clock.

*3rd January. Tuesday.*

My Alix felt unwell in the morning and about 11 o'clock. she went to bed. I had Vannovsky's report and after that I was free, to which I was not at all used to! L. I. Shakhovskoy (dezh.) Had breakfast. It was a pity for the dear little wife, who languished alone below. Took Bunge. Walked with Mom and Misha in the garden; there was 9 ° frost with the wind! We drank tea together and then I \* read it to her . Dined at 8 o'clock, went downstairs earlier than 10 o'clock.

\* Alix, Alexandra Fedorovna.

*4th January. Wednesday.*

Walked in the morning, because Alix was better. A rather difficult day for me: after Muravyov's report I saw A.I. Pushkin and Kremer, who returned from business trips to their homes - then 43 people. introducing themselves! Breakfast: Ksenia, Sandro, d, Misha and Meindorf (dezh.). At 2 1/2 I started a meeting of the Siberian Committee. Only at 3 1/2 did we manage to leave Alix; it was pleasant to ride, because the air seemed warm - it was 2 ° frost! We drank tea at home - we read it. At 7 1/2 we sat down to dinner, because Alix had to leave at 9 o'clock. Everyone saw her off

to the station. My heart squeezes at the thought that now dear Mom will be left all alone upstairs! Help her, merciful God!

*January 5th. Thursday.*

We made a short walk, because at 11 o'clock he was supposed to take Durnovo and in 1/2 hour it was necessary to go to Vespers with the blessing of water. Alix was present for the first time at the sprinkling of the entire house of St. water. Mitya (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/2 I had a report from Witte. We walked with Mom and Misha. We drank tea at home and then read. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. Misha fiddled with his electric typewriter. Alix and Mitya also took an active part in the experiments while I was reading.

*January 6th. Friday.*

We did not walk long. We went to mass at 11 o'clock. We had breakfast: Mitya and Benkendorf (dezh.). Crowds of people stood in the streets in the morning, probably awaiting departure to Zimny; there the usual consecration of water across the Jordan took place without the participation of troops. After walking with Alix, we went to get some air in the sleigh - there were a great many carriages on the embankment! The three of us drank tea at Mom's; I read aloud "Le roman du prince Eugene". We sat together from 7 to 8 o'clock. The four of us had dinner with Misha. The evening was spent as usual - I was reading.

*January 7th. Saturday.*

The day was gray frosty, it was snowing. Adopted by the General Director. Chertkov, who returned from England and France, between the reports of Vannovsky and Fredericks. Ekaterina Sergeevna \* had breakfast . At 3 o'clock I went for a drive with Alix. We drank tea upstairs from T. Sani. The evening was more free, less papers were sent, therefore I managed to catch up with my favorite reading of historical magazines.

\* Ekaterina Sergeevna Ozerova.

*January 8th. Sunday.*

The weather was mild, the sun even showed in the morning! We walked in the garden. At 11 o'clock we went to mass and the five of us had breakfast as usual. Xenia was not there, as her cheek did not heal. At 2 1/2 we went to the islands together. The air was wonderful there; met quite a lot of people. At 5 o'clock they drank tea at Mom's: Comrade Mikhlen, dd. Vladimir and Pavel. Mama and Alix read the same book when they left. Boris and Andrey dined [and] with us. At 10 o'clock Mom, Alix and I went for a ride around the city in a 4-seater sleigh. We drank tea upstairs and returned to our room at 12 o'clock.

*January 9th. Monday.*

I had a report from Pratasov-Bakhmetev, and he deprived us of our morning walk. At 11 o'clock. received D. Alexei and Chikhachev, and then Ermolov. Elena Sheremeteva had breakfast. At 2 1/2 I went with Alix to the arena, where I watched the horses sent by the Sultan, and then two mares, the cat. I bought at Sandringham at auction. I walked a lot in the garden. We drank tea at Mom's - I read aloud. After lunch, we rode together.

*January 10th. Tuesday.*

A lot of snow fell at night - it was warm. We did not walk for long, since K.P. Pobedonostsev came to see me. After the second coffee at Mama's, he received Vannovsky and many of those who introduced themselves. Breakfast: Ksenia, Sandro (dezh.) And gr. Pushkin. At 3 o'clock I went with Alix to the Admiralty, where they saw the collection of Dr. Slyunin from Okhotsk and

Bering Seas. Passed a passing maritime museum. We went out into the courtyard, where a monument to Admiral Kornilov (Bilderling's project) was exhibited; he came out very handsome, one of these days he will be sent to be staged in Sevastopol. After riding, we returned home for tea. I read it before dinner at my place. In the evening, Alix and I again went to freshen up the city.

*January 11th. Wednesday.*

The sun shone all day. After the report, Muravyov was received by Kutuzov, who had returned from Montenegro, and then upstairs - 102 military, civilian and honorary guardians. Was late for breakfast. With [asha] Kozen also came to an end of it. Walked in the garden - forced the dogs to walk in deep snow. After tea I read at Mama's, and then I read my business downstairs. We had dinner at 8 o'clock and spent the evening as usual.

*January 12th. Thursday.*

It's also a clear day. Walked in the garden in the morning; it was slippery and we both flew at each other. Had only reports from Durnovo, Richter and gr. Vorontsov; Fortunately, he did not accept anyone. Kotya Obolensky (dezh.) Had breakfast. We went ice skating, Sandro and Ksenia came for a walk in the garden. Today is their engagement year! After tea, Mom read aloud. I studied at my place until lunchtime. At 8 o'clock D. Pavel arrived. We rode with Alix around the city. The night was clear.

*January 13th. Friday.*

The day was clear, it was -8 ° frost. At 10 o'clock we went out for a walk and then, as usual, drank coffee again at Mom's. After Witte, I had a new mine manager with the first report. ways of communication - Prince Khilkov! Received metropolitans: Moscow - Sergius and Kiev - Ioannikiy; then upstairs 40 people. military and sailors. D. Alexey had breakfast with us. Skated, Alix is very decent to run on them. After tea Mama read.

Poor Gire is dangerously ill! He has pneumonia with severe complications!

*January 14th. Saturday.*

We got up late, than they deprived ourselves of the opportunity to go out for a walk. At 11 o'clock he received Vannovsky with a report, and then gr. Vorontsov. P. A. Cherevin had breakfast. Took Solsky, cat. temporarily presides over the Czar. Council instead of D. Misha. Went ice skating. It was pretty cold. In the evening I learned about the death of poor NK Girs. The most difficult question about his successor! Mom, Ksenia and Misha dined with us and spent part of the evening with us. We drank tea upstairs, read a little aloud.

*January 15th. Sunday.*

The day was clear, but cold! Before lunch we took a walk in the garden. Werder had breakfast with us on the occasion of Wilhelm's birthday. At 2 o'clock I went to the memorial service for N.K. Girs. We talked for a long time with the Speransky three and finally chose samples of fabrics, calicoes and carpets for our rooms in the Winter Dvor. We took a little walk. We drank tea upstairs with comrade Mikhen, d. Vladimir and d. Pavl [om]. I read a lot.

*January 16th. Monday.*

The frost reached 14 °, but it was quiet. We walked as usual about

half an hour. Uncle Alexei and Chikhachov were with me, and then Ermolov. Meindorf (dezh.) Had breakfast. I read a lot. I took a walk in the garden in my own person. The evening was spent as usual.

*January 17th. Tuesday.*

Tiring day! After a short walk I had reports: Vannovsky and Shishkin. At 12 1/2 I went with Alix to Winter. We had breakfast at Xenia and Sandro's. I was in terrible emotions before entering the Nicholas Hall, to the deputations from the nobility, zemstvos and city societies, to whom I gave a speech [\[1\]](#). Then the reception of deputations began, each one individually in the Concert Hall. We arrived home at 4 o'clock. Walked in the garden with the village of Sergei. Dined at 8 o'clock with Ya. I. Shakhovsky (dezh.).

*January 18th. Wednesday.*

It seems like a real winter has begun, the whole day it was 14 ° frost. We walked as usual. We went from Mom to Misha, who has a sore throat; today he got up after lying in bed for the day. After Muravyov there was a usual reception. Let's go have breakfast at Ksenia and Sandro's. At 2 o'clock he went to the memorial service for Girs, after which his body was transported to Sergievo. Mom was there too. At 2 3/4 I went with Alix to the Concert Room, where they continued and finished yesterday's reception of deputations. Received a huge amount of dishes and icons! All this was stacked on tables in the same room. We returned home at 4 o'clock. Walked. Was reading. Tired. So we went to bed very early.

*January 19th. Thursday.*

Today was finally a quiet day with no receptions. Had reports: Durnovo, Richter and gr. Vorontsov. Benckendorf (dezh.) Had breakfast. Having accepted Den, we went with Alix to Winter. We examined icons and dishes in the Concert Hall. He showed Alix the Small Church. Returning home, we went for a walk. The whole day was not less

than 14 °; at night it reached 20 °. After tea I read while Alix studied next to E. A. Schneider. Dined dd. Sergey and Pavel.

*January 20th. Friday.*

Three months have passed since our dear Pope is no longer with us, and it is still hard to believe that we will not see him again on earth! Too hard, too bitter!

At 11 o'clock. the whole family gathered in the fortress for a memorial service. Returning home, he received Witte and many introducing themselves. S. Kozen had breakfast. Three of us skated and went for a walk, with Mom. After tea we said goodbye to D. Sergei. Mom finished reading aloud - "Le journal de la Duchesse d'Angouleme".

*January 21st. Saturday.*

In the morning I visited Plehve. After Vannovsky's report, Alix and I received Morocchetti, whom we said goodbye to. Sandy Dolgoruky had breakfast. At 3 o'clock, 3 noble Tatar women from Orenburg were received. They brought Alix rich clothes of their own. Dressed in his new English uniform to receive a deputation from the Scots Grays \*. Commander - Welby, two officers and a sergeant-general brought me a picture on behalf of the regiment. We walked a little in the garden. Ksenia and Sandro dined with us.

\* Scottish Dragoons (English).

*January 22nd. Sunday.*

The weather became warmer: in the morning it was 7 °, in the evening it reached 5 °. We walked in the garden. At 11 o'clock. went to mass, as always, all together with Ksenia and Sandro (dezh ..). After breakfast he received Prince Lobanov. At 2 o'clock in the Winter Palace began the ladies' steelyard \* - 550 ladies! My dear Alix looked remarkably beautiful in a Russian dress. The whole ceremony ended at 3/4 o'clock. Returning home, skating. After tea I read aloud the new French. book about Napoleon's stay at the stop. St. Elena. After lunch we rode with Alix. It was very windy.

\* Lady's steelyard - attachment to the hand (kissing).

*January 23rd. Monday.*

Disgusting weather: 16 ° frost with strong wind. Walked alone, Alix abstained due to a slight cold. Had reports: D. Alexei and Ermolov. After breakfast we looked at Alix's dowry with Mama. Walked alone with the dogs again. I read a lot. Drank tea - Xenia, D. Pavel and Sandro. Four of us dined with George (dezh.). We went to bed early because both were tired.

*January 24th. Tuesday.*

On the occasion of Xenia's birthday at 11 o'clock. there was mass; e. Alexei came to breakfast. In the morning I had Vannovsky. At 2 o'clock he received the Archbishop of Novgorod and Kholmok. Then also Filippova. I did not go for a walk, because there was a storm outside at 15 ° frost. Was reading. Ksenia and Sandro dined with us.

*January 25th. Wednesday.*

The frost gave way a little, but the wind continued to rage with the same strength. After the walk I had reports from Muravyov and Shishkin. Breakfast: N.N. Lomen and Kotya Obolensky (dezh.). At 2 o'clock he received introducing themselves, of whom there were 36 people. We went out for a walk at about 4 o'clock, but it was so disgusting in the yard that we soon returned home. I read a lot. D. Pavel dined with us.

*January 26th. Thursday.*

The storm positively raged all day; through the streets, the snow blown from the roofs was carried in a column. Large snowdrifts piled in the garden, it was boring and cold to walk - 15 °. Had reports: Durnovo, Richter and bar. Fredericksz. Count S. D. Sheremetev had breakfast. Interviewed with K.P. Pobedonostsev. I read a lot. In the evening I started with Mama and Alix "Madame Mere" - Napoleon's mother.

*January 27th. Friday.*

In the morning the day was sunny, but frosty and the wind decreased. Let's go for a walk in the garden. We went to Olga, who is now lying in a cold, Misha has just begun to recover. Had reports: Witte and Khilkov. Bishops: Herman and Antony introduced themselves to me and Alix. Ya. I. Shakhovskaya (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 o'clock more reception than on Wednesday. He ended it by receiving belated deputations with icons and bread and salt. We walked together. After tea I read it. Ya. I. Shakhovskoy also dined. The evening passed as usual. Deeper, deeper and deeper, I love my beloved wife.

*January 28th. Saturday.*

Got up earlier; it's nice that the days have become brighter and longer!

After coffee he received the priest Ukolov, a former sergeant of the Convoy. We walked a little: it was quiet and the frost was not so biting. Had reports: Vannovsky and the bar. Fredericksz. P. A. Cherevin had breakfast. Walked with Mom. After tea I read aloud to her. At 8 o'clock we had lunch downstairs - Ksenia and Sandro too!

*January 29th. Sunday.*

Dear Alix woke up with a headache, so she remained in bed until 2 o'clock. Walked. At 11 o'clock. went to mass, then d. Aleksey had breakfast. We went to see a beautiful service sent by Wilhelm with his knight marshal Egloffstein to our wedding. The second time we walked together. The weather was clear, calm - 14 ° frost. D. Vladimir, comrade Mikhen and D. Pavel drank tea. In the evening I read it as always.

*January 30th. Monday.*

We didn't have time to go out for a walk, because Bunge came to me on Kom business. Min. At 11 o'clock there was a report by D. Alexei, Ermolov and Den. Sasha Kosen and Meindorf (dezh.) Had breakfast. There was the first sitting, while I was drawn and sculpted from all sides at the same time: Repin, Antokolsky and Vasyutinsky. It lasted over an hour - boredom! We skated together - it was 9 ° frost. I read it - in the evening too.

*January 31st. Tuesday.*

The weather became warmer, the sun was shining clearly! We took a walk after coffee. Had reports: Vannovsky and Shishkin. Received a deputation from the Nizhny Novgorod regiment, who brought me a beautiful folding \* for the wedding! Benckendorff had breakfast. Again I sat for an hour while the same three drew and sculpted me. Four of us walked - Misha came out for the first time. Uncle Alexei came to say goodbye - he is going for a month to the south of France. I read a lot.

\* Folding - a folding icon consisting of several parts.

*1st February. Wednesday.*

Walked in the morning. At 11 o'clock I had a report from Muravyov. Together he received the new Serbian envoy. Petya came from the Caucasus and had breakfast with us; See also: S. Kozen and S. Dolgoruky.



Received both military and civilians. We walked in the garden; D. Alexei also took part in the walk. During tea, poor Alix had a severe headache - she went to bed before dinner. By the evening it became a little easier for her. Drank tea with Mom.

*2nd February. Thursday.*

At 10 o'clock. took Durnovo. I went with Mama and Alix to the Winter Palace for Mass in the Small Church. We had breakfast at Xenia and Sandro's, with the village Vladimir, Comrade Mikhen, and the village Pavel and Mitya (dezh.). Returning home, he accepted gr. Vorontsov. Again I sat with the artists until 3 1/4. We went out for a walk - the day was bright - 12 ° frost. For some reason I felt tired, after tea I fell asleep for an hour. Mitya dined. I read interest, articles in "Historical. West." [\[2\]](#).

*3rd February. Friday.*

We got up early and drank coffee at 9 o'clock "so I managed to cope with many things. We walked for about half an hour. Had reports: Witte and Khilkov. Benkendorf (dezh.) Had breakfast and Gulak-Artemovsky, appointed

adjutant to George. Took from 2 - 3 hours. Walked four of us. The first time Alix and I had to give dinner - so to speak, farewell, to the Scots Grays deputation, which is leaving for England tomorrow. Everything turned out well. Having quickly changed our clothes, we went to the Winter Palace, where Mama dined with Xenia. Having rode a little together, we returned and went to have tea at Mom's. It got warmer - 5 °.

*4th February. Saturday.*

In the morning I wrote and read. We walked a little. Had reports: Vannovsky and Vorontsov; between them took Posiet and Prince. Lobanov, who then had breakfast with us. We drank tea with D. Pavel, and then, as always, I read Mama and Alix aloud. The Madame Mere is getting more interesting as we move towards the end of Volume 1!

*February 5th. Sunday.*

It got colder again, but the day was clear. During the morning walk with my Alix, I heard bells from Chukhon "wakes" [\[3\]](#) - there were hunters from the place to celebrate the oil maiden from the beginning! After mass they ate breakfast alone. I managed to read a lot. We dined with Ksenia and Sandro, because she still cannot leave because of her cheek! We stayed with them until almost 11 o'clock. The Siberian puppies were playing hilariously!

*February 6th. Monday.*

We get up earlier, fortunately, so that in the morning you manage to get a lot of things to do before the reports. After the walk there were: Chikhachov and Ermolov. Ya. I. Shakhovskoy had breakfast. At 2 o'clock, Alix and I received the Emergency Chinese Embassy. I sat with Repin and Antokolsky. We walked a little, again it was windy, although only 8 ° frost. In the evening I finished reading aloud the 1st volume of "Madame Mere" - very interesting.

*7th February. Tuesday.*

It got warmer - only 4 °. We took a walk. Misha is again unwell - he is in a fever. There were reports: Vannovsky and Shishkin.

Breakfast: Georgy and S. Dolgoruky. At 2 o'clock Alix and I received a deputation from Turkestan and the Trans-Caspian region; they were late for the general reception. There were amazing types in between! We rode and drove into the Winter Palace; examined the upper rooms Dad, the cat. Alix hasn't seen it yet. We drank tea with v. Vladimir. We dined with Xenia and Sandro. Was reading.

*February 8th. Wednesday.*



We went for a walk, the weather was pleasant. Had reports: Muravyova, Dena and Delyanova. Breakfast: S. Kozen and Kotya Obolensky (dezh.). I took it. Went ice skating. After tea I read aloud as usual. D. Pavel dined. In the evening, I finished reading the report of the Ministry of War - in some way defeated the elephant!

*February 9th. Thursday.*

Misha again lay in bed and on the couch for two days. Had reports: Durnovo, Richter and Vorontsov. Breakfast: Ekaterina Sergeevna and Cherevin. Again he sat as a scapegoat for the artists. At 3 o'clock I went with Alix to Winter. A model of a dredger sent to me from Harlem was displayed in the White Hall. We visited E. A. Schneider, who lives at the very top. We dined with Xenia and Sandro.

*February 10th. Friday.*

The morning was wonderful, bright - I didn't want to leave the garden! There were: Witte, Khilkov and Pobedonostsev. Yelena Sh [eremeteva] had breakfast. Pr: small, in addition to the usual presenting, also members of the Council of Agriculture with min. agriculture. We rode with Alix along the booth on the embankment. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with us and said goodbye, because tomorrow he is leaving for Vienna for the funeral of the Erz-Duke Albrecht. The evening was free, I read it for my own pleasure.

*February 11th. Saturday.*

It got colder again. We walked after coffee - in general, everything was free, because we got up early. Had only before: Vannovsky. S. Kozen had breakfast. Uncle Misha returned from San R. We were walking in the garden. I read a lot. We dined with Xenia and San. We sat with them until 11 1/2 o'clock.

*February 12th. Sunday.*

Great warm day: 4 ° C without wind. In the morning there was a hum At 11 o'clock. Mom, Alix and I went to mass - Misha and Olga stayed at their place because of a cold. Benckendorff had breakfast. At 2 o'clock we drove off; to the islands. There every audience rode everywhere in wakes, in a cart, only bells were heard. On the streets there was a crowd of masses "it was not worth going to the booths, they would never have made it! We drank with Xenia and Sandro. Comrade Mikhen dined with us. Ride the sleigh again with my wife!

*February 13. Monday.*

This year there is no difference for us between buttermilk and fasting, everything is also quiet, only now, of course, we go to church twice. The mood is such that you really want to pray, asks itself - in church, in prayer - the only greatest consolation on earth!

Before the service I had Chichakhov. I had breakfast. And. Shakhovskoy, leaving tomorrow for Sevastopolna yacht, from where he goes to Batum for Georgy. Received Ermolov and sat for almost an hour with the artists. Ride with Alix. Walked in the garden with Mom. We drank tea with d. Paul. I read until seven o'clock. Dined with Xenia, Sandro, M-elle de l'Escaille, she arrived this morning.

*February 14. Tuesday.*

We got up early and therefore the walk was longer. At 10 ? I had Vannovsky. Had breakfast M-elle de l'Escaille. Received Shishkin and then two Quakers from England - they brought the address and books. We rode together. Ksenia and Sandro arrived for Vespers. They stayed for dinner. I managed to read a lot.

*February 15. Wednesday.*

During the wonderful pre-consecrated mass, Alix became ill , she had to go out , Xenia , d . Misha and Sandro were at the service and had breakfast . Accepted : in the morning the report of Muravyov , in the afternoon gr . Vorontsov . We walked in the garden . Dined and spent the evening with us . Pavel . I read a lot .

*February 16 . Thursday .*

We walked for a long time in the morning . Had a report from Durnovo . At 11 o'clock . I went with my Alix to the Catholic Church , where a solemn funeral service for the Arch-Duchess Albrechta was served . There was even a coffin in the middle , surrounded by plants . At 12 ? were at home . Breakfast : C . Cosen , M [-elle] de l'Escaille and Benckendorff (dej .). Ksenia and Sandro moved to Anichkov for three days .

We went to an exhibition of paintings at the Academy of Arts ; Alix bought one painting , I bought three . Returning home , we went for a walk . I read a lot . At 7 h . Vespers and then lunch . We went to bed early .

*February 17th. Friday.*

Despite a runny nose, both of them went out into the garden in the morning. Witte took over at 10 1/2. After the Presanctified Mass, we had breakfast with M-elle de l'Escaille. At 2 o'clock I went with Alix to the watercolor exhibition, which is still very successful. We bought some beautiful paintings. After visiting the museum at the school of drawing, we returned home. The day was gray and cold. Walked with Misha. We confessed in our bedroom after a common prayer. We went to bed early.

*February 18th. Saturday.*

Alix and I had a sore throat and must have had a fever as well, because I felt bad all day! At 9 o'clock. all went together to mass; in the middle of the service I felt almost ill. It was joyful to receive communion with dear Alix, but it was also hard and sad after the death of the unforgettable Pope! Over coffee we learned about the death of poor Alexei Mikhailovich in San Remo! I read it before breakfast. Mitya was on duty. We rested together until tea, that is, we just went to bed. I woke up more refreshed. Kostya visited me. At 7 o'clock we went to the all-night vigil. D. Pavel and Mitya dined. - D. Vladimir returned from Vienna in the morning.

*19th February. Sunday.*

In the morning I already felt much better, the pain in my throat was almost completely gone. Still, I refrained from going to the garden, we sat at home with Alix. I will not remember from the very beginning of such a free day! After mass, Mitya, M-elle de l'Escaille and Kotya (dezh.) Had breakfast. D. Misha stopped by to talk about the day of the arrival of the body and the funeral of Alexei. We drank tea with Xenia and Sandro. Reading aloud resumed. We dined alone.

*20th February. Monday.*

Our health had recovered so much that we took a long walk in the morning. The weather was springtime because it was melting. Had reports: Chikhachova and Ermolova. Received two governors-general - A.P. Ignatiev and Orzhevsky. Breakfast: M-elle de l'Escaille and Baka Baryatinsky. We walked from 3 to 4 o'clock. After tea, the two of us went to the village of Misha for a memorial service for poor Alexei. We returned home for dinner. I studied and read a lot.

*February 21st. Tuesday.*

It continues to melt. Had the usual reports: Vannovsky and Shishkin. Received Ganetsky, appointed a member of the State. Council. Cherevin had breakfast. Walked with Mom. Uncle Vladimir, Comrade Mikhen and D. Pavel were drinking tea with us upstairs. In the evening I finished reading "Madame Mere" - a voluminous composition in two volumes.

*February 22nd. Wednesday.*

After two days of thaw, a slight frost came again. After the walk I had a report from Filippov. Breakfast: Xenia, Misha village, Sandro (dezh.) And M [-elle] de l'Escaille.

He hosted many military and civilians. We all walked together. I did business for a long time before and after tea. At 8 o'clock we dined downstairs: Mom, Ksenia, Sandro, D. Pavel and Misha. We spent the evening in our rooms.

*February 23rd. Thursday.*

The day was clear: we were strolling with conviction on the sunny side of the garden. Had reports: Durnovo, Richter and Vorontsov. Breakfast: M-elle de l'Escaille, S. Dolgoruky and Benkendorf (dezh.). The last time I sat with the artists. We took a walk. Ella and D. Sergei arrived from Moscow. They and D. Pavel dined and spent the evening with us.

*February 24th. Friday.*

Quite a spring day; the sun was 10 ° warm. We walked for a long time. Had reports: Witte and Prince. Khilkov. Badmaev - Buryat, godson Dad - was with me; he told a lot of interesting things about his trip to Mongolia! Breakfast: Elena and M-elle de l'Escaille. After the reception I went to the garden early and worked in the snow - for the sake of movement. Ksenia and Sandro drank tea with us. Was reading.

*December 25th \* . Saturday.*

It froze all day. After the walk, I received reports from Vannovsky and Vorontsov. Breakfast: M-elle de l'Escaille, gr. Sheremetev and Kotya Obolensky (dezh.). I talked for a long time with D. Misha about the new organization of artillery. Walked in the garden with Mom. After tea I finished reading the notes "Mr. Thoury ". Ksenia and Sandro dined and spent the evening with us.

\* Error in the text follows: February.

*February 26th. Sunday.*

How many dear and bright memories are forever connected with this day! At 11 o'clock. the whole family gathered in the fortress for the funeral liturgy. In addition to the unforgettable Pope, they also remembered Alexei - today is the ninth day of his death. After breakfast at home, I went in the troika to Udelnaya. The consecration and opening of a monument to the Pope took place in the middle of the buildings of the institution for the mentally ill. Alec showed them a new room - a beautifully rebuilt house, then an infirmary and a farm. His skillful and practical hand is visible in everything. I returned home with Kochubei (dezh.). The day was sunny. Nikolai came from the Caucasus and drank tea with us. We dined alone and spent the evening as usual.

*February 27th. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock. the whole family gathered at the Nikolaev station to meet the body of Alexei Mikhailovich. The procession moved quickly and without interruption, so that at 11 1/4 they were already in the fortress. The coffin was covered with the St. Andrew's flag; it was not opened. After the requiem we returned home for breakfast. Accepted reports: Chikhachova and Ermolova. We went for a ride around the islands. At 7 1/2 there is an evening memorial service without an audience. Ksenia and Sandro dined.

*February 28th. Tuesday.*

A perfect spring day. At 11 o'clock. I went with Misha to the fortress for Alexei's funeral. The service lasted exactly two hours. Mom and Alix weren't. After breakfast I received the book. Lobanov, new managing director, Minister,

Inostr. Affairs. We walked for a long time enjoying the warmth of the air. Dined at 8 o'clock: Ella, D. Sergei and D. Pavel. Was reading. They stayed with Mama until 11 1/4.

*1st March. Wednesday.*

Thanks to a two-day thaw, the snow melted on the main streets and the ride began on wheels. Received - Muravyov, Trotsky, appointed commander of the troops of the Vilnius military district and introduced themselves. Breakfast: D. Misha, Sergey, Max and Benkendorf (dezh.). At 2 o'clock I went with Mama to the fortress for the requiem for Anpapa and Anmama. After that I rode with Alix. The day looked cheerful, and she felt better. Dined: M-elle de l'Escaille and Benckendorff. I read Ignatiev's note about the Southwest Territory.

*2nd March. Thursday.*

Today everything is frozen again. I walked alone, since Alix got up later than me. Had reports: Durnovo, Richter and Vorontsov. Breakfast: M-elle de l'Escaille and Kotya Obolensky (dezh.). At 2 o'clock I went with Alix to the Academy of Sciences for an exhibition of the Petersburg comradely circle of artists. We bought several paintings each. The weather was cold and windy; returning home went for a walk. We drank tea with Ksenia at Mom's. Alix did not dine upstairs, she went to bed early. I spent the evening with her. Mom also sat with her.

*3rd March. Friday.*

Continues to freeze. I walked alone, because Alix lay in bed until 12 o'clock. Ella visited her. Had reports: Witte, Khilkov and Rennenkampf. Breakfast: Xenia, Sandro (dezh.) And M-elle de l'Escaille. I took it. We all walked together. Drank tea and dined downstairs with Alix. In the evening I read upstairs.

*4th of March. Saturday.*

In the morning I did not walk for long. Had reports: Vannovsky and Vorontsov. Breakfast: Ksenia, Sandro, Mitya (dezh.) And Nikolai. He leaves for Algeria to see George \*. We all walked together; worked in the garden. Drank tea and dined with Alix, the cat. feels the same as all these days. At 7 o'clock we went to the all-night vigil with the adoration of St. Cross. I read it in the evening.

\* Georgy Alexandrovich (1871 - 1899), son of Alexander III. He was seriously ill with tuberculosis, which is why he died.

*5th March. Sunday.*

I got up so late that I didn't have time to walk. At 11 o'clock. went to mass, Alix remained lying and had breakfast in bed. We ate as a family yesterday. At 2 o'clock we went together in a carriage to the islands. We got out on Elagin and walked around it. Ksenia and Sandro joined us. The weather was good, but the roads were desperate. We drank tea together. Was reading. Dined with Mom upstairs, because Alix went to bed early.

*6th March. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock Pobedonostsev came to see me. Then there were: Chikhachov, Ermolov and Kulomzin. We had breakfast: Georgy (dezh.), Elena and Ekaterina [erina] Serg (eevna). From 2 1/2 I received Bunge. I went to visit Max Badensky; he lives near the village of Misha. He stayed with him for an hour and a half. They talked about a sudden I drank tea and dined with Alix. I read it. Mom had Ella in the evening, D. Sergei and D. Pavel. Mom wants to go to Denmark, she finally decided on it today!

*7th March. Tuesday.*

I slept badly, because severe pain in the temples and cheek interfered with sleep. Walked in the morning; it was 7 ° frost. After the reports of Vannovsky

and Prince Lobanov, received poor Werder in a farewell audience. We had breakfast: he \*, Kostya, Cherevin and Sandy Dolgoruky. He worked in the garden while Alix sat for Antokolsky. Then we walked together. D. Alexey returned from France. We drank tea and dined together. Mom spent the evening with Ksenia and Sandro.

\* An arrow is drawn from the word "he" to the word "Werder Bremen".

*8th March. Wednesday.*

We got up early. Alix was drinking coffee in bed, which we have been doing for several days in a row. We walked for a long time. After the report Muravyov received. Before breakfast was D. Misha. At 2 o'clock the meeting of the Committee of the Siberian Railway began. dor., dragged on to 4 1/4 thanks to various unnecessary conversations. As a result, I walked a little, although the day was sunny. I drank tea with my darling wife. At 8 o'clock we had dinner: D. Alexey, Ksenia and Sandro. The last evening we spent with Mama: Ella, D. Sergei and D. Pavel.

*March 9th. Thursday.*

At night, the frost reached 11. The day was gray at first and then clear. Had reports: Durnovo, Richter and Vorontsov. I talked with Richter [s] about the separation of the commission of petitions from the main apartment and about the appointment of a special Chief Manager over it. Breakfast: Elena and M-elle de l'Escaille. Walked a little in the garden. At 4 1/2 I went with Mama to the fortress, and from there to Warsaw. the station where Mama said goodbye to the road: she went straight to Copenhagen. I read a lot. Dined with Alix and went to bed early.

*March 10th. Friday.*

In the morning we packed up. Had reports: Witte and Khilkov. Took it before breakfast. The three of us ate with Sergei (dezh.) Downstairs. At 2 1/2 left Peter and went to Tsarskoe in a terrible blizzard. They settled in another wing of Alexandrov, the palace. We felt like visiting! I read a lot. We had dinner with Sergei at 8 o'clock. We went to bed at 11 o'clock.

*March 11th. Saturday.*

We slept well; it was strange to wake up in an unfamiliar room with a cat in the windows. trees were visible and in the distance the domes of the church of the Grand Palace. After coffee, we made the usual walk in the park near the Farm. Had reports; Vannovsky and Vorontsov. Max came to breakfast - to say goodbye: he is leaving today. At 3 1/2 we went for a drive in my hunting sleigh. A huge mass of snow is everywhere on the roads. We returned home for tea. Read Alix aloud

"La petite paroisse" A. Daudet. We dined together and read together again - in my office!

*March 12th. Sunday.*

It was a great day - sunny! At 11 o'clock. we went together to the church of the Big Dv .; stood in the choir during mass. We had breakfast alone. After a short reading, we went for a walk around the park. The sun was very warm, we sat on the benches, the cat. by the way, very few were cleared of snow, and enjoyed the wonderful clean air. We returned home by 4 o'clock. I read a lot - from tea to lunch. In the evening I read Alix aloud.

*March 13th. Monday.*

We got up late, as a result of which my morning walk was too short. At 11 o'clock there was a report by D. Alexei and Chikhachov, then by Yermolov. We had breakfast at 12 1/2: Aleksey, Ella, Sergei. The two of them are leaving

for Moscow tomorrow. - Alix was not feeling well all day and everything in the room was lying on the couch. We went for a drive together around the park. It was clear, but cold and the wind even pinched my ears. After tea, I wrote a letter to Mom and then read it for a long time. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. We sat in my office, I read aloud! I cannot express how I enjoy such quiet calm evenings, face to face, with my dearly beloved wife! Involuntarily, the heart turns to God with a grateful prayer, for the gift of such a complete, unlimited happiness on earth!

*March 14th. Tuesday.*

It was a little warmer today, but a gray day! We walked together after coffee. Had reports: Vannovsky, Lobanov and Dena. At 2 1/2 we went in a sleigh to Pavlovsk, where I took a good walk. Due to the fact that not all roads are cleared of snow, we had to make a big circle [past] the cute white birch. We returned home at 5 o'clock. I read a lot. We had dinner at 8 o'clock - it was finally safe for sweet A [lix]; then I read it to her in the evening.

*March 15th. Wednesday.*

The day was pleasant, warm, one of those that give hope for the imminent onset of spring! After talking with Pobedonostsev, I went for a walk for half an hour. Received: Muravyova, Misha and 6 introducing themselves. The three of us had breakfast with D. Misha. At 2 1/2 we went on a long drive to Pavlovsk. Enjoyed the mildness of the weather. After tea I was busy with business until lunch, and in the evening I read aloud to my Alix.

*March 16th. Thursday.*

After coffee, at 10 1/4, he parted with dear Alix and went to Petersburg. Durnovo had a report in the carriage. I went to the church of the Pavlovsk regiment for the funeral service for the General-ad. Glinka-Mavrina. From there to Winter for breakfast to Xenia and Sandro. At 3 o'clock he returned to Tsarskoe, Vorontsov also had a report on the train. The weather was very warm, we had a great sleigh ride with Alix. After tea I read it. Dined with George (dezh.).

*March 17th. Friday.*

The same spring day as yesterday. At 10 1/4 we went for a walk in the park. Had reports: Witte and Prince. Khilkov. Took 6 people. presenting themselves. Four of us had breakfast with Ksenia and Sandro (dezh.). At 2 o'clock there was a reception of deputations from different places and from all estates who did not have time to arrive in January for the big reception. We went for a drive to Pavlovsk and took a long walk; walked a lot. After tea I was busy with business. The three of us had dinner, because poor Alix was not well and she ate at her place. I read to her and graduated from La petite paroisse.

*March 18th. Saturday.*

We met in the garden with Xenia and Sandro and went together to the Small Caprice, from which they watched the marching movement of the mobilized rifle battalion with all its wagon train. It was interesting and beautiful to watch how this huge intestine stretched along the highway. Received by: Vannovsky, Count A.P. Ignatiev and Vorontsov. D. Pavel had breakfast with us. At 3 o'clock we went in a sleigh out of the park and made an excellent walk along Krasnoselsky, Gatchinsky and Volkonsky. After tea I was busy and in the evening I started out loud "Le romane dune Imperatrice".

*19th March. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock. we went together to mass. We had breakfast alone. Having occupied about an hour, we went for a walk. We examined the Chinese Theater and walked around a large lake. Uncle Vladimir came to drink tea with us. I read it before and after lunch. The day was colder than the last.

*20th March. Monday.*

In the morning we made a long walk, as we left earlier. Uncle Aleksey and Chikhachov, Ermolov and Bunge were there at 11 o'clock. We had breakfast with the admiral general. Let's go for a drive to Pavlovsk; in places open to the sun, the road is already beginning to deteriorate - on the streets, instead of snow, dirty jelly. After tea I studied a lot and for a long time. The evening was spent as usual with me.

*March 21st. Tuesday.*

The weather was gray; it froze at night, but it melted regularly during the day. After a morning walk: received Vannovsky, Prince. Lobanov and Osten-Saken, which goes to Berlin. Finally we had breakfast together. At 2 1/2 he accepted the book. Vasilchikov, Nikolash, Vorontsov, Meindorf, colonels and squadron commanders of the Hussar regiment - a cat. on the occasion of the wedding they brought in a lovely camp folding folding. We walked with Alix and visited the elephant - he became evil, must \*, as the British say in India. Mama wrote and studied until lunchtime. In the evening I read Alix.

\* Excited state of the animal during the wedding period.

*March 22nd. Wednesday.*

We took a short [walk] as we got out late. I had a report from Muravyov. At 12 o'clock he received 8 people. civilians. Vanya Vorontsov was on duty. After breakfast, the two of us went for a drive in the park. At 5 o'clock. went to the city for a farewell dinner to Werder, which went off quite well. At 9 1/2 we went back to Tsarskoe.

*March 23rd. Thursday.*

A fresh wind blew all day, melted, but the weather was gray. After the walk I had reports: Durnovo, Richter and Vorontsov. After breakfast he received Pratasov and our military agent in Vienna - Voronin. The latter managed to bring with him a detailed plan for the mobilization and concentration of the entire Austrian army to our border.

We walked for the second time - the road is disgusting, the mud becomes impassable. After tea I was busy with business. In the evening I read aloud to my dear Alix.

*March 24th. Friday.*

After a short walk, I had a lot to do before breakfast: besides the usual reports, Filippov arrived and then there was a reception. The three of us had breakfast with Sergei (dezh.). Received by Rennenkampf. We walked around the park. I studied until 7 o'clock. We went to the Vespers at the Grand Palace; stood as always in the choir. The three of us had dinner at 8 o'clock. Spent the evening with dear Alix without reading.

*March 25th. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock. went to Peter. I had a short report from Vorontsov. We went to mass in Anichkov, to which Misha arrived from Gatchina. We had breakfast at Xenia's. They brought her a lantern from a Faberge with naval attributes. Arriving home, he received Kuropatkin, who had returned from Persia, and Sipyagin, who had been re-appointed as the General Manager of my office to accept petitions. At 3 o'clock I went with Alix to the opening of the Xenin Institute <sup>[4]</sup>. After endless prayer and litiya in the church, all the premises were sprinkled. The pupils are only 20. They returned to Anichkov at 5 o'clock. Poor Alix was tired, she had a headache. At 7 o'clock I went with Xenia and Sandro to the all-night vigil - they received willows. The three of us dined. At 10 o'clock they returned to Tsarskoe, content to escape from the city.

*March 26th. Sunday.*

The morning was great, after coffee I walked alone, At 11 o'clock. went to mass. After breakfast, I had a long conversation with Badmaev about the affairs of Mongolia, where he was going the other day. Much interesting and exciting in what he said! Walked with Alix in the park. There is still so much snow everywhere that it seems that it will never melt by summer. We drank tea until 5 o'clock. Alix read and then studied until lunchtime. We spent the evening together.

*March 27th. Monday.*

Walked alone - the day was warm - 5 ° + in the shade. I had a report by D. Alexei and Chikhachov. At 11 3/4, the two of us went with Alix to the previously consecrated mass. I had breakfast with the village of Alexei. Had reports: Ermolova and Dena. Only at 3 o'clock I managed to go out for a walk. I studied until 7 o'clock. We were at the evening service and had lunch at 8. I had to do business in the evening, because I lost an hour because of the church.

*March 28th. Tuesday.*

A little earlier than 11, Vannovsky's report began, after which he went with Alix to mass. D. Paul was already in the church - in the choir, and then had breakfast with me. Received: Lobanov and Selskiy. We went out for a walk late, only at 3 1/2, because these persons detained me. Gardened in the snow. At 7 o'clock we were at the evening service. This afternoon, dear Mama left Denmark.

*March 29th. Wednesday.*

In the morning we took a short walk. I had a report from Muravyov. We went to mass and had breakfast alone. Took up to 3 o'clock. While walking, he poked with a shovel in different places, especially on the Children's Island. After tea, and also in the evening, I had to read a lot on foreign affairs; finished the longest report on the Military Mine.

*March 30th. Thursday.*

The day was disgusting, sleet was falling. In the morning we took a short walk. Before mass he received Durnovo. Ksenia and Sandro (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 o'clock he received Vorontsov. We went to Aleksandrovskaya station, where at 4 1/2 a train arrived by the road Mama; together we drove to St. Petersburg. Thank God, she apparently recovered and seemed to gain weight. I figured out and did business - the last pre-holiday days are very busy! At 7 o'clock went to the 12 Gospels, cat. Alix, fortunately, endured well. After dinner I still read.

*March 31st. Friday.*

In the morning we walked in the garden, the cat. now it seems to us a narrow cage

after freedom in Tsarskoe. Had a report from Witte. At 12 o'clock. the shroud was taken out; D. Alexey had breakfast after the service. Worked in the garden because of exercise; before that he received Khilkov with a short report. After tea I studied. At 7 o'clock there was a service, to the cat. Alix didn't go. Four of us dined with Misha. I read it in the evening.

*1st April. Saturday.*

It was quite freezing at night, but the day was sunny. I have not felt so free for a long time, because I did not accept reports, and fortunately nothing was sent to read. At 11 1/2 we went to mass. Had breakfast M-elle de l'Escaille. We went to congratulate Sandro on his birthday and sat with Xenia. Returning home, I went for a walk. Alix started painting eggs with Misha and Olga. We dined at 8 o'clock. In the evening, mutual gifts and various surprises in eggs. At 11.50 we went to matins, for the first time to our home church.

*2nd April. Sunday.*



The service ended at 1 3/4. Straightened \* at Mom: Alix, Ksenia, Sandro and D. Alexey. We slept until 9 o'clock. Sorting eggs was a troublesome and boring waste of time. At 12 o'clock. christianity began - Alix handed out eggs. Breakfast: D. Vladimir and T. Mikhlen with children and Georgy (dezh.). We went to visit the whole family. The day was clear and cold. We drank tea at home - poor Alix was tired and did not go to vespers. We had dinner at 8 o'clock. I read as usual.

\* That's right: breaking the fast.

*3rd April. Monday.*

Spring does not want to come into its own: it snowed at night! When you think you enjoyed the summer weather last year. At 11 o'clock we went to mass, had breakfast: Mitya and M-elle de l'Escaille. In 1 1/4, Christianity began with the military leadership and lower ranks. My company of the Preobrazhensky regiment was also on guard in Anichkov on the night of Easter. It was over by 2 1/2. I went out for a walk - I didn't feel like air. He was completely free and read Alix. Mitya and Andrey were having dinner. We went to bed early.

*4th April. Tuesday.*

Lectures have begun. At 12 1/2, he confessed with the huntsmen. Breakfast: Elena, M-elle de l'Escaille and Werder. At 2 1/2 I had a meeting from the next. - D. Aleksey, Lobanov, Vannovsky, Chikhachov and Witte - regarding the events in the East. We decided: to insist vigorously on the purification by the Japanese of the southern part of Manjuria and Port Arthur; if they do not obey the advice, then force them to do so. God forbid, just not to get involved in the war! After an hour's meeting, I went for a walk. The weather was a little better. We drank tea with Mama with Ksenia and Sandro. Was reading. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. In the evening I sat with Mom for a long time - she told me about Kozlov's diary, the cat. she is now reading.

*5th April. Wednesday.*

After talking for half an hour with KP Pobedonostsev, we went for a walk. The day was clear but frosty. After Muravyov's report, he received different people who introduced themselves below. Breakfast: D. Misha, M-elle de l'Escaille, Cherevin and Kotya Obolensky (dezh.). Christ consulted with the Old Believers. We rode our bicycles in the garden. We dined with Xenia and Sandro. After driving through the streets, we returned home at 11 1/4 o'clock.

*6th April. Thursday.*

Walked in the morning - the weather was better. For the first time, Sipyagin came with a report in his Jägermeister uniform. After breakfast, Alix and I went to the Hermitage, where we examined an interesting collection of things found during last year's excavations. After riding, we returned home. After lunch there was a session of the Historical. Society [\[5\]](#) dedicated exclusively to the memory of dear Pope!

*April 7th. Friday.*

Was busy before the reports, so we did not have time to walk. They took Buryats with Badmaev, a cat. brought their usual darkhan - a long scarf with a silver attribute of power. After breakfast, he received the awardees for Easter. We walked in the garden, finally it got warmer - 7+ in the shade. After tea I read it. At 7 1/2 we dined at the village of Misha with his sons and Ksenia. Before returning home, we went for a drive - the evening was excellent.

*April 8th. Saturday.*

Anniversary of our engagement! Never in my life, it seems, I will forget this day in Coburg - how happy I was then in all respects. Wonderful unforgettable day!

We went out for a walk - the weather was like yesterday. Poor Alix had a headache and was forced to lie down. He worked in the garden and rode a bicycle [ipeda]. Drank tea with Mama and Aprak. Dined downstairs with dear Alix, after tea we took a walk in a carriage. I read it in the evening.

*April 9th. Sunday.*

Unfortunately dear Alix had a headache all day. She did not go upstairs at all - neither to mass, nor to breakfast. I managed to read a lot from the papers I had left. The day was not cold, but gray. In the evening it started to rain. Walked in the garden with Mama, Xenia and Sandro. I drank tea with my darling. Dined with Mom at 8 o'clock with Misha and Andrey. They then lit a large electric train. lantern and illuminated the garden and even some houses on the Nevsky. - Alix went to bed early.

*April 10th. Monday.*

The unbearable pain in the temples of dear Alix continued and she was forced to stay in bed, on my advice. Walked in the morning. After the usual reports of D. Alexei and Ermolov, he received a member of the State. Sov. Abaza 2nd; he was appointed chairman of the commission for the arrangement of the Black Sea and Sukhumi districts. After breakfast I went to D. Vladimir to congratulate him, but did not find him at home. I rode bicycles with Misha and Olga. Drank tea with Alix. Dined with Mom. We looked through with her the old papers of the Pope, kept in his desk.

*April 11th. Tuesday.*

Alix felt better and after my morning walk, she went for a drive. Vannovsky was not with me; accepted the report of one Lobanov. After breakfast I went to the printing exhibition. The entire family surveyed her at the same time. Walked around, had the warmest day so far.

We drank tea together, then read. Mom spent some [time] with Alix in our bedroom.

*April 12th. Wednesday.*

The day was warm - I was walking alone, because Alix's darling still felt unwell. In the morning Bunge arrived with a report; Muravyov was not there. At 12 o'clock he received a whole bunch of people. Breakfast: D. Misha, M-elle de l'Escaille and Ekaterina Sergeevna. R 2 o'clock went with Misha to the fortress for a memorial service. Returning home, I rode bicycles with Misha. We drank tea together, then read a lot. Ksenia and Sandro dined. Sat at Alix's; spent the end of the evening with Mom.

*April 13th. Thursday.*

In the morning we packed up and walked together. The weather for the move was spring: 10 ° in the shade. Mamsel de Lecaille alone ate breakfast. At 3 o'clock we went to the lovely Tsarskoe Selo. Upon arrival there we immediately went for a walk; the air was wonderful, birds chirped, rivulets murmured. A lot of snow has melted, the fields are clear, but there is still a lot left in the forest. Dined at 8 o'clock and read. We found out on the phone that poor Mom, climbing up the car, hit the gap with his heel in the wall and this torn her ligaments of the joint. You have to lie down for a while, which is very boring. Thank God that nothing worse has happened yet!

*April 14th. Friday.*

At 9 1/2, almost out of bed, I went to St. Petersburg to visit dear Mom. Found her in a cheerful mood and attended the foot-and-side massage ; the tumor is still significant. Took one Witte.

I had breakfast upstairs at Mama's with Ksenia and Sandro. At my suggestion, Mom was moved downstairs and sat on the balcony on an armchair. The day was marvelous: 11 ° in the shade. At 3 o'clock he left for Tsarskoe in the arms of his dear wife. walked and sat on the benches for a long time. After tea and in the evening as well? was reading.

*April 15th. Saturday.*

A perfect summer day. My dear Alix felt bad all day - unbearable, especially in this weather! Walked alone. The reports dragged on until half past 2. I had breakfast with Mitya (dezh.), Walked myself in the park for about two hours. After tea, Alix went for a drive. I read it until lunchtime. Spent the evening by the bed.

*April 16th. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock he went with Mitya to St. Petersburg; I went there with a relieved heart, since dear Alix almost recovered today - only now, after a whole week, her headaches have gone! Found dear Mom in a wonderful state of mind; leg, that is, the foot lends itself to the action of massage. At 11 o'clock we went to mass without Mama and then ate breakfast with her in a rather large company. Received the commandant of the fortress, a deaf gene. Verevkin, on the occasion of his crossing of the Neva - today at 12 o'clock. I returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 3 o'clock. We walked together and quite enjoyed the ideal weather: 14 ° in the shade. We dined in my office. I read a lot in the evening.

*April 17th. Monday.*

In the morning, the commanders of both rifle battalions came to me with congratulations on the occasion of their holiday. After coffee we went for a walk together; the weather was the same as all these days. We had breakfast with the village of Alexei. At 3 o'clock, Toulon set out on a new horse, a cat. Nicky went to camp last year. Traveled the entire park; approaching the house, the left stirrup broke. Walked with Alix and Ekaterina [erina] Hell [olfovnyaya] Schneider. After tea I read it. We dined in my office. In the evening, both of them read to themselves.

*April 18th. Tuesday.*

Nice clear day; a little fresher than the last. We did not walk long. Ksenia and Sandro (dezh.) Had breakfast with us. At 2 o'clock, the Bukhara embassy was received, which brought the order, a lot of gifts and 4 horses. The four of us walked, visited all the greenhouses and devoured many of the fruits of the earth. Drank tea at 5 1/2; I read until 8 o'clock. We dined and spent part of the evening together.

*19th April. Wednesday.*

The four of us had a good walk. It was a little fresher than yesterday. After the report of Muravyov and then D. Misha, he received a lot of those who introduced themselves. Breakfast: D. Misha and Georgy (dezh.). During the walk we collected a whole basket of anemone. After tea I read for a long time. The three of us dined.

*April 20th. Thursday.*

At 10 o'clock. we went together to the city. Dear Mom, she feels well and is already starting to walk without the aid of a stick. Had three usual reports.

After breakfast we went to the fortress for a memorial service for dear Pope; six months have already passed since that unimaginably difficult and woeful day!

Returning home, walking in the garden, D. Sergei and Ella came from Moscow. After drinking tea with Mom, we went to our place in Tsarskoe. From the arsenal we went home on foot. We had dinner at 8 o'clock and read for a long time all evening.

*April 21st. Friday.*

The day was great. In the morning we walked and picked flowers. After the lectures there was a great reception. D. Vladimir and Sergey (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received the new German ambassador, Prince. Radolin. When we went out for a walk, the rain poured down, refreshing the nature. Destroyed the remnants of ice in the pond. The three of us dined. I read it hard.

*April 22nd. Saturday.*

We got up early and walked for a long time in the morning. The weather was clear but windy. After breakfast, I hung paintings in all the rooms, so that finally the room came into a comfortable and comfortable look. We walked all over the park and bathed the dogs. For tea, D. Sergei and Ella arrived and dined with us, and stayed overnight. Alix received her gifts before dinner.

*April 23rd. Sunday.*

The birthday of my beloved Alix! For the first time, it seemed to her the strangest to celebrate a new holiday for her. After coffee, they received all the gardeners with fruits and flowers, as well as a large deputation from the people of the Court, the cat. brought each of us an icon. Camer-furrier Gerasimov said a very touching greeting. At 10 3/4 Mom came from St. Petersburg and we went to mass, where the whole family had gathered. Then in the corner hall of the Alexander Palace there was a breakfast for 26 people. We took Mom to the station and,

returning home, we went for a walk. The weather was good. We had dinner and the evening [spent] together.

*April 24th. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock. drove to the city, directly to Tsaritsyn meadow, where I made my first review of the troops. Was in the Preobrazhensky uniform. Due to the fact that the troops were in full dress and that the weather was good, the spectacle turned out to be remarkably beautiful. Especially when at the end the cavalry attacked the entire front. We had breakfast at the Oldenburgskys and visited Comrade Sani. At 3 o'clock, Mama went on the train to Tsarskoe, and she continued on to Gatchino. I walked alone because Alix was a little tired. We drank tea and dined together.

*April 25th. Tuesday.*

We got up early and sat for a long time on the "Children's Island", enjoying the weather. Between reports of war mines. and foreign affairs, were D. Aleksey and Chikhachov. After breakfast I received NN Lomen for a long time. Rode with Alix on the pond, forcing the dogs to swim. Kostya arrived for tea. I read a lot.

*April 26th. Wednesday.*

At 10 1/4 o'clock we went to the city. In the carriage I had Muravyov's last report before his trip to the Caucasus.

At 11 o'clock the second parade began, the cat. in some details was more successful than the first. I was in the grenadier's uniform on Norma \*. The cavalry also made an attack across the meadow. The Don battery went through a quarry. At the end, the fire brigades also appeared, the cat. also passed cer. march. The weather was wonderful. We had breakfast at the Oldenburgskys. We stopped at the Winter Palace, where everything was finally decided in the last details. We went to Anichkov, because I needed, as a planted father, to bless the daughter of Fredericks. At 3 1/4 we went back to Tsarskoe. I walked alone, because poor Alix was tired. The evening was spent as usual.

\* Name of the horse.

*April 27th. Thursday.*

In the morning the weather was wonderful: 15 ° in the shade. In the morning I walked for a long time, because my darling stayed at home. After the reports, we went to Gatchino, where they arrived at one o'clock. We had breakfast with Mama and D. Misha and Elena in the garden. There, in Gatchina, more than anywhere, one could feel who was so badly lacking, where every corner in the park, every tree resembled and ached for the heart! He showed Alix his rooms. We still skated on all the lakes in Saimaa. The nature and weather were perfect - in the spring, Gatchino is a really beautiful place! We drank tea and dined downstairs in the old bathroom. We returned to Tsarskoe at 10 1/2 o'clock.

*April 28th. Friday.*

The same wonderful weather as yesterday. In the morning we walked for about an hour. Before breakfast there was a great reception - 53 people in total. - all Easter awards. At 2 o'clock he examined the plans and maps of the Ministry of Ways of Communication, placed in all the halls. Having accepted also K.P. Pobedonostsev, he went for a walk. Rode with Alix in the boat; then we drank tea together touchingly on the Children's Island. Grace stood indescribable. Was reading. After lunch we went for a ride - we drove around all the parks to Babolov.

*April 29th. Saturday.*

It has been four years since God saved me in Japan by George's hand! [\[6\]](#) After the reports at 12 o'clock. went to **Gatchino**. It was very stuffy. Upon arrival, we went to a prayer service upstairs in Ella's room. We wanted to have breakfast in the garden, but a whirlwind of dust made us take the table home. We settled with Alix in the rooms of Anpap and Annam, with windows overlooking a large courtyard. We rode on the lake in different boats; the weather got better, but still the heat was decent. We drank tea at our housewarming party with Mama, Ksenia and Sandro. Was reading. We dined at Mom's downstairs; the evening was spent as usual.

*April 30th. Sunday.*

It was pouring rain at night, so I did well not to go to the wood grouse. We slept well during the novelty. In the morning we went for a walk and met Mom, Ksenia and Sandro. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. In the church, again, the same terrible feeling of emptiness, like dear Dad in his rooms! We had breakfast in the garden. The weather was wonderful. After reading, they went to the lake; Misha took us in a tugboat with his Borzhomka, for two hours they rode like this in three boats! We drank tea at home, and D. Pavel came to see him. We dined at Mom's and at 10 o'clock, having said goodbye to her, left for **Tsarskoe**.

*1st May. Monday.*

It got a little colder, but the weather is still clear and good. We did not walk long. There were three talks before breakfast. Uncle Alexey ate with us. Received the Turkestan general-lip. Baron Vrevsky, I saw him for the first time! I rode in a kayak and dragged me from the pond to the canal and back. After tea we went to Children's Island and released 4 rabbits there. I read a lot after dinner.

*May 2nd. Tuesday.*

Cold but clear weather set in. We walked for a long time in the morning; thank God dear Alix feels good again. George (dezh.) Had breakfast with us. Badmaev came to me again to say goodbye before leaving for Mongolia. I rode in my white kayak (from Skierniewice) through the canals and ponds while Alix walked and picked flowers. After tea I read a lot. We dined with George.

*3rd May. Wednesday.*

The same cold sunny weather. We did not walk long. Since Muravyov left, he had a report to Bunge and received gr. Shuvalov and many who introduce themselves. D. Misha had breakfast. At 2 o'clock I had a meeting of the Siberian Committee in the corner red drawing-room.

He was released at 3 1/2 and went for a walk with dear Alix and E. A. Schneider. I rode in a kayak. I read a lot - again heaps of papers were sent. After lunch we had a great ride in the park; the sunset was amazingly good!

*4th May. Thursday.*

The weather has become summer again. We got up early and therefore managed to walk for a long time. We rode a boat on the pond between the arsenal and photography. Had the usual three receptions. After breakfast, he took a walk alone, then went there in a kayak, while E. A. Schneider took Alix in a boat. After tea I read it. I was laying out things from Anichkov, a cat. sent here for the summer. In the evening we went to Pavlovsk, drove around the park and listened to music from afar.

*May 5th. Friday.*

After reading, as usual, the report of the Minister of War, Alix went for a walk with darling. The weather was excellent. We had breakfast with Sergey (dezh.). At 2 1/2 we left for Gatchino for two days. Here, too, the greenery has moved remarkably; bird cherry and lilies of the valley are blooming. We went for a walk with Mama, Ksenia and Sandro. We rode in boats; showed Alix the Venus pavilion. They drank tea with us. Received gifts from Alix separately. D. Sergei and D. Pavel also dined. We spent the evening with Mom downstairs.

*May 6th. Saturday.*

It is already 27 years that I was born into the light of God! But what a terrible change from last year! - We wanted to take advantage of the wonderful weather to take a walk, but telegrams and different people, and a deputation from the mountains. Gatchino was taken away from the free morning. Before mass I was with Mama. At 11 o'clock. the whole family arrived. Alix, fortunately, withstood the service. We had breakfast in the garden on three tables. At 3 o'clock we went to the lake and rode for a long time along all the canals and collected lilies of the valley. We drank tea with Mama, Ksenia and Sandro. After lunch, we went to the Menagerie in a four-wheel drive and rode until 11 o'clock.

*May 7th. Sunday.*

In the morning the flow of telegrams stopped; I got 108 in total. We went for a walk and met Mom at the Silver Lake. At 11 o'clock. went to mass, without Alix. We had breakfast in the garden. After that Misha made a small explosion from the cat. the house flew into the air - the work of Thormeyer. We walked and rode for a long time on all the lakes; the weather was wonderful. They drank tea with us; e. Alexey came to say goodbye to Mama. We had lunch and at 9 1/2 went to the station, where we parted with the road Mama. She leaves alone for the second time; now to Odessa to join with George, returning from Greece on "Paul (bright) Sv (ride)". They immediately returned to Tsarskoe Selo.

*May 8th. Monday.*

In the morning he set to work again. We walked for a long time and enjoyed the summer heat. We had breakfast with the village of Alexei. I rode a pacer Berkut. Came home with Alix. We drank tea and dined with D. Pavel. We went for a drive in the field and drove around the quadrangle of the highway to Peterhof - Gatchino - Tsarskoe. The fragrance was wonderful. We returned home at 11 o'clock.

*May 9th. Tuesday.*

We got up early and went for a walk. We picked up a lot of violets. The reports continued until breakfast. Received the commander of the Cuirassier regiment of His Majesty regiment. Tranze on the occasion of the regimental holiday. Riding another Cossack Oryol \*. Returning home, I went to Alix, the cat. sat on a bench in the garden and read. It was a wonderful day. After lunch we drove to Pavlovsk. - Mom arrived in Odessa in the evening and met with George. They go out at night on the "Polar Star" to Batum.

\* Name of the horse

*May 10th. Wednesday.*

In the morning I read a lot, but on the other hand I walked with Alix for an hour and a half until 12 noon, when the appointment was made. D. Misha had breakfast. I went at 3 o'clock

riding a new roan horse Tearaway. The heat was tremendous. We drank tea with v. Vladimir. We were scribbling letters all evening, so we had dinner at 9 o'clock. We took the usual evening walk.

*May 11th. Thursday.*

After coffee, Alix and I took turns in the gene. Baranov, who came from Peterhof with a bouquet from the lancers on the occasion of their holiday. At 11 o'clock we went to Mass at the Grand Palace. We had breakfast alone and after that had the usual reports. We planted pussy willows in the garden and sat until 6 1/2 on the Children's island.

For tea there arrived: D. Pavel, Kostya and Mavra. Was reading. We dined with D. Pavel and in the evening made the usual walk to Pavlovsk.

*May 12th. Friday.*

A stuffy day. In the morning Pobedonostsev arrived and detained us from our walk. After the lectures there was a small reception. We had breakfast alone. I also tried a new horse - the dark bay mare Bella. Alix rode in a wheelchair with the Count. Lamsdorf. After tea I read as usual. In the evening we went to Pavlovsk; during lunch, it began to drizzle, making the air fresh and even more fragrant.

*May 13th. Saturday.*

The heat grew more and more, and at about one o'clock the case finally broke out in a thunderstorm. We walked for a long time in the morning. Towards the end of the breakfast, the village of Vladimir and comrade Mikhen arrived from the city - they finally moved here. At 2 1/2 we went to **Gatchino**. We rode for a long time on the lake with Ksenia, Sandro and Olga. After the rain, the greens looked even fresher, although here everything was not so blooming as in Tsarskoye. Gatchino is amazingly beautiful in spring! Most of all I am attracted by the mass of water. The four of us drank tea and dined. In the evening it was raining again, so we sat at home and read.

*May 14th. Sunday.*

It rained at night and became much colder. Because of the dampness, we did not go for a walk. At 11 o'clock we were at mass. On the way back, the newly arrived teams from the infantry regiments were presented: 65 Moscow and 84 Shirvan. We had breakfast downstairs with Sergey (dezh.). By evening it was only 3 °, so we all stayed at home. We read and wrote letters. D. Pavel arrived for tea. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. Misha returned from the District. We left back to **Tsarskoe** at 9 3/4.

*May 15th. Monday.*

It was almost freezing, it was clear and a fresh N was blowing. We made a decent walk on foot. D. Aleksey had breakfast. Set off on my bike, just straightened out. Alix rode in a wheelchair with Schneider. In the park I met

Kirill, also on a bicycle (scooter). After tea I read as usual until lunchtime. In the evening we went to Pavlovsk; it was clear, but extremely cold!

*May 16th. Tuesday.*

It starts to get warm. Made long walk with 10 hr. 12 hr., So as the Vannovsky not arrived. After breakfast, I sat for an hour while Tuxen painted me for a picture of our wedding. At the same time, Vasyutinsky was making Alix's medallion. I rode a bike. At 5 o'clock we went to tea at the village Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen. Returning home, I read. After lunch we went to Pavlovsk, where I walked for a long time. In the evening it was 5 °.

*May 17th. Wednesday.*

The weather was rainy, it was raining alternately and it became clear. We walked for about an hour. Instead of a lecture, he read and took it until the meal. D. Misha had breakfast. I sat with Tuxen again. Rode bike. After tea, a courier arrived from Darmstadt, bringing Alix a lot of letters and things from home. At 7 1/2 we went to Pavlovsk to dine with Kostya and Mavra. There was D. Pavel. Then the entire upper floor of this beautiful and interesting palace was examined. We sat in their rooms downstairs until 10 1/2. Returning, we enjoyed the wonderful fragrant air - despite the cold, everything again begins to smell wonderful.

*May 18th. Thursday.*

I didn't walk for long, because we got up late. The damp weather was to blame for this. Mitya, who had returned from his factory from the Poltava province, was having breakfast. We went out to get some air at 4 o'clock, as it was raining before. We drank tea with the village Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen. After lunch we went to Pavlovsk, where I was. Posted by Mom and George.

*19th May. Friday.*

The weather was inconsistent. Walked in the morning. After the reports I accepted. We had breakfast alone. We examined the upper rooms above Alix, which we are going to arrange for the famous room! [\[7\]](#)

Rode bike. I read a lot. After lunch we went to Pavlovsk; it cleared up in the evening, but it was damp.

*May 20th. Saturday.*

We got up in fair weather and fresh NO. Wearing the full guar uniform. crew, went with Alix to the station. and went to the city. We were still traveling with us: D. Vladimir, Comrades Mikhen and Kirill. In the new Admiralty, bookmarks were made: bron. boats "**Brave**" and bron. shore, ob., "**General-Admiral Apraksin**". From here we went to Peterhof, to the Galernaya harbor, where the squadrons had a remarkably successful descent. armor "**Sevastopol**". Then at the Baltic Shipyard there were two more bookmarks for textbooks. the ship "**Verny**" and the huge cruiser "**Russia**". This was the first time Alix was present at such naval ceremonies and, fortunately, she was not tired of getting in and out of the sea! We entered the Moika by boat and walked to the house of Alexei. He had the usual breakfast with the admirals, after the cat. at 2 o'clock we went to **Gatchino**. The weather has completely recovered. We rode for a long time on the lake and collected lilies of the valley. We drank tea and dined with Ksenia and Sandro. I read it in the evening.

*May 23rd. Sunday.*

It was a good day. Received commanders: Izmailovsky regiment and Sapper battalion - on the occasion of the holiday of their units. We walked a little around the Silver Lake. At 11 o'clock. went to Mass, which, together with Vespers, lasted until 12 1/2 o'clock. We had breakfast at our place with Mitya (dezh.). We went out into the garden earlier than 3 and rode on all the lakes until 6 o'clock. We drank tea in a completely unprecedented place - in the



Venus pavilion, on the island of Love. Was reading; For some reason I had a headache. We dined with the same ones as we had breakfast. Ksenia and Sandro returned to Mikhailovskoye.

*May 22nd. Monday.*

Although there are Dukhov \* today , I even had three reports. In the morning the three of us walked with the village of Alexei; we had breakfast with him. The day was warm. Let's go inspect the rooms of Pavel Petrovich \*\* , cat. Alix hadn't seen it yet; also visited his library. We rode for a long time on the lake under the oars and also with the help of an umbrella. We drank tea in the Venerine Pavilion \*\*\* . I read until 8 o'clock. The three of us had dinner with Misha and at 9 3/4 went to **Tsarskoe Selo**, where they arrived with the rain; here I feel somehow completely at home.

\* Spirits day is a religious holiday.

\*\* Emperor Paul I.

\*\*\* Venus Pavilion.

*May 23rd. Tuesday.*

Vannovsky was not present with a report because of severe rheumatic pains; therefore Alix and I took a long walk from 10 1/2 to 12 noon. Took Alec and Lobanov. After breakfast, all the officers who had completed the courses in the 4 military men gathered in the large hall. academies numbering 105 people. - spoke to everyone! I rode a bike while Alix rode in a wheelchair. After tea I read and wrote, the 4th huntsman left for Abas-Tuman. At 9 o'clock we went as usual to Pavlovsk.

*May 24th. Wednesday.*

It became warm again, although it was a gray day. After the walk, I read and received. Finally a courier arrived from Abas-Tuman. After breakfast, we chose wallpaper materials and carpets for our rooms in the Alexander Palace. I rode a bike. Dogs fiddled with crows, cat. attacked them, wanting to pinch the young raven. After tea, he gave Alix all sorts of gifts for her birthday. In the evening we skated in Pavlovsk.

*May 25th. Thursday.*

Dear Alix, 23 years have passed! The first birthday that we spend together, God forbid, that many more such days we were allowed to live in a mutual peace, quiet joy and happiness! For everything that the Lord has already given us, for everything with which he has rewarded our difficult life - we must thank Him for his great kindness and mercy! During coffee, Misha and Olga arrived from Gatchina, and Sandro from Mikhailovsky without Ksenia. By 11 o'clock I arrived at the Bolshoi Dvor. the rest of the surname for mass. We had breakfast like Alix's name day and then went out into the garden to smoke. The weather was warm. We unsubscribed from telegrams. I rode bicycles with Misha and Andrey. The five of us drank tea on the island. I read it before dinner; I overcome the report of the State. Controller. After lunch, we rode for a long time in Pavlovsky Park.

*May 26th. Friday.*

The day was warm. Walked alone. After the reports, I received only 4 people. At 3 o'clock we went to the photographic pavilion and filmed for a long time at Pasetti's. After that I rode in the park for the last time; everything about him looks so green and beautiful. After tea I read it. At 8 o'clock, Alix and I went to dinner at Comrade Mikhen. There were also: D. Aleksey, Kostya, Mavra, Eugene, Zina and children. We walked around the garden and looked at the playful teddy bear. We rode in Pavlovsky.

*May 27th. Saturday.*

We woke up with an excellent warm day, but did not have time to walk - there is always a lot of trouble at the moment of departure. There was a report from Obruchev, since Vannovsky was ill, and then a bar. Fredericksz. After breakfast we said goodbye to Tsarskoe and drove to Gatchino. Taking Misha and Olga with them, we arrived at **Peterhof** at 4 o'clock. With joyful and sad feelings I drove into dear Alexandria and entered our house by the sea. It seems so strange to live here with your wife. Although space is scarce, the rooms are lovely and the premises are perfect. The new room (Alix) is remarkably nicely decorated downstairs by the dining room. But the main beauty of the whole house is the proximity of the sea! I fiddled a lot with disassembling things. I left my dressing room in my former bedroom. We dined in the study in the window. Ride together - drove away from the music!

*May 28th. Sunday.*

At 9 o'clock. drinking coffee on the balcony from Alix's restroom. The morning was great. Was reading. Received a deputation from the mountains. Peterhof. At 11 o'clock we went to mass in our pretty church. We had breakfast at our place with: Ksenia, D. Misha and Sandro. We walked around Alexandria and examined familiar places. We drank tea with D. Pavel. After reading, I went for a ride to the sea in a kayak. We dined with him and then drove around all the neighborhoods.

*May 29th. Monday.*

Wonderful day, the sea is like a mirror! Drank coffee on the balcony. At 10 1/4 we went to the pier and set off on the Alexandria for the big roadstead. Visited and examined in detail: **"Rurik" and "Emperor Alexander II"**. They both leave for Kiel to open the canal. The Threatening One has already gone ahead. "Rurik" amazes with its size and pleases the Russian soul with the consciousness that it is still the largest sailing cruiser in the world! Having wished them a happy voyage, we drove to the "Alexandria" and went back to Peterhof. We had breakfast on the yacht. I rode a lot in a kayak and enjoyed the weather terribly! After tea I read and went to sea again. We had dinner at 8 1/4 o'clock. In the evening I had a great ride with Alix.

*May 30th. Tuesday.*

We got up very early and after breakfast we went to Mikhailovka, to the village of Misha and Ksenia. The day was amazing - the July heat. Returning home, he accepted the usual reports. Yuri (dezh.) Had breakfast. I read with interest Kuropatkin's report on his winter trip to Persia. After waiting out the downpour, we went on Sandro's electric boat for a ride on the sea. A light picnic came out, as we took fruit with us. After tea I read and went kayaking. Dined: Yuri and Stana. In the evening, as usual, we took a long walk.

*May 31st. Wednesday.*

Today it was even more stuffy, quite the tropics. I had to read all morning. At 11 1/2 I went with Alix to the Bolshoi Dv., Where we received the Armenian Catholicos Mkrtich. I spoke through an interpreter. Then I moved to the Farm, where there was a usual welcome. We had breakfast with us: D. Misha, Ksenia and Sandro. Then we sat with them on the terrace. At 3 o'clock we went on a visit to the Oldenburgskys. On the way back we were caught by the rain. After tea, a strong thunderstorm passed. I read it until lunchtime. The three of us ate with Misha. Ride a wonderful evening through Babigon.

*1st June. Thursday.*

Olga's birthday \*: she is 13 years old! She received her gifts yesterday. In the morning we managed to take a walk and returned home with a warm rain. Had four reports. At 12 1/2 we went to a prayer service, after which we said goodbye to those leaving the Convoy. We also saw the newly arrived Cossacks. We had breakfast with Ksenia and Sandro (dezh.), Today they moved to live at the Farm from Mikhailovka. I went to the Bolshoi Dv., Where paintings by Bogolyubov and others were exhibited depicting the arrival of our ships in Toulon. I rode a bicycle and a kayak. A thunderstorm passed over the sea, which did not touch us; she freshened the air considerably. I read a lot. After lunch we had a good ride.

\* Olga Alexandrovna, daughter of Alexander III.

*2nd June. Friday.*

We woke up with the rain, under which we walked to the Farm to Xenia and Sandro. I returned from there on foot alone. Elena Sh [eremeteva] had breakfast. I made a ride with Misha on bicycles, and then in kayaks in the sea. It was fresh and we were nicely bathed in waves. After tea I read and again went to sea. After rowing and wind, you feel more cheerful! The three of us had dinner and rode as usual.

*3rd June. Saturday.*

Today is the year that I left for England on the Polar Star. How different it was at that time in my soul! It rained all day. After coffee we went upstairs and walked around the Cottage, the school house and the Italian house at the net. We saw the window on which we both carved our names in 1884. The reports dragged on until 1 1/4. We had breakfast alone. At 3 o'clock we went to the Farm, where Misha did rat-baiting with his dogs. We examined in detail all the departments of the economy of our own farmyard. They drank in the gazebo - milk and ate black bread. After tea I read it.

We dined with Xenia and Sandro at the Farm. We made a short walk and returned home at 10 1/4 o'clock. I learned the extremely sad news about the sudden death of poor N. Kh. Bunge. One more faithful and experienced advisor became less for me. His death puts me in a very difficult position!

*4th June. Sunday.*

The morning was as bleak as yesterday evening. I had Kulomzin. At 11 o'clock we went to mass. D. Alexei, who is leaving for Kiel tomorrow, had breakfast. The weather has improved, and a damp heat has come. Ride in a kayak while the others went on an electric boat. Alix sat on the balcony and read. For tea, came D. Misha, D. Pavel, T. Eugenie, Mary of Badenskaya with her husband. Haven't seen her \* since 1888. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined with D. Pavel and then went for a ride together.

\* A dotted line is drawn from the word "her" to the words of Mary of Baden.

*June 5th. Monday.*

In the morning, the oven began and at about 11 o'clock. it poured down the rain. We managed to take a walk until we got sputum. Accepted reports and submitted up to an hour. Four of us had breakfast with Misha and Olga. At 3 o'clock he went to Tsarskoe through Petersburg, taking the village of Misha in Strelna. On Alexandrov, st. Bunge's body was brought. After the lithium, it was put into a carriage for transportation to Kiev. Now he returned to Peterhof, where he was ripe for tea at 5 1/2. It was raining heavily, followed by a cat. the evening was great. After lunch we went for a drive.

*June 6th. Tuesday.*

An amazing incident happened: an invasion of bedbugs in the bedroom! and in the restroom of Alix. There was nothing left to do but move upstairs completely, and take everything out in those two rooms and remove the carpets and wallpaper. The swallow's nests under the eaves are to blame; Unfortunately, they had to be removed, because they turned out to be filled with bedbugs! Boring! Without that, our house is cramped, and now we positively live in two rooms. After breakfast we made a visit to Mary and her husband in Mikhailovka, and from there to Sergievka Yuri and Stan. We drank tea with the daughter of the former ambassador - Miss Mopyog. Was reading. I went kayaking with Misha. After lunch we went to Babigon and visited the village (clerk) house.

*June 7th. Wednesday.*

Slept well in my old bedroom; woke up with wonderful weather. Breakfast was served under a large umbrella in the garden by the sea! After reading, I went for a walk and met Alix on a small road. Muravyov returned from the Caucasus and was with a report. Received at the Farm. Uncle Misha had breakfast with us. The banging upstairs lasted from morning to evening. Did a nice ride with Misha on horseback. Let's go have tea at Elena's. Was reading. We dined with Xenia and Sandro. We rode together for a long time on the electric train. boat. We arrived at the canal.

*June 8th. Thursday.*

Happy day a year ago: the day of my arrival in England and also the meeting with the darling Alix at Walton.

The weather was marvelous: 18 ° in the shade. The morning before breakfast was very busy. Yuri (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/4 we went to the pier to meet the cadets, the cat. the ceremony took place. march to your camp. At 3 o'clock we left on the "Marev" to Petersburg by a canal and turned back in the Neva near the Baltic plant. We drank tea and enjoyed a wonderful walk. Ksenia, Sandro and Misha were with us. Was reading. After lunch we drove along Sergievka.

*June 9th. Friday.*

Wonderful day: 20 ° in the shade. The rooms, although fresher than the garden by the sea, still barely had anything to breathe. After breakfast, read until 3 1/2 and then kayak to the white buoy. Hell as in the tropics. Ksenia and Sandro dined. We went with them on the "**Bunchuk**" to Kronstadt. Having reached the big crane, we turned back and, not without incident, due to the haze from the burning, we reached our pier.

*June 10th. Saturday.*

In the morning breakfast took place on the balcony as it was too hot in the umbrella tent. After reading, I went for a walk alone. There were reports by Obruchev and b. Fredericks' - ended very soon, so I had time to read some more. Breakfast: Mitya (dezh.), Evgeny and Zina. For the first time I swam with Misha in the sea, fiddled with kayaks and enjoyed the pleasant water temperature. At 7 1/2 I had lunch at the Oldenburgskys, then sat in a pavilion by the sea. The evening was wonderful, we skated and returned home at 11 o'clock.

*June 11th. Sunday.*

The morning was gray, but by 11 o'clock. the weather has improved. A fresh W was blowing and the wave was large from the sea. I went to mass without Alix, because she cannot stand the heat. Breakfast: Mitya and Sergey (dezh.). The water dropped noticeably. Was reading. At 3 1/2 I went to swim in the sea; Alix

was present. Tinkhen arrived for tea, then D. Pavel. After reading, I went in a kayak a little along the coast, because it was still fresh. We had dinner at 8 o'clock and rode as usual until 11 o'clock with Misha.

*June 12th. Monday.*

The day was lovely and quiet. We walked and did not suffer from the heat, because today 16 ° is still cooler! There was only Yermolov's report, since Chikhachov went to Libava to meet D. Alexei. Breakfast: D. Misha, Mary and Anhaltsky. At 3 o'clock we left our pier on the "Marev" for Kronstadt. A little before reaching the London lighthouse, they turned back and drank tea. The walk was brilliant! Were at home at 6 1/4. Was reading. Excellent kayak ride with Misha; suddenly blew out from Peter, so it rocked great! After lunch we went to the station - at 9 o'clock dear Mama returned from Abas-Tuman. Spent the evening with her at the Cottage. She lives upstairs in Olga's rooms! Drank tea on the balcony!

*June 13th. Tuesday.*

The morning was stifling. After coffee we went to Mom and then walked together. We all had breakfast. I read it, because it was not possible to take a walk because of a thunderstorm and the rain that poured until evening. We drank tea with Xenia and Sandro on the farm. We watched the future "nursery" and the crib. I read it until lunchtime, the cat. was also with us. We spent the evening together until 11 o'clock. Today we finally moved down to our former real bedroom, after driving out bedbugs.

*June 14th. Wednesday.*

We got up for housewarming early, so the walk took longer. While we were all sitting on Mom's balcony, D. Aleksey came on foot. He came last night in the Rurik from Kiel, having made a very successful test of the machines. Had reports: Muravyov and Pratasov; then there was a reception at the Farm. We had breakfast in a large company, since Anhaltsky and Mary \* came to say goodbye. It was raining lightly. Rode bike. We drank tea together and then I read until 8 o'clock. We dined at the Farm and went for a drive with Alix in the evening. It was foggy.

\* Baden Marie.

*June 15th. Thursday.*

On the way to the Cottage, we stopped to watch Misha's platoon teachings. He stood in line with a gun. Between the reports came the Count of Montebello with a letter from the French President. Repub., In a cat. he thanks for the order of St. Andrew, received on the eve of Kiel!

After breakfast I rode a bike with Misha. Have seen my horses bought last year at Sandringham. We drank tea at our place. The weather turned bad, it blew out and it started raining. We dined and spent the evening reading and playing holma.

*June 16th. Friday.*

After yesterday's storm, wonderful warm weather has come today! After breakfast and a short reading, I went with Alix to Mama, where Xenia and Sandro came at the same time. We returned home by 11 o'clock. We had breakfast. We sat by the sea, enjoying the view. At 2 1/2 Alix and I visited Petusha and Militsa in Znamenka. I went on horseback with Misha; I was on my new chestnut horse. In the English park, a cadet was found resting during a military walk. We drank tea together. After reading, I went for a ride in a kayak. At 8 o'clock we went to dinner at the Farm. In the evening we skated for a long time and by chance everyone returned home together - Mom with Misha, Ksenia with Sandro and me with my darling wife!

*June 17th. Saturday.*

Fresh N was blowing all day, nevertheless it was 15 °. Have breakfast with us; like yesterday. I read a lot. We rode bicycles and followed with Mama during her walk. After tea, a terrible storm of rain came, which by 7 1/2 passed, refreshing the air and nature. We all dined together, again with D. Pavel. We rode for a long time, but I didn't walk because of phlegm.

*June 18th. Sunday.*

The morning was gray, but then the weather cleared up. We went, as always, to the Cottage and went to mass - without Alix. We had breakfast with D. Pavel and Andrey. Was reading. We all walked together, there were 6 dogs with us! After tea I managed to ride a bike, there were few papers. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. the same, etc. Michen - at the Farm. In the evening we rode together.

*19th June. Monday.*

Wonderful clear day. After the lectures there was a large breakfast: Comrade Mikhen, D. Alexey and Petyusha (dezh.). We saw how the American cruiser "Marblehead" passed through the channel to St. Petersburg. Chopped dry trees. We drank tea at Mom's. I had a great kayak ride with Misha. After lunch, we went to Sandro's electric boat. A ripple arose, which rocked us well. We returned at 11 o'clock.

*June 20th. Tuesday.*

A very stuffy day. We went in the morning to Mama, but laziness and <sup>it</sup> parses. After breakfast, they would lie on the bed and read. Swam in the sea; the water was cool - 16 °. After tea I read and wrote at my place.

A storm passed with a flurry from the south. By 8 o'clock the rain stopped pouring and we went to have dinner at the Farm with Xenia and Sandro. In the evening we rode well .

*June 21st. Wednesday.*

The morning was gray and hot. Then it became clear that the sea was dead calm. Received at the Farm, also a deputation of the Livonian nobility: on the occasion of the centenary of the annexation of their region to Russia. Breakfast: Albert \* , D. Misha and Sergey (dezh.). Walked; then swam with Misha in the sea. After tea I read a lot. I rode in a kayak. Dined at 8 1/4 and in the evening we had a nice ride on an electric boat.

\* Albert - Prince of Altenburg.

*June 22nd. Thursday.*

We got up early. The weather was warm. We went to coffee Mama as always. The reports dragged on for up to an hour. We had breakfast. At 3 o'clock I went on horseback with Misha - I tried Kobz \* . Swam in the sea, there were waves. Went with Alix to the Cottage for tea. I learned the long-awaited news about the conclusion of our loan with China, the cat. failed for a long time thanks to the cute intrigues of the British and Germans in Beijing. We dined with Xenia and Sandro with D. Misha. We rode on a wonderful evening.

\* Name of the horse.

*June 23rd. Friday.*

Misha broke the silence and tranquility by shooting at a target, and then training in military formation. There was only Witte, Vol. Khilkov is still traveling. After breakfast, they showed us a new steam bike, a cat. Sandro and Misha immediately tried it. It rained, but not for long!

The three of us walked and swam in the sea. After tea at Mom's, I read until 8 o'clock. We had lunch and then everyone rode in pairs.

*June 24th. Saturday.*

Clear cool day with a fresh breeze from the sea. The water was high. Mitya (dezh.) Had breakfast. I rode a bike. The three of us swam, the waves rolled over us well. Drank tea with Alix. I read and did a little kayaking. We dined at the Farm. We took the usual walk.

*June 25th. Sunday.*

The same weather as yesterday. At 11 o'clock we went to mass; Alix bravely stood her up. We had breakfast. I read the report of the Turkestan general-lips. about Khiva and Bukhara and defeated him! I rode in a kayak. Dined: Comrade Mikhen, village Misha, Sergei and Yuri (dezh.). The evening was quiet; rode well.

*June 26th. Monday.*

The morning and evening were rainy.

In addition to the reports of D. Aleksey, Chikhachov and Ermolov, there were also conversations with Pobedonostsev and Kulomzin. We had breakfast: Comrade Mikhen and D. Alexey. He went with Alix to his own dacha, examined the house and church with Xenia and Sandro. We walked to the sea and returned to the Cottage for tea. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined at the Farm. Due to the pouring rain, the evening walk was not possible, and at about 11 o'clock we returned to our lovely house.

*June 27th. Tuesday.*

I saw the "Polar Star" in the Small Road, which came early in the morning from Copenhagen. We had breakfast: Mavra, her sister and her "devil" husband. The weather was impossible, there was a storm from NO and rain. We sat at home and read. Before tea I went to the pier to look at the waves. They sprayed up to the house. Yakov Ivanovich dined with us, with a cat. talked a lot. Once again I went with Misha to the pier; the surf was still big. Soaked in splashes and rain.

*June 28th. Wednesday.*

Yesterday's dirty trick continued, although it was quite warm. After Muravyov's report, he went to the Farm to receive. We had breakfast in the Cottage, for the first time in our old dining room. Uncle Misha and Georgy were also there. At 2 o'clock I went to the Grand Palace, a meeting of the Siberian Committee was taking place in the Merchant Hall (corner). We solved 25 cases. Returning home, I read, because it was raining. We drank tea with Mom and Kostya. It's such a shame that I don't see him much now! Dined at the Farm and rode a little.

*June 29th. Thursday.*

The weather hasn't changed. The same wind blew, at times it rained and it was only 10 °. We had breakfast at the Cottage with Cherevin. At 4 o'clock we went to Znamenka to Petyusha and Militsa. We saw Comrade Sasha, the cat. came in the cassock of a nun with a small hat on her head. An amazing woman! Cheerful, talkative, despite her clothes, she looks like Alec and Horse at the same time! Returning home, we drank tea and went for a walk, to my papers. We had lunch, after which I read historical magazines.

*June 30th. Friday.*

Finally the weather improved and we saw the sun after a three-day storm. After the reports, I went with Alix to the Bolshoi Dv., Where we received the Abyssinian embassy. Beautiful black people, wearing strange clothes, as if they were missing something on top! We spoke French through their translator, but the conversation did not go well! In addition to a few gifts, I received the Order of the Seal of Solomon. We had breakfast at the Cottage. Riding a bike and walking with Alix. Was reading. We dined at the Farm. We took a short walk.

*1st of July. Saturday.*

The east wind blows remarkably constantly - for the second week in a row without a break. Between the reports he received Kuropatkin. We had breakfast at the Cottage. I rode my bike and walked with Alix. We drank tea with Mom. I read a lot. Dined at the Farm and had a fun evening together!

*2nd July. Sunday.*

In the morning, everyone was in anxiety about the famous event with Xenia. But the day has passed and nothing! We were at mass and had breakfast at our place; Mom stayed at the Farm. We walked and visited Ksenia and Sandro. I read until 5 o'clock.

For tea arrived: Mom, Comrade Mikhen and D. Vladimir. They also dined with us: D. Misha, Georgy, Sergei and D. Pavel. The evening was wonderful, we skated.

*3rd of July. Monday.*

The whole day passed in agonizing anticipation about Xenia. Mom spent the night at the Farm and did not close her eyes all night! Walked with her from the Cottage to the Farm. We had breakfast at home with the village Alexei and Petusha (dezh.).

Today they began to mow a large meadow, so the scent was wonderful in the rooms. At 4 o'clock we went to see Comrade Sasha. After tea I was studying, when I suddenly learned that dear **Xenia had a daughter, Irina!** Immediately Alix and I flew to the Farm. Thank God everything ended well! We saw Xenia and her little niece. Dined at 8 3/4 with Misha. Let's go to say goodbye to Mom, who has now calmed down from her worries!

*4th of July. Tuesday.*

Ksenia and the little one spent the night and day well. As always, we went to Mom's in the morning. At 12 1/2 there was a prayer service in the church and breakfast in the Cottage. At the hour of the walk, Mom came to us; in our bucket, we tried new inventions of the Americans with which you can walk in the water. You sit as if in a bathtub with your legs stuck in rubber trousers. This thing swims great, but the movement in it is not very fast.

Comrade Sasha arrived for tea. I read it until lunchtime. At 8 o'clock ate: Mom and George (dezh.). We spent the evening at home.

*July 5th. Wednesday.*

The weather was bad, at times it rained, and a lot of water was blown from the sea. After the reports I went to take in the Bolshoi Dvor. There were also Bulgarians who had come to lay a wreath at the grave of dear Pope. We had breakfast at the Cottage with Comrades Eugenia and Alec. I read it in the rain. Rode bike. After tea we stopped at the Farm. The three of us had dinner with Misha. In the evening we took a ride.

*6th July. Thursday.*

Finally the weather settled down and the day was wonderful and not hot. We had breakfast at the Cottage: Petyusha, Militsa and Sergey (dezh.). I had to read a lot; one consolation that the meetings of the Committee of Ministers are over! He chopped down a large tree that had been broken by the storm. Walked with Alix along the river, "musique de l'eau" \*. We dined at our place. Threesome with Misha and Sergei frolicked in the "outing" \*\* in the sea! We rode in the evening.

\* Water music (French)

\*\* Sunrise (English). In this case, perhaps, we are talking about the previously mentioned American invention.

*July 7th. Friday.*

Excellent day. After the reports he received Stelman, the commander of the "Princess". We had breakfast at Mom and Cherevin's. During the day he chopped dry trees and sweated. Again we sat with Alix under the Bridge by a small river. After tea we visited Xenia. Was reading. Dined with us: Mom, etc. Sasha. In the evening we rode as always.

*July 8th. Saturday.*

Nice foggy day. In the morning "Princess" came from Petersburg and stood on her barrel. Sandy Dolgoruky had breakfast. The Kyrgyz of the Ural region brought us a beautiful white horse. I made a good horse ride with



Misha. We drank tea with D. Pavel. Was reading. We visited Xenia. Dined: D. Vladimir, T. Mikhen and D. Pavel. Show them "outing". Ride with Alix.

*July 9th. Sunday.*

Wonderful heat, in the morning it was 20 °. Having stopped by Xenia, we went to mass. We were dying from the stuffiness. Was reading. I rode a bicycle and a kayak. After tea it started to rain. We had a family dinner. Ride with Alix.

*July 10th. Monday.*

The heat was tropical all day. Frederiks, Olsufiev, Benckendorff detained me from walking until 10 1/2. After the naval report I had a conversation with Pobedonostsev. D. Alexey and Yuri (dezh.) Had breakfast. I walked, rode a bicycle and died from the heat. Andrey the Greek arrived here to live from Pavlovsk. I swam with Misha and Thormeier. After tea I read it and went with Alix to Xenia's. Dined: Yuri and Stana. We rode in the evening.

*July 11th. Tuesday.*

Olga's birthday. They gave her various white furniture, covered with beautiful chintz.

At 12 1/2 there was a prayer service in the church. Breakfast: D. Misha and Georgy. I read until 3 1/2. I rode a bicycle and swam with Misha in the sea; was 16 °. Ella came from Ilyinsky and drank tea with us. At 7 o'clock we went to Ksenia and were present at the little bath. After lunch, the three of us went for a drive - Alix, Ella and me.

*July 12th. Wednesday.*

It was a good day. After the lecture, there was a big reception at the Farm. We had breakfast: comrades Olga, Ella, Minnie, Misha, Pavel, and all the small fry. We returned to our place and by 3 o'clock gathered at the Farm. From here they took little Irina in a golden carriage to the church. There was a wonderful honor guard from the Guards Crew. There were about a hundred invited; a tent was erected for them at the right door of the church. During the **christening**, Irina screamed almost incessantly. Mom and I were her recipients. The heat was unimaginable. Congratulating Xenia, the family chatted for half an hour on the terrace. Returning home, I went to swim in the sea. After tea I read it. At 8 o'clock we had a rather large lunch. Four of us skated with Ella and Minnie.

*July 13th. Thursday.*

Heat. The reports ended at 12 1/2; nice rest at home. Breakfast gr. Sheremetev. At 2 o'clock I went with Alix to the Cadet parade ground, where all their combatant companies were lined up. The usual review took place, ending with a maneuver.

After the ceremonial march, we entered the infirmary, where there were only two convalescents. At 4 o'clock we went with Mama and Misha to the "**Princess**". The same sad feelings as when moving to an old familiar place! For dear Mom, how hard it must be! We drank tea with D. Sergei and Ella. Was reading. Dined at 8 o'clock and rode four of us!

*July 14th. Friday.*

In the morning the weather drove me to despair, the rain poured down at about 12 o'clock and everything was clouded over. But fortunately, in the third hour, it began to clarify. Breakfast: D. Sergei, Ella, Zhukovsky and Dolgoruky. Misha made a strong high-explosive explosion near the net. At 5 o'clock we left Peterhof. In **Krasnoye**, a guard of honor from the Ulan regiment was posted at the station. Having accepted a deputation from the local peasants, he mounted a horse. Alix and the children were accommodated in two carriages. Was in Konno-gvar. vice-uniform. For seven years I haven't traveled in dear Dad's retinue when making a **detour around the camp**, so I was

in awe of the first try. Everything worked out perfectly! The weather was marvelous, the ceremonial dawn made a sad but wonderful impression on me. The most painful thing, however, was the end of the detour - the section of the Preobrazhensky Regiment - I had to go around such a familiar place as some kind of guest! After dawn we returned to our old house (Anpapa). Placed at the top. D. Vladimir had a family dinner.

*July 15th. Saturday.*

After breakfast we went for a walk in the garden and went to the village of Vladimir, etc. Mikhen, as well as to the village of Sergei and Ella. At 11 1/4 we went to church for mass. Then there was a big breakfast in the dining tent from the village of Vladimir to all the authorities. Having stopped to change clothes, we went to the railroad station. dor. road and to Peterhof. We sat with Mom. Walked and swam with Misha. We drank tea with Ella and talked for a long time about our rooms in the Winter Palace. We dined with Mom and rode in the evening. The evening was cool.

*July 16th. Sunday.*

The day was gray. Before mass we stopped at Ksenia's, she was lying on the couch in the study. Mom was having breakfast with her, and we are with the children downstairs. I read for a long time. I rode a bicycle and walked with Alix. We drank tea with the village of Vladimir, etc. Mikhen. The family dined, at the request of D. Misha always so that there would be family dinners on Sundays. We rode together in the dark.

*July 17th. Monday.*

At 8 3/4 we went to Mom, found her drinking coffee before leaving for St. Petersburg to meet dear George. At 12 o'clock they arrived at the Alexandria. Reports prevented me from meeting him at the pier.

We saw him at Xenia's Farm. Thank God - he looks not bad and he looks cheerful! We had breakfast together at the Cottage. I read and rode my bike.

Aunts: Sani and Olga and Minnie came for tea. We had dinner at 8 o'clock and spent the evening together at Mom's.

*July 18th. Tuesday.*

The morning was very stifling. We barely managed to return home from a walk when a severe thunderstorm began. By 12 1/2 the weather had completely recovered. Breakfast: Comrades Olga, Minnie and Zhukovsky. They came to Mom all the time to say goodbye. Rode bike. From Xenia we went to the pier and on the "Alexandria" to Kronstadt. Moved with Mama and others to the "Polar Star" without Alix, because there was a large crowd on the roadstead, very inconvenient for landing. I examined all the cabins - there are so many dear memories in them! Having said goodbye to the way Mama, George and all those leaving for Denmark, he returned to Alix on "Alexandria". Having walked around the "Polar Star", we went to Peterhof. We dined together in my study; read and skated.

*19th July. Wednesday.*

A fairly fresh wind blew from the sea - one could not help thinking what the transition of the "Polar Star" would be? Today is just the year that I returned on it from England. Before the report were with Xenia. It was raining. We had breakfast together. I read and rode my bike. At 5 o'clock. came to Babigon, where they gathered: D. Misha, D. Vladimir, D. Alexei, Nikolasha and Sergei. The duck hunt was very successful; a total of 360 were killed, the shots were fired at 911. I returned home for dinner. I read it and went for a drive in the evening as usual.

*20th July. Thursday.*

Nice clear day. During the walk we went to see Xenia and Sandro. At 12 1/2 o'clock we went to church for a memorial service for the unforgettable Pope, since this is the ninth month ended. We had breakfast with Nadenka Barteneva, who chirped about her memories for an hour and a half. Walked and cut trees. After tea I read it. We dined together and rode at Babigon's. Thank God, Mom reached Denmark safely and went straight to Bernstorff; the transition was successful.

*July 21st. Friday.*

A great quiet day. Instead of Khilkov's report, there was Fredericks. Received the former Persian envoy and commander of the newly formed 1st Ussuri Railway Battalion, sub. Croatian. We had breakfast alone. I managed to read a lot. I rode a kayak and a bicycle. Bathing dogs in the rivers. I studied after tea until 8 o'clock. We rode for a long time in different places.

*July 22nd. Saturday.*

What a difference with this day in previous years, when Peterhof was revived all over, especially towards evening! I thought a lot about dear Mama, how hard it is for her poor on such days; one thing is good that she is in a new place! We were at mass, Comrades Eugene, Alec, Stana and Yuri (dezh.) Were having breakfast. A sailing race took place against us in the sea, which I went to see in a kayak. After tea I read it. In the evening we rode to the side of Strelna.

*July 23rd. Sunday.*

After coffee took a long walk. At 11 o'clock we went to mass and, of **course**, **had** breakfast alone. At 4 o'clock we went to the "Roxane" for a ride with the village Misha, Stana, Yuri and Elena. We made a very fast run to Kronstadt and back. Astashev seems to be a very dashing commander! We landed at our pier at 6 o'clock. I read it. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. Vladimir, Comrade Mikhen, Misha, Georgy and Sergei. In the evening it began to rain, so the walk did not take place.

*July 24th. Monday.*

The hottest day of the whole summer. We walked and sweated until the reports. My conversation with D. Alexei before breakfast. At 2 1/2 I watched 9 people. my 1st East Siberian Rifleman. b., who arrived for service in the Consolidated Battalion. I swam with pleasure in the sea. At 7 o'clock we went to **Krasnoe Selo**. We dined downstairs with village Vladimir, comrade Mikhen, village Misha and Georgy. A strong thunderstorm broke out, but the stuffiness was still colossal! We went out into the garden in front of the tent, from where we looked at the wonderful bright lightning. We read until 11 o'clock.

*July 25th. Tuesday.*

Fortunately, the day was magnificent and the heat was unprecedented: 24 degrees. in the shadow. At 9 1/4, he left home on horseback on Toulon \* in Hungarian on the Military Field, where the tactical exercises of all cavalry began under the leadership of Nikolasha. Two tasks were solved, the second long attack on the infantry line. Alix and all the ladies with the disabled family - Georgy and Yuri - watched from the Tsarsky roller. The teaching ended with a ceremony. marsh., and the regiments of the 2nd cavalry. the divisions rode at a field gallop. From there I proceeded to the village of Kirpuny to the place where some batteries from all brigades of the district were inspected. I was especially interested in shooting and the high-explosive effect of mortar batteries. At about 2 o'clock I returned home almost fried. There was a great breakfast for the bosses. Sweat sweat all day. At 6 o'clock. went to the races, which went quite well. As always, he handed out prizes for shooting to officers and lower. ranks. From the place of the races we returned to **Peterhof**. We stopped by Ksenia and Sandro's - their wedding anniversary. We dined together and rode; in the evening it was still 19 °.

\* Name of the horse.

*July 26th. Wednesday.*

The day was gray and warm. Yesterday was a free day for me, today I started my studies again. After the reports, I received them at the Farm. D. Misha had breakfast with us. Was reading. Riding a bike and swimming in the sea, Alix was present. After tea I still read. It was raining before dinner. In the evening we drove along the Ropsha highway and to Babigon.

*July 27th. Thursday.*

From 23 ° the temperature dropped to 14 ° and it already seems sensitive. There were only two short rains during the day.

Breakfast: D. Alexey and Georgy (dezh.). We said goodbye to him \*, he goes to Vichy for the water. I rode a bicycle; and after reading he rode in a kayak and unsuccessfully shot at ducks in the reeds near the shore. We dined together and rode in the English park.

\* The arrow points to the word "d.Aleksey".

*July 28th. Friday.*

It was a lovely warm day. Benckendorff and Lohmen appeared on the occasion of a return from Denmark. After the walk, we went to see Xenia as usual. Princess Maria Mikhailovna Golitsyna had breakfast with us. At 3 o'clock we set off together on the "Marev" along the bay. We got to the Fox's nose, met with "Roxana" and went on a big raid. We turned back after the entrance barrels. Drank tea. We returned home at 6 1/2. Was reading. After lunch we rode as always.

*July 29th. Saturday.*

In the morning I rode my bike and met Alix at the "musique de l'eau", then went together to the Farm. Between the reports of Obruchev and the bar. Fredericks was Pratasov. After breakfast we looked at the new harness and light carriages for Alix. It poured rain, which prevented the walk. I wrote and read. After tea the weather improved, went for a walk and went in a kayak on ducks, but did not find them. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. t. Mikhen, d. Vladimir, Andrey and Elena. We rode together in the dark.

*July 30th. Sunday.*

The day was windy, cool, but clear. In the morning I took a walk. We stopped by to see Xenia and set off at 11 o'clock to mass. Breakfast: D. Vladimir, T. Mikhen, Andrey and Elena. I read, rode my bike and walked with Alix. We drank tea with D. Pavel. He hunted sea ducks very successfully. Pushed from behind by Unt.-officer. Guard. Ek., In "outing", killed a drake on a stone near a cast-iron gazebo. Then, leaving Alexandria and walking along the coast, he killed three ducks with two shots. Such a successful hunt gave me great pleasure. We all dined together with seven. We rode - the evening was cold, the moon was clear.

*July 31st. Monday.*

A comparatively cold day. Made a long walk until 11 o'clock. I had reports: Kremer and Obruchev. We had breakfast together. I read, went kayaking and cycling. After tea we went to the station and to **Krasnoe**, where we arrived at 6 3/4. We walked in the garden. We had lunch at 8 o'clock with the village of Vladimir, comrade Mikhen, and the village of Misha, Andrey and Elena. I read and wrote.

*1st August. Tuesday.*

We got up on a cold morning. After reading the papers, we went for a walk. Showed Alix the house of Dad and Mom. At 12 o'clock we drove down to the place of Jordan, where the consecration of banners and standards took place. Then, as always, all the half-companies and platoons went through a ceremony. march. The place of the parade has been significantly improved due to the fact that the pavilion that stood here burned down and now a gazebo has been built. After a snack we had a great breakfast. At 3 o'clock we left together in a troika for **Peterhof**, where we arrived at exactly one o'clock. Nice redhead three! Was reading. The weather was bad, a cold wind was blowing, and the barometer was unusually high. I rode a bike. We dined and spent the evening with Mitya (dezh.).

*2nd August. Wednesday.*

The same fresh N was blowing, but the weather cleared up. There were reports: kn. Lobanov and Dena. Received at the Farm. We had breakfast alone. Chopping dry trees, Alix worked with garden shears. After reading

went with a gun along the seashore. Again we managed to kill 4 ducks: 3 teals and one mallard, the last one near the cast-iron arbor. After lunch we went for a drive.

*3rd August. Thursday.*

The wind continued to blow as violently as yesterday; due to this, the water has greatly disappeared. The weather was clear and relatively warm. In the morning we walked as usual. Yuri (dezh.) And Stana had breakfast. Chopped down trees. Aunt Sani and Aunt Olga came to visit us from Pavlovsk and drank tea with us. After reading, I took a walk with a gun and killed 2 teals - in three days it turns out 10 ducks! After dinner we rode - the night was clear!

*4th August. Friday.*

Clear and very windy weather. We walked as always and went to Ksenia's. Received Filippov and several presenting themselves at the Farm. They also examined the old furniture sent by Yelena Sh [eremeteva], from which they chose an armchair and two card tables. We had breakfast alone. I cut down a willow tree, which spoiled the view from the window of my office to Kronstadt. After tea at 6 o'clock we left for **Krasnoe**. We dined at the village of Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen: the village of Pavel, Kostya and Eugene. Before going home, we walked together through the garden. I read it in the evening - we went to bed early.

*5th August. Saturday.*

In the morning the weather was calm and clear. At 8 3/4, Alix took the road to the Battlefield; at the 3rd verst of Gatch. a detachment from military schools was lined up on the road. The review began with the teachings of the Pavlovsky battalion, the company of the cadet training, then the Mikhailovsky and Konstantinovsky artillery battalion. uch. and a squadron and hundreds of the Nikolaev cavalry training. They all introduced themselves as fine fellows. We returned home at 10 3/4 and now I had to go out into the garden and receive all the officers of the schools, about 200 people. After Obruchev's report, there was a big breakfast. At 4 o'clock we went to Kostya, to my old barrack, to drink tea. Aunt Olga, Minnie and Mavra also arrived. Then we drove into the meeting, where Kostya [presented] on behalf of the regiment a folding fold for the wedding day; from the people of the 1st battalion, too, an icon, and he made a remarkably warm speech! I cannot express With what a feeling of sadness and even despair I entered the familiar artel and saw a circle of old comrades. They all ran for a long time after the carriage completely outside the camp! We left for **Peterhof** at 6 o'clock. Was reading. We dined together and rode.

*6th August. Sunday.*

How different this day is from the previous regimental holidays in the camp. At 9 o'clock they received Kostya and General Baumgarten com. 1st Artillery Brigade, which brought flowers for Alix. We went to mass, after the cat. there was a blessing of fruits <sup>[8]</sup>. We had breakfast at Xenia's farm. It rained during the day. I walked alone. After tea we managed to drive up to the "outing" to one mallard duck and invite it from the stone into the

water; this is already the eleventh count. At 8 o'clock. in the Grand Palace there was a dinner in honor of the Emperor Austrian (Iyskiy) with the giant Liechtenstein and the entire embassy. Returning home, we went to get some fresh air.

*7th August. Monday.*

From the night a fresh W. blew out. After the walk I had reports: Kremer, Lobanov and Pratasov. We had breakfast alone. I rode a bike.

At 4 o'clock I went to **Tsarskoe Selo** with the village of Misha. We drank tea in the carriage. The greenery appeared remarkably thick here.

Our new rooms are still being finished, so we stayed in the old rooms. I went for a walk with the dogs. The weather was good. We dined together and went for a ride to Pavlovsk; very successfully got to the bivouac of the main forces of Eugene (Western Corps). We drove near the Preobrazhensky camp. Returning home, I sat with Alix and read "Rus. Shipping".

*August 8th. Tuesday.*

We got up at 7 o'clock with wonderful weather and at 8 1/2 set off together to Yam-Izhora. The main forces of the Western Corps were overtaken on the highway. Having waited a long time for the arrival of the enemy, we went to meet him. He approached Izhora at about 11 1/2 and began building bridges in two places. The hunting team of the Moscow regiment dashingly rushed by swimming across Izhora. All this reminded me so much of the great maneuvers of 1886 in almost the same places! When the entire Eastern corps crossed, the Western retreated beyond Tsarskoe to Peterhof and we returned home. It is a pity that they did not think to have breakfast in the field, since almost none of the authorities came to the Alexander Palace. I read until 4 o'clock. Going out for a walk, I met the entire Preobrazhensky regiment, marching through the park to a new bivouac. At 5 o'clock we went to Pavlovsk to Comrade Sani and drank tea with her. The three of us had dinner with D. Misha. We rode and saw the lights of the bivouacs from all sides around the park.

*August 9th. Wednesday.*

At 9 o'clock. left on the second day of action. Having reached Kabosi it is small. got on a horse and slowly rode to the Volkonskoe highway. The troops of the Eastern Corps launched an offensive energetically and, after two persistent attempts, forced the Western Corps to retreat to Red. The fire from the 56-gun battery Zap. j. The maneuver came out alive and meaningful; the main thing was to see all the troops with the exception of the cavalry, which operated far beyond the flanks. We saw close up the rise and fall of the Samoyed tethered ball. Breakfast was under the mountain in Kosrov, the officers of the nearest units were eating. At the end it started to rain. In a troika we arrived at **Krasnoe**, encountering a huge retreating wagon train along the way. I read and walked in the garden.

I looked at the infantry, which was going uphill to bivouack at the Military Field. We dined at the village of Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen. We spent the evening quietly together.

*August 10th. Thursday.*

The third and last day of the maneuvers. He rode out with everyone straight out of the house on horseback, Alix with Mavra in a carriage. We went to the village of Lastikova, from where we saw from a distance the cavalry attacks on the race track. The western corps, reinforced by the arriving reinforcements (a brigade of the 37th Div. And the 2nd Brig. Of the 2nd Guards Cavalry Div.), Finally went on the offensive and the matter ended with a beautiful battle in front of a large camp and a general through attack! We looked at this from the dawn with a ceremony, where we had to talk for a long time with the assembled superiors and chief. intermediaries. In general, everything ended well and sensibly, it's a pity for one thing - I have not seen cavalry affairs at all! The weather was wonderful all the time! We returned home at 12 1/4 and soon afterwards sat down to breakfast in the dining tent.

At 4 1/2 we went together to the village of Misha on Duderhof, where they drank tea at the Farm. The last time I was there in 1882 I read and walked in the garden.

The evening was wonderful! We dined comfortably together; read while Alix

worked for me until 10 1/2 pm. I really wanted to sleep; went to bed early.

*11th August. Friday.*

The morning was gray, but then it cleared up. We walked until 10 o'clock. Obruchev was with a report. At 11 o'clock. went with v. Vladimir to the hospital - he is in surprisingly good condition. This year, there are a hundred people less sick. I stopped by to inspect the new church in front of the avant-garde camp. I went downstairs to the warehouse of the meat commission, whose affairs finally went well. Returning home, we sat down to breakfast with the whole family in the dining room - a tent in the garden. At 3 1/2 Alix, Minnie and I went in four to Ropsha. The day was perfect, the park looked very beautiful.

After taking a walk in the garden and looking around the palace, we sat down for tea in the air and had a lot of fun. At 6 o'clock we left on the same horses. I read and walked. The three of us had dinner again with Minnie.

*August 12th. Saturday.*

Waking up early in the morning, I went to the window, not without fear, to watch the sunrise. Fortunately, the weather was wonderful and foggy! Having calmed down, I lay down again and slept for another two hours. After coffee I read, received Vyazemsky and walked in the garden. At 10 3/4 I went with Alix to the War Field, to the human sea visible in the distance. Was in the life-Cossack vice-uniform. The detour was done mainly at a trot, because the troops were especially large - 36,000 hours! The heat and dust clouds resembled maneuvers and parades in Poland. The ceremonial march was very successful - the maneuvers did not harm the legs and alignment. After passing military schools were built in front of the roller; walked around them and congratulated the young people as officers. We had breakfast upstairs in the tent and at 2 1/2 we returned to our place. At 3 o'clock we said goodbye to the village Vladimir, Comrade Mikhen and all the authorities and left dear Krasny for **Peterhof**. It seemed that they had left here a long time ago - only 5 days. We saw Xenia and Sandro and drank tea with them. I read and kayak in search of ducks. We dined together and went for a drive in the evening. The night was wonderful!

*August 13th. Sunday.*

The morning was clear, but it rained during mass. Strange people - the retinues chose to stay outside in the rain. We had breakfast at Xenia and Sandro's. We saw little Irina. The weather has improved; Seeing a mass of ducks sitting on the stones, I went to "outing" them, but missed, because it was far to shoot. T. Olga and Konstantinovich came to visit us. Mitya showed his new petrol carriage to the cat. I rolled the bottom of Alexandria. We drank tea together. After reading, he went on another ducks and killed the 13th (at sea). At 8 o'clock the village Misha had dinner with his sons, Ksenia, Stana and Yuri (dezh.). Didn't skate because of the rain.

*August 14th. Monday.*

The day was clear, windy, two or three showers; the water in the sea has arrived strongly. For a whole week there were no reports, today I had to sit down for them. The three of us had breakfast with Georgy (dezh.). Walked alone for a long time, then Alix came and we walked around the shore. After tea I read it. From 7 - 8 hunted in a kayak and returned to dinner with a duck (14th). Ride in the evening; saw the fire from the direction of Oranienbaum.

*August 15th. Tuesday.*

Celebration of my Shirvan regiment. Clear day. We walked for a long time in the morning. At 11 o'clock I went to mass. Had a report by Lobanov. We had breakfast together. We went to the pier to look at a new electric boat, which

I ordered for Misha from England. I myself have not tried it, because it was too fresh and would wet. Sandro's boat walked alongside him and they both buried their noses in the wave as they walked. We took a walk. After tea I read and wrote. I rode in a kayak. At 8 o'clock we went to see D. Misha for dinner; there were also Xenia, Sandro and Minnie.

We returned home at 10 1/2 o'clock.

*August 16th. Wednesday.*

In the morning, a fresh SO blew out, driving all the water again. We went as usual to the Farm, found them three together with Minnie. Accepted there who presented themselves. We had a great breakfast, followed by a cat. were supposed to see off comrades Olga and Xenia and others to the "Polar Sound (ride )" Monplaisira killed a duck (15th). I read it. Four of us dined with comrades Olga and Minnie. Then we rode along the lighted roads, because the darkness is terrible.

*August 17th. Thursday.*

During the morning walk we visited t. Olga and Minnie at the Farm. They postponed their departure for another day, because today really roars from W. After three reports, they had breakfast with the travelers and Mitya. I went in a kayak to Mikhailovka, where I killed a mallard duck. After tea I read it. From 7 - 8 he was sitting in the reeds behind Renella and killed two more ducks - in total there are 18 ducks in the sea of killed ducks! Dined with Comrade Olga and Minnie. We rode together on a clear cold evening.

*August 18th. Friday.*

It continued to blow hard, so for the third time they had to put off leaving. There were reports: Comrade. min. fin. Ivaschenkova, book. Khilkov and Delyanova. Then we had a common breakfast again. I went in a kayak, but did not see any ducks; killed for the first time a bittern! After tea I read it. Then he again sat on the pull of ducks and wounded one on the fly; she fell into the water and disappeared into the darkness. Dined with Comrade Olga and Minnie. We showed them all the upper rooms. We all spent the evening together at the Farm. It was raining.

*19th August. Saturday.*

A little earlier than 10 o'clock we went to the pier to say goodbye to Comrades Olga, Xenia, Minnie and Sandro, who were leaving for Denmark. They left for Kronstadt in calm weather with occasional rains. Returning home for a walk. There were reports: Lobko and Fredericks. I saw Ukhtomsky, who is now entrusted with the publication "Petersburg. Vedomosti "; but at a new beginning. We had breakfast alone. I sat at home and read until 4 1/2 hours because of the rain. After tea I practiced and at 7 o'clock I went in a kayak on a thrust; managed to kill two ducks, one disappeared in the thick reeds (20). At lunchtime, a fresh breeze rose and the water began to pour in. We rode in the evening.

*20th August. Sunday.*

At night the sea roared and the wind whistled; the water rose to 2 feet above ordinary. Walked in the morning. The village Vladimir was at mass. He said goodbye to the people who were taking away from the Consolidated Battalion - 216 people. and also saw

new arrivals. The three of us had breakfast. Was reading. We walked together, the day was clear, but cold and windy. We drank tea with D. Vladimir and D. Pavel. Traveled in a kayak, but saw nothing. We dined with them, with D. Misha, Stana and Sergei. We didn't skate in the evening; sat quietly at home.

*August 21st. Monday.*



Cold clear day, the wind is still fresh. During the walk we visited little Irina. There were reports: Kremer and Dehn. Sergei, who was leaving for the Caucasus, had breakfast. I rode ducks, rode in a kayak almost to Strelna, killed 2 teals. Tired of raking against the wind and came home on foot. After tea I read it. We received news of the safe arrival of the Polar Star in Denmark. I went on an evening ducks draft, where I killed two mallard ducks. Had dinner at 8 1/2 and skated in great moonlight.

*August 22nd. Tuesday.*

Bad gray day. In the morning I set off on an unsuccessful ducks expedition to Aleksandrovsky Park: I fired twice, missed and drove away. I met the darling Alix at the Little Irina's Farm. With reports were: Sophiano and Lobanov. We had breakfast with D. Misha. He also leaves for Libau and abroad. Walked in the rain. I didn't kill anything either at dawn. After lunch we went for a drive.

*August 23rd. Wednesday.*

It was a wonderful summer day. After the report, Durnovo received six out of turn. We had breakfast with Elena. At 3 o'clock I went with Alix to Babigon, where G. I. Girsh and E. A. Schneider were waiting for us. We hunted merrily for ducks, which all the time were running at high altitudes. Nevertheless, we both killed 12 each. Returned home at 6 1/2. After reading, he again went to the sea on his mallards and killed one (25th). The moon shone wonderfully. We had lunch at 9 o'clock. and in the evening we rode well.

*August 24th. Thursday.*

At 9 1/4, in fine weather, I went to Ust Izhora. I had to part with my dear Alix for a few hours. Came to Kolpino in

10 3/4 and rode in a carriage to the training ground, where the guard of honor from L.-Gv. Sapper battalion. Having watched the shooting from siege weapons, he began a detour with Sluchevsky of all the work of the camp this summer. Much of what I saw was shown two years ago, but there was also a lot that was new. Meissner bridges are very practical for portable railways. roads. We had breakfast at the chief's dacha of 1 sapper. brigades while it rained. On the banks of the Neva and in the river itself, many explosions and land mines were made, as well as stone throwers <sup>[9]</sup>. On the steamer "Engineer" we went down to the pontoon bridge. From there I drove past the camp to the station. At 5 1/4 I was at home. After tea I read it. Unsuccessfully sat on the ducks. We rode in the evening.

*August 25th. Friday.*

It was a warm and clear day. In the morning, as usual, we went to the Farm to visit little Irina and returned along the "musique de l'eau", bathing the dogs in the river. Had reports: Pratasova and Sipyagin. We had breakfast alone. I had a conversation with the architect Tomishko about the proposed addition to our house from the side of the meadow. I rode in a kayak to Mikhailovka, where I killed a duck in the reeds. We drank tea with Stana. Was reading.

Before reaching the old place of forage for wild ducks at Monplaisir, he killed two more pieces, in total (28). After that, he unsuccessfully sat on the ducks in a hut in the water, newly arranged by the sailors. Dined at 8 1/2. Ride in the evening. Rain is coming.

*August 26th. Saturday.*

Nice warm day. After reading, I walked for more than an hour. The wind was blowing very fresh; he caught up with a lot of water. There were reports: Lobko and a bar. Frederiksa. We had breakfast alone. At 3 o'clock we went to Babigon. He walked around all the lakes and ponds, raising thousands of ducks with his shots from the water, which, however, soon sat down again. Alix followed in a carriage along the lake. Killed only 13 ducks, except for one, all in years. I was very pleased with this fun. We returned home at 6 o'clock. I read and wrote in the evening. Until

lunchtime it started to rain with a whirlwind. Then he explained again and we went for a drive. We went to bed early.

*August 27th. Sunday.*

It was a cold and quiet day. After coffee I went for a walk. At 11 o'clock we went to mass. Uncle Vladimir had breakfast with us.

Riding in a kayak without a gun; saw many ducks. By 3 1/2 he returned from the sea and went for a walk with Alix. For tea, Pavel came from the Tsarskoe village. Was reading. I sat in vain on the deadlift. Four of us dined. Despite the cold (5 °) we went for a ride.

*August 28th. Monday.*

After reading, I went for a walk with Alix. There was only one Kremer with a report, after which he went about his business. What a delight to be so free sometimes! We had breakfast together. He wrote. Walked all over Alexandria. The wind was blowing very strong; many tree trunks with chopped off branches were nailed to the shore. The sailors dragged them away and towed them to Znamenka. I read until 8 o'clock. I rode a bike a bit. Dined in a small corner room, because in my office (bow window) \* blows from the sea. We spent the evening at home. We learned about the engagement of Sandra Coburg [sky] to Ernst Hohenlohe.

\* Semicircular window (English).

*August 29th. Tuesday.*

For the second day, fresh NW is blowing, so the sound of the surf is heard through the double frames and resembles a real sea. There were reports: Sophiana and Lobanova. At 12 1/2 o'clock, the two of us went to a memorial service in the church. After breakfast I read and wrote. I went for a walk until 5 o'clock. After tea I studied until lunchtime. The evening was spent quietly at home, because outside was not at all drawn.

*August 30th. Wednesday.*

Usually so joyful, now this day has become a sad memory of the previous happy years! The weather brightened and even became warmer; the wind died down. We went, as always, in the morning to Irina's. Received Prince Hohenlohe - German Chancellor. We had breakfast together. At 3 o'clock we went to Babigon; walked around all the lakes and ended up killing 11 ducks. After tea I read it. I sat on the traction in vain, but the evening was wonderful and the moon rose beautifully from the horizon. We dined, as we had breakfast, in the corner room; it is quite warm. Ride in the evening.

*August 31st. Thursday.*

It was raining in the morning, but the weather became warmer, probably from a change in the wind. We walked as usual. Had reports: Durnovo and Sipyagina, Baron Fredericks did not come. After breakfast I sat at home for a long time, reading with Alix. Walked all over Alexandria. I read a lot after tea. Today Georgy, Ksenia and Sandro left Copenhagen to Libava and further to Abas-Tuman on the "Polar Star". We spent the evening quietly at home, although the rain had stopped.

## Started in Peterhof

*1st September. Friday.*

The new month began with marvelous summer weather, it was 12 in the shade. So I had to put on a jacket again! Had reports: Taneyeva and Ivaschenkov (Comrade of the Ministry of Finance). Received six persons; could not go to the Farm. We had breakfast together. At 3 o'clock he went in a kayak to Monplaisir and then to Mikhailovka, but still in Alexandria he killed a duck. The sea was calm as a mirror, and the sun was just hot! After tea I read and then went to the "Zoryanka", as the sailors call the evening draft, and killed another duck; only 30 wild ducks came out to sea! After lunch we went for a drive. I learned that the Polar Star did not leave Copenhagen for Libau because of the fresh wind.

*2nd September. Saturday.*

In the morning it was raining, but by 11 o'clock it cleared up and the day became warm and quiet. After visiting Irina, I had reports: Lobko and the bar. Frederick-sa. We had breakfast alone. At 3 o'clock we went for a ride on Misha's new electric boat; He walks well and has beautiful lines. Returning to the pier, he got into a kayak by the cast-iron arbor and rode on the ducks.

But in vain, since there was no need to fire a shot. After tea I read until lunchtime. In the evening there was a thick fog. I read Alix aloud.

*3rd September. Sunday.*

In the morning it was raining again, which stopped at about 9 o'clock, so I had time to take a walk before mass. Uncle Vladimir came from Tsarskoe for the whole day, because he is there all alone. The weather was excellent, fresh NO blew out in the evening. We learned that the "Polar Star" arrived at 8 o'clock in the morning in Libau; Georgy, Ksenia and Sandro leave for Odessa at 6 pm. In the afternoon he hunted in Mikhailovka and killed 2 ducks (32). After tea I read and walked with a gun to Monplaisir and back. In the evening I read and wrote.

*4th September. Monday.*

Great clear but windy day. Accepted by: Kremer, Pobedonostsev and Prince. NN Obolensky, who came to thank Alix for the appointment of his eldest daughter as a lady-in-waiting. After breakfast, the two of us went to Babigon, where this time the hunt was not as successful as the first times: in total, 7 of the killed ducks were picked up. After dinner we sat at home.

*September 5th. Tuesday.*

The morning was gray and the day was too, but the air was soft: 13 °. After the walk I had reports: Sophiano, Shishkina and Dena. We had breakfast alone

In Alexandria, he actually hunted for old pheasant roosters, killed only one, because they all began to hide in the bushes. I also killed 4 hares and a cat. In the evening after tea I went to the old place of traction near Renella, but saw nothing there, but killed the seagull. After dinner we sat at home and read.

*September 6th. Wednesday.*

It rained until 10 o'clock; I read all morning. He went with Alix to the Farm, ran in to kiss Irina and went at 11 o'clock to Petersburg, to the Novodevichy Convent for the funeral service for A.S. Vasilkovsky. At the end of the service, I went to the abbess for a minute and then went back to Peterhof. I had breakfast on the train with everyone who was traveling with me. A little earlier than two o'clock I was at my Alix's house. Hunted again; killed: 1 black grouse, 3 pheasants and 3 hares. The weather was clear, a fresh W was blowing and the water arrived very strongly. After tea I read it. Was present at Irina's bath. We had lunch at 8 o'clock, read until 11 o'clock.

*7th September. Thursday.*

The day was excellent. Had reports: Durnovo and Baron Fredericks. After breakfast I read it. At 3 o'clock, the two of us went to Babigon, where I went around all the lakes and killed only 6 ducks. I forgot to say yesterday that a daughter was born to the village of Valdemar! Georgy, Xenia and Sandro arrived in Borzhom after an excellent crossing of the Black Sea. After tea I read until lunchtime. In the evening it started raining again.

*September 8th. Friday.*

The weather was disgusting from 12 o'clock. In the morning I read. Took Alix to the Farm and went to mass. After breakfast it started to roar and it started to rain. The water arrived two feet, thought there was going to be a flood. The surf was very strong, even reminded of the noise of the Crimean. After tea I went to look at the pier, what was being done there. I read a lot, all day there was a feeling of Sunday.

*September 9th. Saturday.*

Cold day with a fresh NW. In the morning we visited, as always, little Irina. Had a report from only one Lobko. After breakfast Alix received her new maid of honor, Princess Obolenskaya. Hunted in Alexandria with success; killed: 6 pheasants and 1 hare. The first ones become terribly shy, they can hardly be driven out of the bushes. Walked up a lot. After tea I read until 8 o'clock. Little by little I have to pack for Tsarskoe. I read Alix aloud.

*September 10th. Sunday.*

The morning was clear, then the sky was overcast and the day looked dull. Howled at mass. D. Vladimir had breakfast with us and went with me to shoot pheasants. He killed 5 pieces, in total with him: 14 pheasants and 1 hare. They went all over Alexandria up and down. After tea he left for Tsarskoe. I read and fit in. We dined together. The water was high, although the wind was almost abated.

*September 11th. Monday.*

SW blew and immediately it became warm - in the shade it reached 12 °. We walked in the morning with pleasure, basking in the sun. Chikhachov returned from vacation and came with a report. Received my old professor of international law Kapustin. After breakfast I went to the pheasants for the last time; killed 5 pieces, old roosters and 1 hare.

By the time the sun went down, the weather began to darken and it began to rain; sea water rose 2 1/2 feet. After dinner I read with enthusiasm Kazi's note about our fleet and its immediate tasks, written intelligently, accurately and competently.

*September 12th. Tuesday.*

We got up with excellent, almost warm weather. The sun shone so brightly in the windows, the lovely rooms of our wonderful house seemed so welcoming, and most importantly the sea - all this acted in a sad way at the thought that we had to leave dear Peterhof for a long time.

Had reports: Sophiano and Shishkina. Soon after breakfast we went to the station; lancers and sailors accompanied us. Irina went with us to **Tsarskoe**. After examining our newly arranged rooms, we began to sort it out. By 6 o'clock this unbearable occupation was over and I began to study. Dined at 8 o'clock in the dining room. I read Alix aloud.

*September 13th. Wednesday.*

The day was clear but windy. In the morning I had to read a lot. We went out for a walk at 10 1/2 o'clock. Returning home, we visited Irina - she is in our old children's rooms upstairs. Received many. After breakfast we went for a drive; examined the Babolovsky Palace and a huge round bath. We went on foot along the aqueduct and reached

almost the Oryol Gate. They drank tea with me. I read it before lunch - in the evening Alix aloud the continuation of the most interesting notes by Gr. Golovina, the time of Catherine and Pavel Petrovich.

*September 14th. Thursday.*

In the morning it was raining, but while I was walking it passed and the weather began to improve. Had the usual reports. Village Vladimir had breakfast with us. At 3 o'clock we went to Pavlovsk, where I walked next to the carriage. The day was warm and the forest was filled with a wonderful scent. We returned home for tea. I read a little. Received a letter from Denmark from dear Mom with a portion of ryegre \*, cat. so delicious. After dinner I read aloud again.

\* Danish pie.

*September 15th. Friday.*

Great summer day. Made a nice walk along the big lake. I met Sasha Polovtsov there. After Comrade Min. fin. took 59 people, newly promoted to warrant officer, civil engineer and engineer. mechanics. We had breakfast together. We went to inspect the Farm and after a walk we took a ride on the pond in a boat. The weather was pleasant. I read it until lunchtime. In the evening we were sorting Alix's things and books in the "mauve" \* room, into the cat. I read to her out loud in the evenings. The upper rooms are very cheerful and beautiful.

\* Pink-lilac (English).

*September 16th. Saturday.*

Summer weather continues. After coffee we went to the Grand Palace, where we visited the children of Pavel. They both grew up and became very prettier. Had the usual reports: Lobko and the bar. Fredericksz. Let's go for breakfast to the village of Vladimir. Returning home, he went for a walk, and Alix went for a drive with the book. Golitsyna. I walked around the whole park and Babolovo. The yellowed trees, illuminated by the sun, made the park look remarkably beautiful. We drank tea at Alix's. I read and wrote.

*September 17th. Sunday.*

The day is as clear as the others. Walked a little in the morning. At 11 o'clock. drove to the palace for mass, after which they kindly caressed the old ladies-in-waiting. The three of us had breakfast with the village Vladimir. At 2 o'clock I went to the Cuirassiers. A new church was laid for the regiment, built with funds donated by the merchant Savenkov. Fr. John also participated in the service. After the ceremony. march went into the stables of the 1st esc. and then with enthousiasme indescriptible \* I returned home at 3 o'clock. I went for a walk and went out in the fields near the Farm. I managed to read a lot for my own pleasure. Received news that the customs ship "Sentinel" crashed at the entrance to Moonsund. Thank God the team is saved!

\* Indescribable delight (French).

*September 18th. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock I went to the funeral service for Manasein, who died at the princes' dacha. Lobanova-Rostovskaya. Returning home, he took the wing-adjut. Emperor [ora] - Moltke with a letter and an engraving to me from "boring gentleman" Wilhelm. There were Chikhachov and Pobedonostsev and Shishkin. We had breakfast together. We went to Pavlovsk, where I walked a lot. It was a wonderful day. After tea I read and wrote. In the evening v. Vladimir came to tea, talked about the content of the letter I received from Wilhelm!

*19th September. Tuesday.*

We got up at 7 o'clock and after coffee set off together in a carriage to the bridge. the stall where Alix got out, and I went to the station. Here they were expecting: D. Vladimir, bar. Fredericks, Sipyagin, Prince. Golitsyn, Polovtsov, Gustav Ivanovich \* and Platon Obolensky. We got on the train and drove through Gatchino to **Pudost**. Then our round-up began, for the first time in these places. The weather was not enough to boast about; it seemed that the hunt took place in July, and not in September! A lot of feathers flew, which, of course, most of all enlivened the raid. We had breakfast in a tent. In total, they took 16 corrals and killed 337 pieces. I killed including: 2 black grouse, 2 white. partridge., 1 ser. chickens, 4 woodcocks and 25 hares - a total of 34 pieces! From the end of the hunt, we drove shortly before the train and returned to Tsarskoe by 7 o'clock. The joy of the date was great! Was reading. Dined at 8 1/2 o'clock.

\* Girsh Gustav Ivanovich - life surgeon.

*20th September. Wednesday.*

The day was gray but warm. We walked together - it's a pity that the trees are losing their leaves so soon. There was Sophiano's report instead of yesterday's missed one. Then he accepted. After breakfast, I sat for more than an hour while I was sculpted by Bernshtam, for a cat. asked Bogolyubov. Made a great walk on foot; Alix was rolling. After tea I read and scribbled the answer to Wilhelm. Dined at 8 1/2, in the evening Alix read the same notes aloud.

*September 21st. Thursday.*

A wonderful warm day. Did a good walk and visited the children of the village of Pavel. Took Moltke, cat. gave his answer for transmission

Wilhelm. There were the usual three reports. Uncle Vladimir had breakfast with us. Again I sat under the sculptor \*. Let's go for a drive to Pavlovsk; for the first time we saw the fortress of Pavel Petrovich. Walked, as always, next to the stroller. It started to rain, which is a pity, because tomorrow is the day of hunting. I saw P. A. Cherevin, who had just arrived from vacation. I read and wrote. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. and the evening was spent as usual.

\* Posing during the session.

*September 22nd. Friday.*

Fortunately, we woke up with wonderful weather. About 8 o'clock I went with Alix and released her on the way to the station. I went to Gatchina with the same hunters and also Cherevin. We got into carriages and went to **Skvoritsy**. The raid was very successful, they took 15 corrals, 349 were killed. I killed including: 7 black grouse and 17 white grouse - a total of 24 pieces. We finished when it was getting dark. The weather bore out remarkably; at the end it began to drip. We returned at 7 1/4 to Tsarskoe. Dined at 8 1/2 o'clock. We finished reading the entertaining notes of gr. Golovina.

*September 23rd. Saturday.*

The morning was clear, but then the weather turned bad and it started to rain; what happiness that not yesterday! We took a walk. There were reports: Lobko, b. Fredericks and Taneyev. After breakfast for the last time I sat and fought with sleep, while Bernshtam sculpted with me. Walked alone, as it was too damp for Alix. Rain stopped. I read the whole evening, at the end of the papers. After lunch, too, out loud.

*September 24th. Sunday.*

My shoulder was twisted and I could hardly turn to the left side all day. After coffee I went for a walk. Alix did not go to mass, as she had a slight cold and felt dizzy. We had breakfast at home with the village Vladimir, Kirill and Boris. At 2 1/2 we went to Pavlovsk, where we took a walk and rode for a long time. At the beginning of the walk it

was raining, but then the weather improved. After tea I read-I was present at the bath of little Irina. In the evening I began reading aloud the notes of the book. Adam Czartoryski.

*September 25th. Monday.*

It got cold: only 7 °. We walked together. Had reports: Chikhachova, Pobedonostsev and Prokop. We had breakfast at the village of Vladimir. Back home, Alix had to sit for Bernshtam; I was present at first, and then I went for a walk. There was no rain. After tea I had to read for a long time. The evening was spent as usual.

*September 26th. Tuesday.*

Dear A [Lix | complained of abdominal pain, she lay in bed all day as a precaution. At 8 o'clock. morning I went to the third raid, which took place in **Tuganitsy**, at 12 ver. from Gatchina. In addition to the same former hunters, we were also with us: Kirill and Boris. The weather was calm and gray, the temperature was pleasant. We still had breakfast in the tent. A total of 332 were killed; by me: 5 black grouse, 3 woodcock, 1 hazel grouse, brown hare and 20 white hares - 30 in total! The paddocks were busy, with a mass of black grouses and gray partridges flying around. We returned to Tsarskoe at 7 o'clock. Dined in the bedroom by the bedside [Alix]. Then I read a little. Ott and Mrs. Guntz have come to see my darling!

*September 27th. Wednesday.*

Just got up, people brought me the sad news that poor "Raven" died today from pneumonia. The loss of my faithful dog, who only lived for six years with me, completely upset me for the whole day. He had been ill for only a week. I ordered it to be buried on Children's Island. Made a long walk by the big lake. It was a lovely cold day. Alix stayed in her rooms and lay on the sofa to make as little movement as possible.

There were reports: Sophiano and Muravyova. I saw Nikolasha, who had returned from a detour of the cavalry divisions. I took it. After breakfast I said goodbye to English. Ambassador Lascelles, cat. leaves for Berlin. I went on horseback to Pavlovsk. After tea and in the evening I read aloud to my wife!

*September 28th. Thursday.*

Alix luckily felt good and spent the whole day on the couch in the mauve room. Walked in the morning; the weather was excellent. Had the usual reports. I had breakfast at Alix's. At 3 o'clock I went to the consecration of the barracks of the combined battalion and the convoy. They are soon well-built and practical. I walked around them all. Did a long walk, the evening was great. I read and wrote, went to bed early.

*September 29th. Friday.*

We got up with wonderful weather. At 8 o'clock I went with all the former hunters for the fourth round-up, to **Voiskovitsy**. Straight from the carriage they fell into place in the 1st circle. We had breakfast on the train and then continued hunting from the other side of the railway. In total, 314 units were killed; of this number I have: 1 black grouse, 2 hazel grouses, 1 woodcock and 19 white hares. At the end it began to drizzle. The hunt ended at 5 o'clock. and, thanks to this, we returned to Tsarskoe early. Alix, thank God, felt good all day. We dined at her place and then I read out loud to her.

*September 30th. Saturday.*

The barometer continues to fall for the third day, and meanwhile the weather is still fine and dry. After the morning walk I had five reports: gr. Delyanov, Lobko, Khilkov, who returned from Siberia, and Fredericks. After breakfast, Witte was still there. I went on horseback to Pavlovsk on Norma. I read in the evening; Alix felt well, with occasional pain. Ott and Günz are happy.

*1st October. Sunday.*

It was a good day; the barometer climbed up. Alix felt good. After the walk I went to mass; returned from the palace with v. Vladimir and the three of us had breakfast with him. Made a long walk alone, it's terribly sad to walk without poor Raven. After tea I read it. Returned today from Darmstadt: Ella, dd. Sergey and Pavel; they arrived for dinner and stayed with us all evening. I showed them the upper rooms.

*2nd October. Monday.*

We got up early, read after coffee and went for a walk with D. Sergei. The weather was fine and clear. Ella spent the whole day with Alix, the two of them painting. Mitya, who had just returned from a business trip to purchase horses from the Horse Breeding Department to the military department, had breakfast with them. Received Vannovsky, who came from the Caucasus,

where he took baths. I made with D. Sergei the whole circle of Babolovsky Park in an hour and a half. We drank tea and dined together.

*3rd October. Tuesday.*

Having said goodbye to darling Alix, at 8 o'clock he went with the same hunters to Gatchina. The raid took place in the **Gorvitskoi dacha**. The weather was cold, windy and, at times, with showers. A total of 225 units were killed; I have 14, black grouse - 3, 1 woodcock and 1 hazel grouse, white hare 9. By the number of feathers killed, the raid can be considered very successful. We had breakfast in the old house of Horwitz [a]. We returned to Tsarskoe at 7 1/2. Dined and spent the evening like yesterday.

*4th October. Wednesday.*

In the morning he received Novosiltsev and Meindorf, who had come to congratulate the Leib-Cossacks and the Convoy on the holiday. Walked with D. Sergei; the weather was cold and squalling. After the report, Sophiano received. The five of us had breakfast and dinner with Ella, D. Serg [her] and D. Pavel. Alix rode with her. Made a great walk. After tea I read it. In the evening, D. Sergei left for Moscow. We sat at Alix's; she and Ella sang and played the piano.

*October 5th. Thursday.*

The weather, apparently, turned completely into autumn: it was only 3 ° warm and at times it was raining. After coffee I went for a walk. Had the usual three reports. Alix rode with Ella. The three of us had breakfast. We went upstairs to the nursery, where Günt and I were hanging pictures. Walked alone. Today in Sevastopol, a monument to Admiral Kornilov was unveiled in a festive atmosphere.

After tea I read it. Ella moved in with us from the Grand Palace; she went to the city to inspect our premises in the Winter Palace, which are nearing completion.

After dinner I read aloud.

*6th October. Friday.*

In the evening, Alix again had pains that she felt at night when she woke up. As they continued in the morning, I refused the hunt and stayed at home. About 10 a.m. Alix got up and spent the whole day on her feet as if nothing had happened; So, I thought that these pains were the beginning of the end. There was Witte with a report, and then Lobanov \*, who returned from France. The three of us had breakfast with Ella. The weather became wonderful, and beckoned to outside. Walked lonely. After tea I read it. Dined: D. Vladimir, Ella and D. Pavel; sat together at Alix's.



\* Book. Lobanov-Rostovsky A. B.

*7th October. Saturday.*

All day my darling wife felt great - the case was stuck, and we so hoped that by Sunday the famous event would have happened! \* **The** weather was wonderful - clear at 8 ° C. Walked for over an hour. The first time Vannovsky was with a report, then gr. Vorontsov. We had breakfast with D. Pavel in the first room of Alix. I rode on horseback with him; everyone met in Pavlovsk at the white birch. After tea I studied and read aloud in the evening.

\* Forthcoming birth of Alexandra Feodorovna.

*October 8th. Sunday.*

The weather was dirty, it was raining and a strong wind was blowing. I went with Ella to mass. We had breakfast at our place with all the available family in Tsarskoye - only 7 souls! Walked a little, like in the morning. But I read for a long time for my own pleasure. The three of us had dinner with D. Pavel, Ella did not come because she had a headache.

*October 9th. Monday.*

Cold clear day. Snow lay in shady places, which had obviously melted during the day. Made my usual walk from 10 - 11 o'clock. There were four reports: Chikhachova, Ermolov, Khilkov and Filippov. The three of us had breakfast with Ella. Walked around the entire park in an hour and a half. After tea I read it. The four of us dined at Alix's. D. Pavel sang a little, Ella accompanied.

*October 10th. Tuesday.*

The state of health of darling Alix allowed me to be absent from Tsarskoye for several hours. At 11 o'clock. went to Peter. In the carriage I had a report from Vannovsky. At about 12 o'clock he left the Neva on the Alexandria and went to Kronstadt. I had breakfast with the nobles accompanying me. The weather was fine, although it was cold, but the sea was a mirror. On the big roadstead he visited successively: squadron, armor. "**Navarin**"; cruisers of the 1st p. "**Rurik**", "**Dmitriy Donskoy**", armor. ber (his) about [orons] "**Admiral Ushakov**" and the seas. boat "**Threatening**". The first and fourth ships are not quite ready, the rest are leaving for the Pacific Ocean. The soul was glad to see such wonderful representatives of our fleet! He left Kronstadt at 3 3/4 and came to Petersburg at 5 1/4 o'clock. I was glad to return home and learn that the day had passed peacefully. After dinner, the three of us read aloud.

*October 11th. Wednesday.*

The weather was rather nasty: it was almost freezing and at times it snowed. Walked a little in the morning. Had reports - Muravyov and Prince. Lobanov. I took it. Nikolai and Sergei came from the Caucasus. I took a short walk and then read a lot. Four of us dined with D. Pavel. You involuntarily remember all these [days] last year, the worries and fears that we experienced then in Livadia! How far I was after all from the thought of a terrible end !!

*October 12th. Thursday.*

Today it has become much warmer, reaching 7 °. After the walk, there were the usual three talks. I rode on horseback during the day while Alix rode with Ella. Received a telegram from Mama about her leaving Denmark on the "Polar Star" directly to St. Petersburg. God forbid, happy transition!

The three of us spent the evening quietly - I read aloud while they drew.

*October 13th. Friday.*

The day was rainy, although very warm. Walked a little in the morning and the same in the afternoon. The three of us had breakfast with Ella. Received new chamber-pages - there were 30 of them; Feldwebel Mandryk. Alix helped to arrange books on cabinets and shelves. After tea I read until 8 o'clock. The five of us had dinner with D. Vladimir and D. Pavel. All together looked at old editions of a fashion magazine from the 30s, 40s and 50s with hilarious stories.

*October 14th. Saturday.*

The first half of the day passed in anticipation of news of the arrival of the "Polar Star" in St. Petersburg. There were the usual reports of Vannovsky and Vorontsov. The four of us had breakfast with Mitya (dezh.). At 4 o'clock I went to the Alexandrovskaya station to meet dear Mama. She looked excellent, she even put on weight; Misha and Olga have both grown a lot. We drank tea and sat together until 7 o'clock. Then Mom went to Gatchino. Was reading. We dined in Alix's room with D. Pavel and Mitya. I spent the evening partly in reading and partly in conversation.

*October 15th. Sunday.*

Made a short walk. Uncle Misha returned from abroad and brought me again a letter from Wilhelm! At 11 o'clock. drove to mass, only Alix stayed at home. There were 7 of us at breakfast. Walked quite far, passed a new station, built for us much closer to home than the existing two.

Was reading. After tea and after dinner, Alix and Ella continued to paint.

*October 16th. Monday.*

The day was good, after 12 it cleared up. Today Durnovo has been appointed chairman of the Committee of Ministers, and his former friend is the manager of the Ministry of Internal Affairs \*. Only Chikhachov was with the report. Nikolay (dezh.) Had breakfast. I went on horseback to Pavlovsk on Toulon. Met Alix and Ella at the "white birch". After tea I read it. Dined: D. Vladimir, D. Pavel and Nikolay. In the evening they drew again, and we read funny poems from old fashion magazines.

\* Goremykin I. L.

*October 17th. Tuesday.*

I walked before the lectures. Dear Mom came from Gatchina to attend a prayer service together on the anniversary of the crash in

Borkach.

What a mixture of different feelings, especially after last year! The entire family ate breakfast. At 3 o'clock Mom left with Misha and Olga. I went for a drive with Alix to Pavlovsk, where I walked. The weather was calm and clear. After tea I read it. Sergey (dezh.) Told a lot of interesting things about his hunt in the Kuban region! We dined with six of us.

*October 18th. Wednesday.*

In the morning I took a walk with D. Sergei. After Muravyov's speech, there was a fairly numerous reception. Comrade Evgenia and Petya arrived for breakfast. I did not ride for long - on the Berkut, an old pacer from Baku. Children of D. Pavel came to us to drink tea. Was reading. Ella, Sergei and Pavel dined in the usual composition.

*19th October. Thursday.*

I took both walks with D. Sergei. Goremykin was for the first time with a report on the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Nikolasha and Alec introduced themselves. Ksenia and Sandro, Kostya and Mavra arrived for breakfast. The first rcheras returned from Abastuman. After tea, Ella received gifts from us. D. Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen visited us at 5 o'clock. I read. Dear Alix felt good, but she is very uncomfortable to walk! We dined like yesterday, five of us!

*20th October. Friday \**.

A year has passed since the Lord deprived us of the happiness of having a dear Pope between us. Again, as if you are experiencing the then torment and suffering, so clearly this fateful day is remembered! At 10 o'clock. got on the train Mama from Gatchina and went with her and uncles to the city. A funeral mass was served in the fortress, after which we returned home. Had breakfast at 1 1/4. The weather became clear and frosty, and a wonderful moon was shining. Walked with D. Sergei. I drank tea together with Alix and read. The five of us dined as usual.

\* The original depicts a cross as a day of mourning - the day of the death of Alexander III.

*October 21st. Saturday.*

Also not from the fun days. It's somehow ashamed and a pity to take off the mourning; he still served as some visible link with the dear past! There was only a report from the Minister of War. The rest of the time he answered telegrams. Had breakfast with Alix and Ella. The day was clear. Ride Lady to Pavlovsk. Met, as in the situation, with the little wife in the park. I returned home almost with darkness. Was reading. The five of us dined again.

*October 22nd. Sunday.*

It was a clear, bright, even warm day - 5 °. After a short walk, I went to mass. We arrived for breakfast dd. Alexey, Sergey and Pavel and Ella.

I went to Pavlovsk with him \* ; I was at Bella. The walk came out great and lasted 2 1/4 hours. We drank tea and dined alone, because our roommates in the Alexander Palace were with Mom in Gatchina. In the evening we played 4 hands - so touching.

\* An arrow is drawn from the word "with him" to the word "Paul".

*October 23rd. Monday.*

The gray weather is very conducive to sleep and therefore we got up very late and even with difficulty. I walked a little. There were reports by D. Alexei, Ermolov and Kulomzin. The three of us had breakfast. Saw Friedrichs about some additional work on the Standard. Made a nice walk alone. At 5 o'clock, dear Mom and Misha arrived to spend the evening with us. Was reading. We dined together. Mom left for Gatchino at 10 o'clock.

*October 24th. Tuesday.*

Made a nice walk with D. Sergei. There were the usual two reports by Vannovsky and Prince. Lobanov. Four of us had breakfast. We walked again while Alix and Ella rode. The weather was gray and calm. After tea I read and then worked on composing a rough answer to Wilhelm. An unbearable occupation, when there is so much more important to do! The five of us dined; played the piano, drew and looked at albums

*October 25th. Wednesday.*

In the morning there was a thick fog. Walked with D. Sergei. I had reports from Muravyov and Den. Then there was a great reception. We had breakfast with D. Misha. The pile of reading paper that had so embarrassed me last winter

is beginning to grow again; I have already managed to forget about the atom in the last two or three months. For the second time I made a good walk with D. Sergei. After tea I read it. We dined together.

*October 26th. Thursday.*

The weather was warm. After reading, I went for a walk with D. Sergei. There were three usual reports. We had breakfast: Ksenia and Sandro (dezh.) I rode Vesta, which was very limp, so I had to take a step back from Pavlovsk. I read it long before dinner. We dined with them and spent the whole evening together.

*October 27th. Friday.*

There was fog again; the weather was very warm and calm. Walked twice with D. Sergei. The four of us had breakfast with them. I read a lot, the governor's reports began again! Every day we wait for the desired addition of the family, even every hour, and meanwhile day after day pass by, and again the same expectation! This has been going on since the beginning of October. The five of us dined. In the evening I painted \* .

\* Drawing.

*October 28th. Saturday.*

The day was warm and quiet, the 29th wedding anniversary of dear Dad and Mom! At the thought of how hard it should be for her, her heart aches with compassion. Help her, God. In the morning I walked with D. Sergei. After the reports, we had breakfast with Georgy, who had returned from abroad. Drove Norma to Pavlovsk. I read a lot. Four of us dined; in the evening they painted and played the piano.

*October 29th. Sunday.*

The morning was sunny, but by 12 noon the sky turned gray again. Before mass, I went for a walk with D. Sergei. We had breakfast in the village of Vladimir and t. Mikhén. Again we took a long walk and visited the elephant.

Dear Mom came from Gatchina for tea and lunch. We spent the evening with them and Sergey (dezh.). Painted again.

*October 30th. Monday.*

It was freezing at night and therefore the day stood clear. Uncle Alexey and Ella had breakfast. Walked alone.

I went to see D. Pavel, who was unwell yesterday. After tea, I read a rather unfortunate refutation of Chikhachov to Kazi's sensible note about the fleet, a lot of juggling and dodgy explanations! The five of us dined.

*October 31st. Tuesday.*

The morning was gray, then it clarified. Two peaceful reports, breakfast with v. Vladimir and a little reading in the evening - a pleasant day for me. We said goodbye to D. Vladimir; he leaves for Germany for a few days to hunt for the emperor. During the day I walked with D. Sergei; Alix and Ella continue to ride despite the cold. The five of us dined with D. Pavel. We sat in the library and looked at old editions, albums, prints and all sorts of other curiosities pulled from cabinets and showcases.

*1st November. Wednesday.*

The weather continued to be filthy, a fresh wind blew and it was snowing. Walked a little before the report. I took it. Uncle Misha had breakfast with us. After the walk I read a lot for my own pleasure. The evening was spent at Alix's, and as always, everyone was minding their own business.

*2nd November. Thursday.*

It became warmer and quiet again. It was very pleasant to walk. After three usual talks, K.P. Pobedonostsev came to see me. Breakfast: Comrade Mikhen and Nikolay (dezh.).

Alix and Ella went to the elephant; e. Sergey and I directed our footsteps to the same place. We looked at all his tricks. After tea, as usual, I studied until lunchtime. Dined with Nikolai, read in the evening.

*3rd November. Friday.*

Ever memorable day for me, during which I have suffered a lot! At one o'clock in the morning, dear Alix began to have pains that did not allow her to sleep. All day she lay in bed in great agony - poor! I could not look at her with indifference. At about 2 o'clock, dear Mama arrived from Gatchina; The three of them, with her and Ella, were relentlessly with Alix. At 9 o'clock, even heard a baby squeak and we all breathed freely! When we prayed, we named the **daughter** sent by God to us **Olga!** \* When all the excitement was over, and the horrors were over, a blissful state began with the consciousness of what had happened! Thank God, Alix endured the birth well and felt cheerful in the evening. I ate late in the evening with Mom and when I went to bed, I fell asleep instantly!

\* Olga's name is underlined with three bold lines.

*4th November. Saturday.*

Although Alix slept little that night, she felt good. Apparently I was present at our daughter's bath. She is a large child of 10 pounds and 55 centimes in length. I can hardly believe that this is our child! God, what a happiness !!! At 12 o'clock the whole family came to the thanksgiving service. Had breakfast alone with Mom. Alix lay in the mauve room all day for a change of air. She felt good, little darling too. The telegram was doom.

*5th November. Sunday.*

The night was great - no fever. After the bath, my daughter went for a walk. It was remarkably warm: 10 °. I went to mass with Mama. Alix again spent the day in the second room, her daughter lying next to her.

There was the first trial of feeding to the breast, which ended in the fact that Alix very successfully began to feed the nurse's son, and the latter gave milk to Olga. Funny!

I read and wrote. Dined: Mom, Ksenia, Ella, D. Pavel and Sandro. Day was excellent!

*6th November. Monday.*

In the morning he admired our lovely daughter; she doesn't seem to be newborn at all, because such a big baby with a hair-covered head. Walked a little alone. At 12 o'clock I went to the Hussar regiment, where there was a church parade in a large arena.

The hussars passed perfectly and with daring three times. Then, as always, we drank mutual health in a small arena, cleaned with tables. Breakfast with officers and regimental ladies took place in the Grand Palace.

Returned to 3 o'clock to his darling wife. Everything, thank God, is going well; but the child does not want to take the breast from her, she still has to call the nurse. We walked as usual. We drank tea at Alix's. I read a lot. Dined: Mom, Ksenia, Ella, D. Pavel and Sandro (dezh.). We spent the evening together.

*7th November. Tuesday.*

The night went well, Alix slept very well. The weather was cheerful and sunny. Walked with Sandro. There were reports: Vannovsky, Lobanov and Den. Had breakfast with Mom. Alix slept in the afternoon with her daughter in her arms. Together with Mama, I examined the stables of old horses and the farm, where we released a Tibetan yak into the yard. Drank tea at Alix's. D. Vladimir came to see me. Dined with Mom and Ella.

*November 8th. Wednesday.*

Alix slept well. I read a lot in the morning. At 11 1/4 I went to the city; directly from the station to the Mikhailovsky Manege. There was a church parade to the Moscow regiment and the Izhora cut. battalion. I went to Zimny, where Ella and I examined our rooms, which are almost ready.

There was a large breakfast in the Concert Hall, after which conversations took place in the Rotunda. He ran to Ksenia and hugged Irina. Arrived in Tsarskoe at 5 o'clock. Spent the evening with Alix's sweetheart. Dined with Mom and Ella.

*November 9th. Thursday.*

The weather was calm; it was freezing. At 10 1/4 o'clock, went to the city with the village of Vladimir and from the station directly to the New Admiralty. Here the laying of the decades took place, the battleship "Oslyabya" and the descent of the seagoing boat "**Brave**"; honor guard from the guards crew. Then we all sat down in "Peterhof" and moved to the Baltic plant, where the escort was first laid. armor "**Peresvet**" and then the training ship "**Verny**" **was** launched. There was a guard of honor from the Marine Corps; Cyril was in the ranks. Both ceremonies were very successful! We entered the Moika and climbed out at the house of the village of Alexei, the cat. fed us breakfast. I went with him to the pier of Angl [iyskaya] embankment, near which the large counter-destroyer **Sokol**, which had recently arrived from England, was stationed. Examined him in detail. Having changed his clothes again near the village of Alexei, he went to the corner of Liteinaya and Kirochnaya, where the laying of the foundation for the future Naval Assembly was made. At 4 o'clock he returned to Tsarskoe.

Dear Alix's stitches were removed and everything went well. Dined with Mom and Ella.

*November 10th. Friday.*

It was a quiet frosty day. Walked a little. There were three reports before breakfast and Sipyagin's after. Made a walk with Mom. I drank tea and read Alix's. Today is exactly one week for our daughter! Saw her in the bath. Dined with Mama, Ella and D. Pavel.

*November 11th. Saturday.*

The night went well. Walked a little. Both reports were followed by Pobedonostsev. Four of us had breakfast with Georgy (dezh.). At 2 1/2 he received the new Italian ambassador, the Marquis Mafen. Walked with Mom until 4 o'clock. Drank tea at Alix's. The little one slept a lot and for a long time and only woke up to eat. Ksenia and Sandro arrived for dinner. The evening, as always, was spent with my darling in the bedroom. Then he drank tea with everyone in the "mauve room".

*November 12th. Sunday.*

We got up late, so we didn't walk much. At 11 o'clock I went with Mama to mass and had breakfast at Alix's in the first room. We went to congratulate Comrade Mikhen on his birth, Boris. I took a walk alone in the dark. Misha and Olga came from Gatchina for two days. Dined; he, Xenia, Ella, D. Pavel and Sandro. In the evening I wrote in my bedroom.

*November 13th. Monday.*

Nice happy and clear day! Before breakfast, dear Alix was allowed to leave the bed and go to the couch in the mauve room, where she remained all day. Breakfast: D. Alexey, Ella, Misha and Olga. Uncle Sergei came from Moscow. We all walked together and once again were with the elephant. Finally he drank tea at the same time with Alix, who was then feeding the little one. Was reading.

Dined: Xenia, Ella, Sergei, Pavel, Misha and Sandro. I wrote like yesterday at Alix's before tea.

*November 14th. Tuesday \*.*

The morning was bright and quite festive. At 10 3/4 our daughter was taken in a golden carriage to the Bolshoi Dvor. The procession to the church began from the silver hall; I walked with Mama - a prince. MM Golitsyna was carrying her daughter. He sat alone in a room behind the church while the **baptism** took place. Everything turned out well and the little darling behaved, it turns out, approximately. Dinner ended at 1 1/2, and we returned home only at 2 o'clock. Embracing Alix, sat down for a family breakfast.

Walked with D. Sergei. I answered telegrams. Drank tea at Alix's; she spent the evening first in an armchair and then in bed. We had lunch in the dining room because there were 9 of us.

\* The day and month are underlined with three straight lines and the day of the week with three wavy lines. Day of the baptism of the daughter.

*November 15th. Wednesday.*

A clear day, but 9 ° frost and snow - immediately winter! In the morning I had to read a lot. Walked with D. Sergei. I was very busy - two lectures and a big reception. We sat down to breakfast after an hour with D. Misha, D. Sergei and Ella. Sat with Alix while she fed; but the little one does not begin to suck without a fight, which obviously tires both of them. Made a walk with D. Sergei. Was reading. After tea I studied. In the evening, as usual, I sat with Alix.

*November 16th. Thursday.*

The day is as clear as yesterday. I walked with D. Sergei and stayed with Mom until 11 o'clock. Before the reports I received Richter on some matters. Again, classes dragged on for an hour of breakfast! The four of us walked with Mom, Misha and Olga. Was reading. After tea I saw v. Vladimir. We dined in the same composition. I read Alix aloud. The little one has a slight runny nose.

*November 17th. Friday.*

In the morning I walked with D. Sergei.

Solsky came with a report.

We had breakfast as usual. Alix begins to move a little and without assistance. Walked with Mom, Misha and Olga. At 5 o'clock. escorted them to the station: they returned to Gatchino. After tea I read it. Dined four of us with Ella, A, Sergei and D. Pavel. I read Alix aloud. It got warmer - only three degrees.

*November 18th. Saturday.*

We got up quite early, at 9 3/4 I went to the station to meet Ernie and Ducky \*, whom I brought directly to Alix. She barely had time to get dressed. Exactly one year did not see each other, but met with their parents! Placed them in my old rooms. After the lectures I had breakfast with them, Ella, D. Sergei and Mitya. I didn't go for a walk, because my throat ached a little. I sat by my wife's darling and read. The four of us drank tea. We dined at 3 o'clock and spent the evening doing various activities.

\* Ducky - Victoria Feodorovna, Grand Duchess.

*November 19th. Sunday.*

In the morning I took a walk with Erni. At 11 o'clock I went to mass and the five of us had breakfast. Erni and Ducky went to bow to Gatchina. Made a great walk with D. Sergei. I sat with Alix, who rode in a mobile chair and even visited me.

We drank tea and dined in the same room; the first time Alix also ate with us, only at a special table. I read it in the evening.

*20th November. Monday.*

In the morning it was 9 ° frost. Alix rode out for the first time in an armchair and rode all over the palace to Yernya's rooms. After the reports I had Abaza on the arrangement of the Black Sea District. We had breakfast with Uncle Alexei. Walked with Erny, blew in full swing. After tea I read a lot. We dined as usual.

*November 21st. Tuesday.*

At 11 1/4 o'clock I left Erni for St. Petersburg. Had Lobanov's report on the road. From the station straight to the arena, where the L.-Gv. Semyonovsky regiment, my 1st cavalry battery and a combined company of representatives from the border guard corps. The latter look good fellows - between them there are many with St. George's medals. In the Winter there was breakfast. Yerny showed our rooms and went to Irina's before leaving.

We left for Tsarskoe with Xenia and Sandro. We drank tea together. Was reading. Dear Alix's back ached.

*November 22nd. Wednesday.*

Misha's birthday and name day: he is 17 years old. Quite a busy day - there were two talks and a great reception. Apart from their household members, we had breakfast: Comrade Mikhen and D. Misha. Having hardly seen Alix at all, he went to Gatchina. Sat almost all the time with Mom.

After tea I studied in my little room; it was so strange to think of myself as a father!

Dined downstairs: Ksenia, Misha, Sandro and Cherevin. He returned to Tsarskoe at 10 1/4. The whole society was sitting in Alix's bedroom!

*November 23rd. Thursday.*

Holiday of my squadron of the Hussar regiment. Dear Alix had a slight fever, probably from a cold. Had four reports. Nikolay had breakfast on the occasion of his departure to the Caucasus. Walked around the park. After the bath, little Alix had her first bath and was then put to bed. Ella dined with us, and the evening was spent as usual.

*November 24th. Friday*



It began to melt. He fled to the park before Witte's report. Received the old man gr. Heyden, Dragomirov and Prince. Ya. I. Shakhovsky, newly appointed commander of the Guards Eqil., And Prince. Dolgoruky. Four of us had breakfast.

Walked with Erny. Alix's fever, thank God, is gone. Today is already three weeks that our daughter was born - God bless her!

Was reading. For dinner, dear Mama and Misha arrived from Gatchina. She spent the evening with us until 10 1/2 o'clock.

*November 25th. Saturday.*

Quite a lot of snow fell, there was only one degree of frost. Walked. Four of us had breakfast: Alix, Erni, Ducky and me. I walked alone. We were frolicking on the mountain. Doctors were present at the little bath: Ott, Hirsch and Korovin, the latter will be assigned to our daughter.

Was reading. Evening as always.

*November 26th. Sunday.*

The holiday for me was spoiled by the fact that dear Alix was left alone, and we spent the whole day apart. At 10 1/4 I left Erni for St. Petersburg. Before leaving, he walked around the troops and retired in the halls and received the gentlemen of St. George who had arrived for the holiday. At 12 o'clock the procession started - I walked from Yernya. After the prayer, the banners and standards were carried away and we returned to Malachitovaya. We had just sat down to breakfast and had to go downstairs to dinner for the lower ranks. Having finished breakfast, I examined in detail the new lightweight equipment of the German infantry in people sent from Kaiser Alexander req. \* I rested in my new and still bare rooms. At 6 o'clock. there was a big dinner in the Nikolaevsk [oh] hall and then long conversations. I went to Tsarskoe at about 9 o'clock and spent the evening calmly with Alix's sweetheart.

\* Regiment them. Emperor Alexander I (German).

*November 27th. Monday.*

In addition to the reports of D. Alexei and Ermolov, there was also Kulomzin on the affairs of the Siberian Committee. The five of us had breakfast. Walked with Erny; the weather was pleasant.

Our daughter is getting dearer, she often smiled at us today, she is so lovely! After lunch, Erni and Ducky went to Moscow for five days.

*November 28th. Tuesday.*

Got up impossibly late. Nevertheless, I managed to take a walk. Had three reports and had breakfast three of us with George (dezh.). The first time Alix went out to get some fresh air with me; rode in the park for half an hour. Walked a little on foot. We drank tea, and finally spent the evening and dined **alone**. Alix bathed again - now she will continue to take daily salt baths.

*November 29th. Wednesday.*

Wonderful clear day: 4 ° frost.

After reading, I took a walk. I had Muravyov's report and received five. At 12 1/2 o'clock I went for a sleigh ride with Alix. Therefore, we ate breakfast with a good appetite. At 2 o'clock the meeting of the Siberian Committee began and ended at 3 1/2. I went for another walk.

After tea and in the evening I read a lot.

*November 30th. Thursday.*

The same calm, good weather, it was snowing, which is very necessary for the toboggan route. Walked in the morning. After breakfast I went with Alix; rode in Pavlovsk, where we have not looked for a long time together. We sat together for a long time, and after tea, as always, our daughters were present at the bath. Ott was there too; now he rarely comes.

Was reading. We dined together; in the evening I read Alix aloud when she was lying in bed.

*1st December. Friday.*

Walked for half an hour and returned by 11 o'clock, when Alix was feeding our darling. After both reports, there was a great reception - only the military. We had breakfast alone. We went upstairs to the nursery with a little one to hang pictures. We rode in a sleigh. By 5 o'clock dear Mom arrived with Misha and D. Misha. Four of us dined. They left at 10 1/2 o'clock.

*2nd December. Saturday.*

I saw Benckendorff returning from Moscow. Between the reports Pobedonostsev appeared, as always, with good advice and all kinds of warnings. Mitya (dezh.) Had breakfast. We rode together. The weather was unpleasant and windy. Pavel came from town for tea and lunch. Dispersed until 10 o'clock because of Alix's bath.

*3rd December. Sunday.*

For the whole day, Alix said goodbye to my darling and at 10 1/4 o'clock went with Mitya to Gatchino. The frost was pretty strong. We went to mass and had breakfast as a family in Mama's rooms downstairs.

At 2 1/2 I went for a walk with her, Ksenia and Sandro - we walked around the lakes. After drinking tea, he went back to Tsarskoe. I read and sat by the dear Alix until 10 1/2 o'clock. We dined together.

*4th December. Monday.*

After reading, I went for a walk. The little one slept all night without waking up. The day was bright, quiet, 8 ° frost. After the usual reports, he received Ioannikiy, the Metropolitan of Kiev. We had breakfast with the village of Alexei. Alix and I took the first walk together. I read a lot before and after tea. In the evening we played four hands.

*December 5th. Tuesday.*

The frost is still the same - 8 °. While I had reports, Erni and Ducky returned from Moscow. We had breakfast with them, Ksenia and Sandro (dezh.). The four of us went for a drive in a troika; did a nice walk in the parks and to Pavlovsk. Mom, Misha and Olga arrived for tea. Was reading. Gifts from darling Alix [received] in his dressing room at 7 1/2. They dined in a large company, after which they again received gifts from everyone.

*December 6th. Wednesday.*

The day started early. Was reading. And he answered the telegrams. At 10 o'clock. went with Mama to mass. Having turned home for Erni, I went with him and Misha to St. Petersburg. It was 11 ° frost, so to make the faces look decent, we drove in a closed landau. In the arena, a parade took place for all the troops, which today is a holiday, All the units went through excellently. Breakfast was in the Nikolaev Hall, there were so many people! We returned to Tsarskoe only at 5 o'clock. Then Ella gave a wonderful collie \*, similar to the Crow.

A mountain of telegrams. We dined in a large company. Mom went with Misha to Gatchino. They began to tinker, like little children, on the mountain, and then on the board. The four of us drank tea with Ernie and Ducky.

\* Collie (English), Scottish Shepherd.

*December 7th. Thursday.*

In the morning I walked with my new dog, whom I think to name - Iman. I studied until breakfast, to which Kostya came to thank for the images presented to the 1st battalion of the Preobra [Azhensky]. Alix walked alone for the second time after a short skate. We dined with D. Pavel. At 9 1/4, Ernie and Ducky were taken to the railway, where we said goodbye to them. It's boring that they have to go back to their homes so soon! D. Pavel drank tea with us.

*December 8th. Friday.*

The weather is just as calm and warm. Walked in the morning. I took it before breakfast. D. Vladimir came to him. I rode with Alix and then went for a walk together. I wrote and read a lot. We dined alone and played with four hands.

*December 9th. Saturday.*

Iman amuses me very much on walks, remarkably agile, jumps a lot and chases crows. Sergey (dezh.) Had breakfast. We rode together and then walked. The weather is calm, but gray - now the shortest days! After tea I read a lot. The three of us had dinner too.

*December 10th. Sunday.*

The morning was sunny, 7 ° frost. After the walk I went to church, stood all alone at the mass. Had breakfast with Alix and spent the whole day all alone. We rode, walked. After tea I studied for a long time, in the evening we played 4 hands and I read for myself.

*December 11th. Monday.*

After the report, Ermolov received Selsky. Uncle Alexey had breakfast with us. We rode in Pavlovsk, the road was better, as a lot of snow fell during the night. We walked some more. Was reading. I went through old letters until lunchtime.

In the evening we played 4 hands.

*December 12th. Tuesday.*

Spiridonov turn! [\[ ten \]](#)

At 11 1/4 I went to town for the last regimental holiday this winter. In the arena there was a parade to the Finnish regiment and the Volynsky platoon. In the Concert Hall, breakfast and conversations took place in the Rotunda. I visited Xenia and visited Vorontsov. He returned to Tsarskoe by 5 o'clock. After lunch, the two of us had a great ride around the city.

*December 13th. Wednesday.*

There was no report about Muravyov's illness, but 32 people had to be received - all with awards; Dad was always so angry at these receptions when everyone climbs to thank for production or orders. We had breakfast with D. Misha. At 2 1/4 o'clock we went to the Grand Palace. The little one rode forward with Günt; and we entered <sup>the</sup> **Church** with her in our arms. Yanyshv read the prayers and brought them to the Tsar's doors. I am so glad that dear Alix will again ride with me to mass, after 40 days! \*. We rode and walked. I read a lot. After lunch, we went for a drive and then sorted out gifts for the Christmas tree to the officers.

\* Only 40 days after giving birth, a woman could enter the church.

*December 14th. Thursday.*

I had to read a little, so the walk was longer. In addition to the usual reports, I had: Alec, Richter and Rennenkampf. We had breakfast in due time. Received a new Romanian envoy; some kind of touched donkey!

Did a nice walk. We drank tea from Comrade Mikhen. She was present at the bath of her daughter.

After lunch, we went for a ride in a sleigh and finished arranging gifts.

*December 15th. Friday.*

The morning was busy: three lectures and a great reception. We had breakfast alone. The weather was cold with a fresh breeze. We walked together. For tea arrived: Mom, Misha and D. Vladimir. I read it until lunchtime. We spent the evening with Mama until 10 1/2 o'clock. After checking yesterday's gifts to the officers, we returned to our place and began to prepare for an overnight stay.

*December 16th. Saturday.*

The frost increased to 16 °. Nevertheless, I took a walk with Iman. After Vannovsky's report went with Alix to Petersburg; for the first time after birth, the daughters left Tsarskoye together. We had breakfast at Xenia's and Sandro's with Mitya (dezh.). At 2 o'clock we went to the Hermitage, where a large international bazaar was set up, under the auspices of Alix. There were too many ladies who got in the way of looking at things. Returned to our rooms; Alix hadn't seen them yet, so we examined them in detail. At 4 1/4 we left for Tsarskoe. Was reading. We dined with Mitya.

*December 17th. Sunday.*

The cold continued with the wind. At 11 o'clock. drove to mass - finally together, as usual. The three of us had breakfast with Mitya. He left for Gatchina for a few hours. Nobody went for a walk, sat with Mama and picked things and books from their rooms for taking them to the Winter Palace. After tea I returned to Tsarskoe. Dear Alix was worried because the arrival of a new English nanny changes the order of our family life in some way: our daughter will have to move upstairs, which is rather boring and a pity!

*December 18th. Monday.*

Bad weather with a blizzard. I went out for a while to stretch my legs. After the usual two talks, Dehn had a short talk. Breakfast: D. Alexey and Georgy (dezh.). Then Alix received the ladies; together we received a deputation of the Ural Cossacks who brought caviar and balyk. We walked around and scolded the weather. After tea, he washed his daughter in the bath. In the evening I wrote to George.

*19th December. Tuesday.*

The morning was busy. Breakfast: Ksenia, Sandro (dezh.) And D. Vladimir. After that, I also had the old man Delyanov, Alix received the ladies. We walked together; the weather was dirty. Today my daughter moved upstairs to the nursery - God forbid, in a good hour! Was reading. Four of us dined and spent the evening together.

*December 20th. Wednesday.*

The weather improved, it became warmer and the morning was clear. After a short walk he received Muravyov and Priamursky general-lips. Dukhovsky. Then there was a very big reception. Breakfast: D. Vladimir and D. Misha. We had a good walk together. After tea the daughters were present at the bath; nanny - Mrs. Jhman - bathed her. We said goodbye to good Günt, who stayed with us for almost - like three months! After lunch, they played 4 hands.

*December 21st. Thursday.*

I walked a little and received Alec before the reports. Vorontsov arrived for the first time in the uniform of a grenadier of a palace company. We had breakfast alone. On a walk we met Elena VI (adimirovna) with a pack of dogs. Was reading. After tea, as always, there was a daughter's bath; Alix bathed her. In the evening we played the piano dance and then I continued a very interesting reading of Dukhovsky's detailed report on the Amur region.

*December 22nd. Friday.*

Received a lot of awarded sailors, whom D. Aleksey represented. He was having breakfast.

At 2 1/2 o'clock he received the messenger from the Sultan Arif-Pasha; he brought back a silver table with smoking items and a cabinet full of cigarettes. Tobacco is the most practical and pleasant gift, in my opinion! We rode around Pavlovsk. Uncle Pavel drank tea and dined with us.

*December 23rd. Saturday.*

Things are apparently heading for a thaw. After the reports of Vannovsky and gr. Vorontsov received Durnovo.

We had breakfast with Sergei (dezh.). I saw Ukhtomsky; he will start publishing Petersburg (sky) Vedomosti from the next year. We rode together. Walked alone. I read a lot.

The three of us had dinner and spent the evening.

*December 24th. Sunday.*

We were at mass and had breakfast alone. Preparing gifts for each other. Made a nice walk around the park. At 4 o'clock we went to Gatchino. Again the frost increased - in the evening it reached 12 °. We drank tea with Mom, with Ksenia and Sandro. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil and then there was a common Christmas tree in the white room of Maria Feodorovna \*. Received a lot of gifts from dear Mom and from all relatives abroad. Uncle Alexei was also there. After dinner we returned to Tsarskoe, where we arranged our little Christmas tree with a darling wife. In the evening I had to read.

\* Maria Fedorovna - wife of Paul I.

*December 25th. Monday.*

At 11 o'clock. drove to Mass, after which a moleben was served in remembrance of the invasion of the Gauls and with them two-ten languages. We sat down to breakfast with the Vladimirovich family at 12 1/2 o'clock. Received Radolin, the German ambassador, with a letter from Wilhelm. At 3 o'clock we went to the court arena on the Christmas tree of the Convoy and the Consolidated Battalion. As always, there were songs, dances and

balalaikas. Walked a little. After tea, a small Christmas tree was lit for the daughter and next to another for all the women, Alix and the nursery. The evening was spent as usual.

*December 26th. Tuesday.*

Fortunately, the morning was free. After a long walk he received Lobanov. At 2 1/2 o'clock we went to the arena on the Elka of the second half of the Convoy and the Consolidated Battalion. After the distribution of gifts, they looked again at the lezginka and the dance of the soldiers. Walked after returning home. Our daughter was weighed today - she's about 12 1/2 pounds. After lunch we went for a drive. In the evening I finished the report of Dukhovsky.

*December 27th. Wednesday.*

In the morning the weather was great, I walked a lot in the park. In addition to the usual report, there were also: Pratasov and D. Misha with Plehve. He had breakfast with us.

We rode around Pavlovsk for a long time. At 4 1/2 there was a Christmas tree for the officers; poor Alix, of course, was embarrassed to talk to everyone! After the bath I read my daughter. In the evening we rode again.

*December 28th. Thursday.*

After reading, I went for a walk. Fool Iman fell through the hole, but he immediately got out and looked like a large icicle, since the wool immediately froze. It was 12 ° frost with the sun.

Pobedonostsev came instead of Sipyagin's report. After breakfast, Alix took, then the two of us went for a walk. All my old letters were taken apart and put in order. Was reading. In the evening they began to pack.

*December 29th. Friday.*

The morning was extremely hectic: I had to read a lot, pack up and make various orders. After the report, Witte went to the corner room to see Pallady, who, as always, had arrived with the monks from the Alexander Nevsky Lavra. Received five more faces. We had breakfast quite late. Let's go for a walk; the weather was not bad in the sense of frost and clear. After tea I read it. The rooms are empty enough and look dull! It is not fun to leave dear Tsarskoe, where we have lived quietly and happily for more than three months.

*December 30th. Saturday.*

Had three reports. Breakfast: D. Alexey and Mitya (dezh.). At 2 3/4 o'clock we said goodbye to the dear Tsarskoe and boarded the train with the cat. Mom came from Gatchina. From the station in St. Petersburg we went straight to the **Winter Palace** to our new rooms. A prayer service was served in the library, all rooms, ours and the children's, were sprinkled. After two hours of work, I settled down and put all the things in their proper places. Mom and Xenia visited us. I read a lot. We dined together. I also read in the evening. I swam with pleasure in my wonderful pissing\*.

\* From piscine (French) - pool.

*December 31st. Sunday.*

Both slept well for housewarming. The sun illuminated my office beautifully while I studied in the morning. At 11 o'clock. went to Anichkov for mass; strange to feel like guests there! After breakfast, they went down to our old rooms and chose all the paintings and photographs and the last things that were still left to be transported to the Winter Palace too. During the day we sat at our place and put everything in order. Ksenia brought Irina to her daughter's bath. At 7 1/2 we went to a prayer service in Anichkov and dined with Mama.

Now the New Year is coming! God grant that it will pass as peacefully, quietly and happily for us and for Mother Russia as the previous one.

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*1st January. Monday.*

Slept well and woke up early. He rinsed with pleasure in my bath and after coffee sat down for unbearable telegrams.

At 11 o'clock. the exit began. For the first time, the two of us did the New Year's exit ceremonies. Thank God, Alix withstood the mass, and the reception of diplomats, and the steelyard \*, not only ladies, but Gosud. Sov., Senate, court and retinue! Renovated our dining room with a family breakfast. At 3 o'clock went with some family visits. We sat at our dear Mom and drank tea at her place. Returning home, I sat down to study. We dined together and then throughout the evening they hung images on the new icon case, in the bedroom.

\* Congratulations on "hand salary".

*2nd January. Tuesday.*

In the morning I read and sat in the library with Grimm. After the usual two reports he received Izvolsky. Breakfast: George and Prince. Lobanov. At 2 1/2 we went for a ride and then to Anichkov, where we walked for a long time in the garden. We drank tea at Mom's. I was busy with business until 8. We went to dinner with Uncle Alexei on the occasion of his birthday. We spent part of the evening with him. We returned to our place at 10 1/2 o'clock.

*3rd January. Wednesday.*

We went down to Ksenia in the morning.

There was a report from Muravyov, then a reception in the still empty billiard room. The village Misha and Kostya had breakfast. About [?] went for a walk to Anichkov; I really miss the morning festivities!

After tea with Mom, the daughters returned to the bath; then he read until 8 o'clock. We dined together and spent the whole evening hanging photographs in a small walk-through room and up and down the stairs.

*4th January. Thursday.*

After reading the usual morning chores, I went with Alix to look at my collection from the trip. We chose several things to install in our rooms, in the corridor and on the stairs.

There were the usual lectures in the library. Let's go to Anichkov for breakfast. We walked in the garden and played as before at the rink; Ksenia and Sandro skated.

We returned to our home by 4 o'clock. I read and studied until 7 o'clock. Dined with Xenia and Sandro.

We went to the theater for the first time - there was a wonderful "**The Queen of Spades**", which Alix liked very much. We had a light meal upon returning to our place.

*January 5th. Friday.*

I was not at home almost all day. After Witte's report, we went to Anichkov for the blessing of water mass. We had breakfast as a family. We went with Alix to the women's vocational school, where the Christmas tree was arranged. Alix gave gifts to the girls while the others sang. The school makes a gratifying impression - it is clear that things are going well. He returned to Anichkov, and the little wife went to Winter. We were busy at the rink. I drank tea at Mama's with D. Pavel, who had returned from Moscow. At 6 o'clock I was at home and sat down to study. At 8 o'clock Mom and Misha arrived for dinner - Ksenia and Sandro too. We sat in the library in the evening.

*January 6th. Saturday.*

At 10 1/2 o'clock he walked around the troops stationed in the halls. At 11 o'clock the exit began. Before the end of the episcopal service, they went out to pry off their sweatshirts and also have a little snack. It was very good at the water blessing, only 4 ° frost. We had breakfast at Malakhitovaya. Alix had a headache, she lay down, and I went to Anichkov for a walk. Drank tea at Mom's. I read at home until 7 1/2. After lunch we went to the French. theatre. They gave two plays of an innocent quality! In the evening we had a snack in my office.

*January 7th. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to Anichkov for lunch and breakfast. There was a strong thaw. We walked for a long time in the garden. Returning home, we drank tea with D. Pavel. I studied until 7 1/2 hours. After dinner we went to the theater; there was a beautiful, but boring ballet by Tchaikovsky "Swan Lake". We were at home at 11 o'clock. We had a snack together with me.

*January 8th. Monday.*

After two days of rest, the lectures began; there were D. Aleksey with Chikhachov and Ermolov.

The day was sunny - 4 °. We had breakfast at Mom's with M-elle de l'Escailles. The three of us went to the Academy of Arts for a watercolor exhibition. I bought several paintings. Returning to Anichkov, we went for a walk. Drank tea with Mom. We dined at 7 o'clock with Xenia and Sandro and then went to the opera. We saw the Queen of Spades again. After the bath, we had a snack together.

*January 9th. Tuesday.*

It was a clear frosty morning.

Between the usual reports was Pobedonostsev. We had breakfast with Lobanov.

At 3 o'clock we went to Anichkov; played at the rink and walked. We drank tea with Mom and returned home to the little darling's bath. At 7 1/4 we had dinner and again went to the theater, to Savina's benefit performance. There was an excellent and entertaining play "**General's Matryona**". At 12 o'clock we were at home.

*January 10th. Wednesday.*

After the lecture, Muravyov had a hefty reception at the Concert Hall.

We had breakfast with D. Misha. At 3 o'clock we went for a drive and turned in Anichkov for a walk. We returned home for tea. We learned the sad news of the death of poor Liko \* in West Africa during the English expedition to Ashanti! We dined with Mama in Anichkovo and spent the evening with her until 11 o'clock. Fortunately, I finished reading the thick report of the Military Mine. by districts.

\* Heinrich Liko of Battenberg, Prince.



*January 11th. Thursday.*

There were four lectures in the morning. We had breakfast: D. Sergei, D. Pavel and Ella - the author of our rooms. We showed them all our device. At 3 o'clock we went to Anichkov. We played at the rink and drank tea.

Ksenia brought Irina to her daughter's bath. We dined together. He put on a red tunic L.-Gv. Equestrian regiment. At 9 1/2 o'clock we went to the Nikolaev [sky] hall and our first **Big Ball began**. Suffered for dear Alix, the cat. had to accept a lot of ladies. He walked around the tables and then ate dinner himself. At 1.10 it was over!

*January 12th. Friday.*

It was not particularly difficult to get up. After coffee I managed to read a lot. There was a small reception - 14 people. Breakfast: D. Sergei and Ella. At 2 1/2 we received five Moscow deputations and several Siberian - from three Amur Cossack troops and foreigners - all belated offerings and congratulations on the occasion of our wedding. We went to Anichkov for a walk and drank tea with Mom. We returned to the little bath. I read it until lunchtime. The same and D. Pavel ate with us. We went to the French. theater, where the excellent funny play "Mr. le directeur". After the bath, we ate together.

*January 13th. Saturday.*

The child slept for a long time, so it was not present at our breakfast. The village Misha came to the report of the Minister of War about the construction of a fortress in Libau. Breakfast: D. Sergei, Ella, Mitya (dezh.) And Sergei, cat. recovered from mild typhus. We walked in the garden. After tea, Mom and I returned to their place.

Dined at 7 1/2 and went to the theater. They gave "Les Tenailles" and another little piece.

*January 14th. Sunday.*

Nice sunny day; 9 ° frost. At 11 o'clock we arrived in Anichkov for mass and breakfast. Was reading. We played a lot on the rink with big balls. Drank tea with Mom. Arriving home, I was at my daughter's bath and read until 7 o'clock. We had dinner with George (dezh.). Let's go to the theater; there was the **Little Humpbacked Horse**, which I see for the first time. The production is excellent, the music is old and simple.

*January 15th. Monday.*

At 10 1/2 o'clock. received IN Durnovo with a report on the affairs of the Committee of Ministers. Then there were their usual reports: D. Alexei and Ermolov. At one o'clock there was a rather large breakfast in Malakhitovaya with Radolin and his wife in honor of Wilhelm, with music. We talked in the blue room. Then the Figner spouses were accepted \*. We ran on the rink until 4 o'clock. The frost was 10 °. We drank tea with Mom. I read until 7 o'clock. The three of us had lunch with Ksenia and went to the theater. They gave an excellent and interesting play by Prince. Sumbatova \*\* **"Old temper"**. We arrived home at 12 o'clock.

\* Apparently, we are talking about the artists of the Mariinsky Theater M. I. Figner and N. N.

\*\* Sumbatov-Yuzhin Alexander Ivanovich.

*January 16th. Tuesday.*

In the morning Willie showed Alix and me his watercolors with views of Darmstadt and Coburg, which I had ordered for him. After the reports he received the members of the expedition to Central Asia - Roborovski and Kozlov.

We had breakfast with Lobanov.

At 3 o'clock we went to Anichkov and after the walk we drank tea with Mama. I read until 7 o'clock. We dined and went to the theater for a benefit performance on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the old woman Zhuleva. After the presentation, she received a terrible standing ovation and presented a lot of gifts, flowers and addresses. The living picture from her former best roles came out very beautiful.

*January 17th. Wednesday.*

It's almost thaw again! After the report, Muravyov received 34 people at the Concertnaya. Breakfast: D. Misha and Kotya Obolensky (dezh.).

At 2 1/2 we went to the **Corps of Pages**. We found everyone else in the classroom. We walked around the entire building, examined both churches and entered the arena, where the shift went; also saw vaulting. We left for Anichkov, escorted to Nevsky by the boys. Drank tea with Mom. I read until 7 o'clock. We had dinner with Kotey and went to Massenet's opera **Werther**. Very beautiful, but difficult to get acquainted with the first time. We were at home at 11 1/4 o'clock.

*January 18th. Thursday.*

I read and fiddled with various questions about the ball. We had breakfast alone and then drove to Comrade Yevgenia, where we found Mom. We made a short walk in the garden, because we arrived in Anichkov only at 4 o'clock. We drank tea with Mama with D. Alexei and D. Pavel.

I read until 7 1/2. We dined together and began to dress a little. At 9 3/4, the **"1st Concert Ball"** began ; I was in the Cavalry uniform. Dinner was at 12 1/2 o'clock. I went to smoke at my place. The ball ended at 2 1/2.

*January 19th. Friday.*

I got up at 9 1/2 o'clock, if I could, I would have slept some more! There was one report by Witte and then a reception. Breakfast: Mom, Ksenia, Misha, Sandro and Olga. Showed Mom's nursery; children of Pavel and also Irina came to visit there. At 3 o'clock we went to Anichkov. There was a blizzard on the rink, so you could barely see the balls. We drank tea with Mama and D. Misha. I read after a little bath. We dined together and at 8 o'clock went to the new opera by Napravnik - **"Dubrovsky"**. A beautiful piece, perfectly orchestrated, with wonderful choirs! We returned home at 12 noon.

*January 20th. Saturday.*

It's frost again today. After coffee, A.P. Ollongren came to see us, and she chatted with us until 11 1/4 o'clock. Both reports ended early. Zina and Evgeny arrived for breakfast; they returned from abroad the third day. At 3 o'clock we went for a walk to Anichkov. After tea at Mom's, the daughters returned to the bath. I had to read a little. Dined at 7 1/2 o'clock and went to the French. theatre. They gave a hilarious piece "Un conseil judiciaire". After the bath we had a snack, as always.

*January 21st. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock we went to Anichkov for mass and had breakfast at Mom's. I read it before the walk. We played at the rink until 4 o'clock. After tea the demo came back. Let's go for dinner to the village of Pavel. At 8 o'clock we went to the benefit performance of Petipa; gave a combined ballet. We returned before the end [of the performance].

*January 22nd. Monday.*

It was a wonderful bright morning. Before the lectures, Lingart brought my portrait, written by him, to show! We had breakfast with Meindorf (dezh.). At 3 o'clock we went to Anichkov. A strong wind was blowing, interfering with the flight of the balls. After tea at Mom's, the daughters were present at the bath, and then I read. We had lunch

at 7 o'clock and went to the theater. There was Verdi's **Othello** with the Italians (Batistini and Tamagno). They sang great. Were at home at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*January 23rd. Tuesday.*

We got up early, because before the reports he received gr. N.P. Ignatiev and Meindorf. After Vannovsky and Lobanov he received Pobedonostsev. We had breakfast with. Min. Foreign Affairs. Then poor Alix had to see fifty ladies. We went to Anichkov in due time. The frost was 7 °. We returned home at 4 1/2 o'clock. Kostya and Mavra were drinking tea with us. I read until 7 1/2.

We dined in Anichkov and went to the same play "Un conseil judiciaire". After the first act, the best one, we returned to Anichkov. Ksenia received gifts. We drank tea with Mom. Were at home at 11 1/2.

*January 24th. Wednesday.*

In the morning I visited Nikolasha. We went down to Xenia, where Mom came, and then went to the Small Church. After mass we had breakfast with them. I had reports from Muravyov and Kulomzin. At 2 1/2 o'clock we went to the Marine Corps, which we examined up and down. D. Alexey was in time to arrive almost to the beginning. We saw an artillery drill in the battery below. Everywhere the cleanliness is excellent. Wonderful cute establishment! We left at 4 1/4 to Anichkov right for tea. I read it until 7. After lunch we went to the **Tannhäuser**, the cat. never seen. Delightful!

*January 25th. Thursday.*

I woke up late and had to read a lot. In addition to the reports received Gurko, cat. lives in the Winter Palace with the rank of Field Marshal. We had breakfast together. Aunt Evgenia came to say goodbye. We ran to the rink. After tea with Mama we returned home. I read a lot again - such a day turned out to be! At 9 3/4, the second **Concert** Ball began. During dinner I went around the tables. It all ended at half past three.

*January 26th. Friday.*

Got up late. Received a letter from Ferdinand from Bulgaria with a request to be the recipient of the chrismation of his son Boris. Kutuzov will go to Sofia as a witness only.

Received papers and many people before breakfast. We ate with George (dezh.). We played at the skating rink and drank tea at Mom's. Was reading. At 7 o'clock. went to the Nobility Assembly for a boring concert in favor of the house of industriousness in Nov [oy] Ladoga. We dined and spent the evening quietly at home.

*January 27th. Saturday.*

In the morning before the lectures, Archimandrite Ignatius visited me with projects of the church for St. Petersburg. sides. Breakfast: Mitya (dezh.) And Cherevin. They received the old woman Zhuleva, who had come to thank for the benefit. Were at the rink. The day was clear at -8 ° C. By 5 o'clock we returned home and drank tea. After the bath I read my daughter.

At 7 1/2 o'clock we dined at Mom's; then we went to the French. theatre. There was a funny play "Un voyage d'agrement". We had a snack after the bath.

*January 28th. Sunday.*

In general, there were few at home. At 11 o'clock we went to Anichkov for mass. After breakfast we walked. There was a thaw and a fresh wind blew with rain.

At 4 o'clock we returned home; they thought of drinking tea at Comrade Mikhen's, but did not find her at home. Was

reading. At 7 o'clock there was a family dinner at Mom's, after which we went to the wonderful ballet **The Sleeping Beauty**. As always, I enjoyed the music in it. We were at home at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*January 29th. Monday.*

We got up late. After the usual reports, there was also Pratasov. Ksenia and Sandro (dezh.) Had breakfast. The fog was very thick, so it was difficult to play on the rink because the balls were not visible. We drank tea at Mom's. Was reading. We dined at Xenia's.

At 8 o'clock we went to the opera. They gave "Aida"; very good. I saw her for the first time.

*January 30th. Tuesday.*

I got up early and therefore managed to read in the morning. At 10 1/2 I was with Abaza's report. We had breakfast with Lobanov. At 2 1/4 we went to the ball. "**The Little Humpbacked Horse**"; the performance was for educational institutions. During the intermission we walked along the corridors and the foyer, where they plunged into the sea of female students. From the theater we stopped at Elena Sh [eremeteva]. He took Alix to the Winter Palace, and he went to Anichkov, where he drank tea with Mama and Misha. Was reading. We had dinner at 7 o'clock with Kotey Obolensky (dezh.). Let's go to the marvelous "**Eugene Onegin**", cat. Alix hasn't heard of it yet. The old real line-up sang - great! I know nothing better than this music.

*January 31st. Wednesday.*

Today there were two extra reports besides Muravyov and the reception. We had breakfast with D. Misha. At 3 o'clock we went to Anichkov and played for a long time at the rink. After tea at Mom's, the daughters returned to the bath. I read until 7 1/2. We dined together. Mom came to see Alix and Ksenia in their ballroom outfits. At 9 3/4 o'clock the **third Concert Ball began**, cat. ended at 2 1/2 - this is how our balls ended!

*1st February. Thursday.*

It was difficult to get up. After coffee I read and again had extra reports. We had breakfast alone. We wanted to go to the exhibition of Aivazovsky's paintings, but found out that it was already closed and the paintings had been taken away. We went to Anichkov and to the skating rink. We drank tea with D. Pavel; he leaves for Moscow in the evening. I had a long conversation with him about his future service.

After lunch we went to the theater. They gave us "**Raphael**" and "**Pagliacci**". Enjoyed the second opera. We returned home at 10 1/2 o'clock.

*2nd February. Friday.*

A temple holiday for our Small Church and a real holiday for me, because today I dismissed the reports and receptions. At 11 o'clock Mom and uncles gathered and we went to mass. We had breakfast. At 1 1/4 o'clock we went with Misha and Olga to the theater. The **Sleeping Beauty was on**. From there we went to Anichkov and drank tea with Mama. I read and received Ukhtomsky. We dined together at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Alix began to prepare for the ball for D. Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen; she put on a beautiful crimson beret, like Tatyana in Onegin. We went at 9 1/2 o'clock. **The ball** began with a **mazurka** figure performed by 8 couples - very good. The ball was very lively; the ladies had different hairstyles.

Dined with Comrade Mikhen. The dances dragged on until 3 1/4. We happily returned home and to bed.

*3rd February. Saturday.*

We slept for a long time and got up with some difficulty. The day was sunny at -10 ° C. We had breakfast alone. Received a lot of telegrams from Bulgaria. We ran on the rink until 4 1/2. We drank tea at our place. Was reading. At 7 1/2 o'clock we went to dinner at Anichkov, and then to the French. theater where "Cabotins" was given. Long piece, returned home at 12 1/2 o'clock.

*4th February. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to Anichkov for mass and had breakfast with Mama. Then they hurried to the **ballet**. They gave a combined performance, where all the best ballerinas, for the last time before the post, differed with their characteristic skill.

We drank tea in Anichkovo and came to our darling's bath.

Was reading. We dined with Obolensky (dezh.) And at 8 o'clock went to the opera. "**Romeo**" was walking with new singers - very well. The music is lovely; reminded me of a performance in London with the Reschke brothers! We returned home by 12 noon.

*February 5th. Great post.*

At 10 1/2 o'clock I had a report by D. Alexei. They began to fast; the morning service was at the Small Church.

Then the whole family had breakfast with us. At 1 1/2 he received Ermolov. Let's go to the skating rink in Anichkov. It was a lovely day, but a desperate wind was blowing. We drank tea at our place. Was reading. At 7 o'clock we went to Anichkov for service. We spent the evening with Mom until 11 o'clock. I read a lot.

*February 6th. Tuesday.*

Got up early; while reading, I heard music and saw the entire Semyonovsky regiment going to the Palace [new] bridge - probably for a walk. All the young soldiers followed with guns. Before the service he received Vannovsky. We had breakfast at Xenia's and Sandro's with Georgy (dezh.). Had a report by Lobanov. Taking advantage of the wonderful sunny weather, we went for a drive around the islands. The air was clean. I played at the rink. Elena Sh [eremeteva] drank tea with us; showed her all our rooms. Was reading. At 7 o'clock we went to Anichkov to church and dined with v. Misha.

*7th February. Wednesday.*

As yesterday the Semyonovsky regiment passed by the windows, so today at the same time the Izmailovsky p. Passed by. Muravyov's report was at 10 1/2. Then came D. Misha; he stayed for the Presanctified Mass and for breakfast. We examined the paintings of Aivazovsky, exhibited by him, at our request, in the White Hall. We visited poor Sergei, a cat. lies almost a month, twisted with rheumatism in all joints! We played at the rink and returned home for tea. Was reading. At 7 o'clock we went to Anichkov for the service and dined with D. Pavel. We drank tea with Mom.

*February 8th. Thursday.*

After hours we had breakfast at Xenia and Sandro's. At 2 o'clock we went to an academic exhibition, where each of us bought a painting. We played, as always, at the rink. We drank tea at home. After a bath, little tatal. At 7 o'clock we went to Anichkov for service. Dined and spent the evening with Mom.

*February 9th. Friday.*

In the morning I had to read a lot, fortunately, I managed to do everything before the report. Took Kutuzov, cat. yesterday I returned from Bulgaria from the christening of Boris. After mass we had breakfast with him; he

talked a lot about his stay in Sofia. At 3 o'clock, the two of us went to the Alexander Nevsky Lavra, where they venerated the relics. After a walk in Anichkov, we went to the fortress to an expensive grave.

We returned home for tea. Was reading. At 6 1/2 we went to Anichkov for service with akathist. Dined with D. Pavel. We arrived home at 10 o'clock. and confessed in the bedroom. We drank tea with Yanishev.

*February 10th. Saturday.*

We went to Anichkov earlier than 9 o'clock. and all of them communed the Holy Mysteries. We drank coffee downstairs at Mom's. We returned to Zimny by 11 o'clock. I read before breakfast, the cat. filed at 12 1/2 o'clock. Visited a traveling exhibition where Alix and I bought two paintings each. We played balls at the rink. Frost was [o] 6 °; the day was sunny. We drank tea at our place. At 7 o'clock. went again to Anichkov for the all-night vigil. We stayed with Mom until 10 1/2 o'clock.

*February 11th. Sunday.*

After reading the usual morning report and the military order, we went to Anichkov for mass and breakfast. I must confess that I pounced on fast food with great pleasure! At 2 o'clock we went to see Comrade Sani - she returned from abroad the third day. From her we went to Sergei. We drank tea with D. Pavel. We had dinner earlier and at 8 o'clock we went to the Assembly of the Nobility for a patriotic concert. After sitting in the first department, they waved to the French. theatre. They gave two funny pieces - "Il ne faut jurer de rien" and "La poudre aux yeux". We were at home at 12 1/4 o'clock. We had a snack together.

*February 12th. Monday.*

We got up early, so I had a free morning. After the report of D. Alexei was received by gr. Shuvalov and Orzhevsky. We had breakfast alone, but D. Vladimir was present. We went to the Academy of Sciences for an exhibition of the St. Petersburg art circle. Bought according to the painting.

Let's go to Anichkov. We played at the rink. The day was clear. We drank tea with Mom. I read a lot and for a long time. We dined together at 8 o'clock and then walked around all three internal guards - from military schools. Originally in semi-dark halls. We chose things from my collection to decorate rooms. It was pleasant to spend the evening strolling through the palace; once again examined the paintings of Aivazovsky.

*February 13th. Tuesday.*

We got up early, according to a new beneficent habit. I managed to read a lot. Received A. N. Sturler on the occasion of the Leib-ulan holiday. We had breakfast with Lobanov and Werder. At 2 1/4 we went to the **Mikhailovsky Artillery School**. Uncle Misha and Demyanenko arrived at the beginning of our tour of the building, and Sophiano at the very end. We listened to the singing of the cadets - a very good choir. We left at 4 o'clock to Anichkov. We played at the rink and drank tea with Mom. After the bath I read my daughter until 8 o'clock. We dined alone. Again the guards bypassed, since the cadets of the Pavlovsk school were standing at the church. Stuck in my collection and dragged a ton of things into their rooms.

*February 14th. Wednesday.*

There were Pobedonostsev and Muravyov. He received a lot of people in groups in the billiard room.

Breakfast: D. Misha and Prince Bourbonskin, enlisted as a cornet in the 24th Lubensky Drag. regiment. He zaitra drives off to the place of service. At 3 o'clock we went to Anichkov. It was wonderful on the skating rink, the sun starts to warm up sensitively. After tea, Mama read. We had dinner at 7 o'clock. We went to the German theater. They gave two plays "Der Dornenweg" and "Militarfromm". We were at home at 11 3/4 o'clock.

*February 15th. Thursday.*

In the morning after reading, I fiddled with some of the things that I had arranged in the reception room. Had three ponderous reports. We had breakfast alone. We went to the school of drawing at the Society for the Encouragement of Arts. We examined all the classes from top to bottom. It's nice to see how the art of teaching drawing is put in it. There was a terrible crush on the way out. We ran on the rink until 4 1/2 o'clock. We drank tea at our place. After a little bath I read. Dined at Mom's; spent the whole evening with her.

*February 16th. Friday.*

Gray day with wind and snow. After the reports I accepted. We had breakfast together and visited Sergei. We played at the rink. My Iman cut his paw pretty hard. We drank tea at Mama's with D. Misha. Was reading. After lunch, they walked around the guards from the Cossack hundreds of the Nikolaev cavalry school and the Konstantinovsky artillery school. Stuck in my collection again and inspected the items selected for donation to the Academy of Sciences.

*February 17th. Saturday.*

Yesterday I learned that Cherevin had an inflammation of the lung; today it spread to both lungs and in the evening the situation became dangerous. I don't want to believe in a bad outcome. After the reports, we had breakfast with Mitya (dezh.). We went to Anichkov for a walk and tea with Mom. We had dinner at 7 1/2 o'clock. We went to the French theater - the play "Le filleul de Pornpignac" was going on. We returned home at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*February 18th. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock we went to Anichkov for mass and breakfast. At 2 o'clock, the four of us with Mama and Ksenia went to the fortress for the requiem for Nikolai Pavlovich and Alexei Mikhailovich \*. After riding, we returned to Anichkov for a walk. We drank tea and read together; the first time the evening was free. Dined with the family at Mom's. We visited Cherevin, a cat. just fell asleep for half an hour. He has a lot of sweat - a good sign! We spent the rest of the evening with Xenia and Sandro.

\* Memorial service for the Russian tsars: Nicholas I, Alexei Mikhailovich.

*19th February. Monday.*

Today has begun sadly. At 9 1/2 I went to visit **Cherevin**; in the morning he felt much worse and all hope was gone. He **died** quietly in my presence, and within a few minutes he spoke to me. Inexpressibly sorry for him; it's hard to lose such a loyal and honest friend. I went with Mom to Anichkov - and so sorry for her! Returned to the Winter Palace for reports. At 12 o'clock. went to see the changing of the guard at the Great Church. The midshipmen with Kirill interceded for the detachment, un.-of.

We had breakfast and dinner with George (dezh.) .. At 3 o'clock we gathered for a memorial service for P. A. Cherevina. We were in the garden and drank tea at Mom's. Was reading. In the evening we went around the guard and chose more things from the collection.

*20th February. Tuesday.*

I read a lot in the morning. The thaw has begun. After the reports, they had breakfast earlier than usual, since a memorial service for Cherevina was appointed at 2 o'clock. From there we went to Anichkov; played at the rink. We returned home for tea. I had D. Vladimir with a report. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined with Mama and M-elle de l'Escailles. We spent the evening until 11 1/4 o'clock.

*February 21st. Wednesday.*

During our breakfast they bring our sweetheart to Alix; after feeding her, they put her on the sofa and here she begins to express a desire to speak and to make various drawn-out sounds with her lips. After Muravyov's presentation and reception, he played two games of the pyramid with Obolensky (dezh.) To update the billiard. We had breakfast with D. Misha and with him. Visited the **Nikolaev Engineering School**; for the first time visited the Engineering Castle. The cadets were escorted to the circus by the sleigh. The weather was wonderful - real spring. We drank tea at Mom's and returned to the daughter's bath. After lunch we went to "[Un] Conseil judiciaire", once again we had a good laugh at it.

*February 22nd. Thursday.*

Warm weather continues; the snow on the streets has almost completely melted. After the reports, we had breakfast alone. Let's go to Sergei, who is lying again. We walked around the garden because there was a lot of water on the rink. After tea with Mom, the daughters returned to the bath. I read until 7 o'clock.

After dinner we went to the Alexander [insky] theater; gave "Gluck im Winkel". Bypassed the guards; the pages stood.

*February 23rd. Friday.*

In the morning I read with amazement telegrams about the defeat of the Italians by the Abyssinians; the latter unleashed their 15,000-strong army! [\[111\]](#) accepted after the reports. We had breakfast with the village of Alexei. Let's go to say goodbye to Eugene and Zina. We played successfully at the rink. We returned home after tea at Mom's. We had dinner at 7 o'clock. Let's go listen to "The Death of Faust" by Berlioz. The execution is impeccable, only the thing is lasting!

*February 24th. Saturday.*

There were no reports due to Vannovsky's illness, as well as on the occasion of Cherevin's funeral service. By 12 o'clock we arrived at the Kavalergardskaya church, from where, at the end of the service, went on foot for the body to the Nikolaev station. At night, the body was to be taken to the Kostroma province, to his family estate. I returned home at about 2 o'clock. We had breakfast together. We played at the rink and drank tea at our place.

At 7 o'clock. went to Anichkov for the all-night vigil. We dined with Ksenia and Sandro and spent the evening with Mom.

*February 25th. Sunday.*

We got up, as always, at 8 1/4 o'clock. I read it. At 11 o'clock we went to Anichkov for mass and breakfast. Then at 2 o'clock we went to the Mikhailov [sky] Manege for the concour hippique \*; after sitting for an hour and a half, we returned to the rink. We drank tea at our place. We dined with Ksenia and Sandro with Mama, Misha, D. Misha, D. Pavel and Georgy. Spent the evening together until 11 1/2 o'clock.

\* *Equestrian competition* [fr. ].

*February 26th. Monday.*

Happy and bright before, the birthday of the unforgettable dear Dad. After Chikhachov's report, we drove off at 11 o'clock. to the fortress for the funeral liturgy. Mom had breakfast with us with others. We showed both daughters to each other \*. At 3 o'clock we went to Anichkov to the skating rink and then drank teas with Mama. I had to read a lot. The three of us dined with Meindorf (doge) and spent the evening at home.

\* We are talking about Olga Nikolaevna, daughter of Nicholas II, and Irina Aleksandrovna, his niece, daughter of Grand Duke Xenia Alexandrovna and V. book Alexander Mikhailovich.



*February 27th. Tuesday.*

Received Richter at 10 o'clock, then Gurko and finally Lobanov, with whom we had breakfast. Michen also. We went at 3 o'clock to Anichkov to the skating rink. The day was bright with 3 ° frost in the shade. After tea at Mom's, the daughters returned to the bath. She was weighed, and it turned out to be 18 pounds. and a half. I read until 7 1/2 o'clock. Dined with Sergei - at last he was on his feet. At 9 o'clock I started a meeting of the Historical Society, which lasted until 11 1/4 o'clock. Dubrovin, Bestuzhev-Ryumin and Marten each made very interesting reports.

*February 28th. Wednesday.*

After the reports Muravyov and Den were received. We had breakfast with Uncle Misha and gr. P. A. Shuvalov. We played at the rink; the weather was good. We drank tea with Mom. Was reading. We dined together and at 8 o'clock Alix took him to German, and he himself went to the French. theatre. They gave a hilarious play "L'hotel du libre echange". Sat with George and D. Vladimir; laughed terribly! Returning home, he found Alix at home.

*February 29th. Thursday.*

I read for a long time in the morning. The weather was gray and freezing with a decent wind. We had breakfast alone. At 2 1/4 we went to the Aleksandrovsky kad. frame. Some of the boys, unfortunately, were sent home, the rest were fasting and confessing. Having gone around the whole building, we went to Anichkov to the skating rink. We drank tea with Mom. At 7 1/2 we dined with Kostya and Mavra. Returned home at 10 1/4. We read it.

*1st March. Friday.*

Already 15 years have passed since that terrible event. For dear Alix, this is also a sad day, because her father passed away 4 years ago! There were the usual talks and a small reception. We had breakfast with Ksenia and Sandro (dezh.). At 2 o'clock we all gathered in the fortress for a memorial service. From there we went to the skating rink. The weather was disgusting: a piercing wind blew with snow. We drank tea at Mom's. She dined with us and spent the evening until 11 1/2 o'clock. Misha, Sandro and I played billiards.

*2nd March. Saturday.*

Received Lomen; Vannovsky still does not leave, and Pobedonostsev was in his place.

We had breakfast with Mitya (dezh.). They showed him our daughter. At 3 o'clock we went to Anichkov. It was freezing and the day was gray. I read it, after tea with us. Dined at 7 1/2 at Mom's and then went to the French. theatre. They gave "Les idees de M-me Aubray". We returned home at 11 1/4 o'clock.

*3rd March. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock we went to Anichkov for lunch and breakfast. At 2 o'clock visited the concurs hippique. We did not run at the rink for long. It was snowing. We drank tea at our place. After the bath I read my daughter. Then he slept a little on the couch. At 3 o'clock we all dined together with Ksenia and Sandro. We were playing a new American game - roulette racing.

*4th of March. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock he received Plehve, then Chikhachov, Kulomzin and Kuropatkin. The three of us had breakfast with Georgy (dezh.). At 2 o'clock we went to the white room, where Dr. Pyasetsky showed his unfolding panorama, perfectly executed, of his entire journey with Kuropatkin from Anzeli on the Caspian Sea to Tehran, last year. We went to Anichkov and played 10 balls at a time. We drank tea with Mom. I read a lot. After dinner we went to the theater; there was a funny play "Nachruhm". We were home early and had a snack.

*5th March. Tuesday.*

In the morning we looked out of the window at the Preobrazhensky regiment passing by, making a military walk. After the reports, we had breakfast with Lobanov. We stopped at the village of Pavel. We played at the rink and drank tea with Mom. At 8 o'clock. dined in Anichkov. I went to the French. theatre. We were given "Le rempasant".

*6th March. Wednesday.*

Before the lecture, Zhorzhaks was with me. After Muravyov, he received a lot of people. Breakfast: D. Misha and Obolensky (dezh.).

At 2 o'clock I had a meeting of the joint presence of the Siberian Committee and the Department of Economy. It ended at 3 3/4 and then we hurried to Anichkov to the skating rink. After tea I read it.

At 8 1/2 we went to the theater. There was a good play "Blanchette".

*7th March. Thursday.*

Sipyagin's report was not there, I had to read it myself. Werder Bremen had breakfast, who is leaving tomorrow.

Pasetti filmed a group of three of us - Alix, my daughter and me downstairs in the nursery. We went to Anichkov in due time; walked around the garden, because there was water on the rink. We drank teas with Mom. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. near the village of Misha; stayed with him until 10 1/2 o'clock. Then they returned home.

*8th March. Friday.*

It rained all night and lasted until noon. Darkness in the morning! reminiscent of November gloom. We had breakfast with George; he leaves for Greece tomorrow. Sandro and four old comrades - Vanya, Kira, Dmitry and Tolya - brought me a fold in memory of the wedding. Let's go to Anichkov; the walk was pretty wet. After tea at Mom's, the daughters returned to the bath. Was reading. We dined together; at 9 o'clock. I went to the theater alone, since the play was easy; gave "Le Paradis", laughed a lot.

*March 9th. Saturday.*

Yesterday evening I learned about the death of General-Assistant. Suppository for pneumonia! In the morning I read and wrote. I had a report by Vannovsky after a two-week break. After breakfast we went to the funeral service for Svechin. The weather was warm and sunny, we had a great time with the balls on the rink. We returned home for tea. At 5 1/2, our daughter was vaccinated with smallpox. I read a lot. We dined in Anichkov. At 9 o'clock. went to the theater; there was a funny play "Tep Toupinel", very funny.

*March 10th. Sunday.*

From that day on, our daughter put on short dresses! At 11 o'clock. went to Anichkov for lunch and breakfast. They examined my old images and old things stored in the "service set" - I took most of them to my Winter Palace. We did not walk for long, because the weather was wet and boring. We returned home by 4 o'clock. After tea I read for a long time. At 8 o'clock there was a family dinner at Mom's; spent the whole evening in Anichkov.

*March 11th. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock. there was a report by one Chikhachov. At 11 1/2 I went to Anichkov and from there with Mama to St. Sergius Cathedral for Svechin's funeral service. I returned home by one o'clock; Ella arrived for breakfast,

dd. Sergey and Pavel. Again we looked at the panorama of Pyasetsky and listened to an interesting report about the entire Trans-Caspian railway. did not walk long in Anichkov.

After tea at Mom's, we returned to our place. I had to read a whole bunch of papers. At 8 o'clock. dined with Mom alone in the family. Late in the evening the guards went around; Boris stood with Nikol [aevsky] Kaval. learned.

*March 12th. Tuesday.*

After Vannovsky's report went with Alix to Anichkov, where they spent about half an hour with Mama. They escorted her to the station: she left with Misha and Olga for Nice to see George. We had breakfast with Ella and others. After riding, we went to Anichkov to play balls. It was a wonderful day. After tea I read it. We had lunch at 7 o'clock and once again went to see "Ten Toupinel".

*March 13th. Wednesday.*

Tiring day; I had to read a lot and accept and talk with a large number of people. We had breakfast with the same and D. Misha. After riding, we went to Anichkov to play on the melting ice rink. We had dinner at 7 o'clock. near the village of Pavel.

We went to the theater; were given by "Liebelei" and "Untreu". We returned home late.

*March 14th. Thursday.*

Warm gray day. The Neva starts to turn blue; the crossing is already closed. I took a lot of reports for a long time. We had breakfast like yesterday and also with Ksenia and Sandro (dezh.). We played at the skating rink, walked in the garden and skated. After tea I read it. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. and went to the Mariinsky Theater for the Invalid Concert [\[2\]](#). Returning home, they walked around the guards - the Sea Cadet, and the Cossack hundred N.K.

*March 15th. Friday.*

Had reports: Witte and Rennenkampf, reception and lengthy conversations with Sheremetev and gr. Ignatiev. We had breakfast like yesterday. At 3 1/2 we went for a drive and worked in the garden. They drank tea with me. At 7 1/4 we dined at the village of Pavel with the village of Sergei and Ella. We examined his Church. After that, they left for Moscow. After driving around the city, we returned home at 9 1/2 o'clock.

*March 16th. Saturday.*

It was frosty at night and the day stood clear with a cold wind. We had breakfast with Obolensky (dezh.). We played with Ksenia and Sandro at the rink. Drank tea with D. Vladimir; poor Alix had a headache. At 7 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil and received some willows. The three of us had dinner and then played billiards with Koteya Obolensky.

*March 17th. Sunday.*

It was freezing all day, which is very boring after two weeks of warm weather! After mass we had breakfast with the ladies, Kotey and Vanya (dezh.). Was reading. At 2 1/2 we went to Anichkov and walked in the garden. A strong wind blew, clogging up the eyes with dust. After tea I attended my daughter's bath. She poor did not sleep at all at night, because smallpox had taken root on her arm and she is very worried! Mama wrote. At 7 1/2 we dined with Ksenia and Sandro with D. Misha; playing roulette - horse racing - an American fiction.

*March 18th. Monday.*

Chikhachov's report began at 10 o'clock. Durnovo was after him, so that by 11 1/2 you could go to the Presanctified Mass. We had breakfast at Xenia and Sandro's. At one time we went to Anichkov; dug tunnels in the snow again. It was frosty. The first courier was sent to Tyurbi. Was reading. At 7 o'clock we went to church. We dined with Ksenia and the three of us spent the evening.

*19th March. Tuesday.*

I got up with a headache for some unknown reason. Before mass received Vannovsky and Lobanov with reports. We had breakfast at Xenia's and Sandro's with Meindorf (dezh.). The weather was a little warmer, but the frost still continued. In the garden in Anichkov there were three of us with Sandro. After tea I read and then fell asleep for half an hour. It cheered me up a bit. After vespers, the five of us had dinner. We played 4 hands.

*20th March. Wednesday.*

At 10 o'clock. had a report by Muravyov. We were at Mass and had breakfast at Xenia's and Sandro's with D. Misha. Irina was present lying in the basket. Received two Danish officers who go to the Pamirs, traveling on their own hunt. At 3 1/4 we went to Anichkov, where I again rummaged in the snow. After tea I read it. The vigil was short. Four of us dined. We went around all the internal guards; the pages of the junior special class stood at the church.

*March 21st. Thursday.*

At mass they brought their daughters to St. Communion; ours was completely calm, and Irina shouted a little. We had breakfast downstairs. Had a third report - gr. Vorontsov at 2 o'clock. Edelfeldt finished my portrait for Alix. Let's go to Anichkov's garden. The weather is gradually getting warmer. The 12 Gospel service lasted 1 1/2 hours.

*March 22nd. Great heel \*.*

I finished my reports until 12 noon. We were taking out the shroud and had breakfast with Ksenia and Sandro. Mama wrote. We walked in Anichkov; the weather is cold, all because of the north wind, which blows for a whole week. After tea I saw Ukhtomsky. At 7 o'clock we went to the service; walked around all the halls and corridors of the palace with the shroud. We dined and spent the evening together.

\* Good Friday is the last Friday before Easter.

*March 23rd. Holy Saturday.*

At 11 1/2 we went to mass, after the cat. had breakfast at Xenia's. She is not entirely healthy and will not go out for matins, which is a pity! Disassembled porcelain and glass eggs with Benckendorff. We walked in the garden. The evening was free: I read a lot. After our lunch, D. Misha flew in to announce the good news about the engagement of Georgy and Minnie! He answered a lot of telegrams.

At 11 3/4 o'clock we set off for the Big Church. Before mass, he was christened with 288 people. At 2 1/2 they returned to Malachitovaya and here they continued to pour in.

*March 24th. Bright Resurrection.*

We went to bed about 4 o'clock. in the morning, when dawn was already breaking. Slept until 8 1/2. The morning was finally free - no papers. At 11 1/2 o'clock. Christianization began with all the people in Malachitova; nearly 500 people received eggs. We had breakfast alone. We went on family visits, visited Comrade Sani. After driving along the embankment, we returned home for tea. After the bath I read my daughter. At 7 1/4 we went to Vespers; then we dined with Xenia and Sandro with D. Misha. We gave her our gifts. We rode again to get some air.

*March 25th. Monday.*

The day in the morning was wonderful and comparatively warm. At 10 1/2 we went to mass, congratulated Xenia and then went to the Horse Guards Manege; Alix is with her, and I am with Sandro. After the moleben, the regiment went through two excellent ceremonies. m. Then the standards were carried and, as usual, they entered the premises of the Life Squadron, where everyone and everything was drunk.

Returning home, we had a snack and sat down to breakfast at the Concertnaya. At the end of the conversation in the Rotunda, I appointed Valya Dolgoruky as an aide-de-camp!

At 3 1/2 o'clock we went for a drive; walked in Anichkov. After tea I read and wrote. At 8 1/2 went to the French. theatre. They gave a new play "Grosse fortune".

*March 26th. Tuesday.*

There were the usual talks. We had breakfast at 12 1/4 o'clock because Alix went to a patriotic concert at one o'clock. She returned at exactly 2 o'clock by the time of the great Christian celebration in the Concertnaya with all the sergeants, sergeants and Easter guards. Very soon we finished this procedure and, having changed our clothes, went to Anichkov.

The weather is getting better; sat in his office with an open window! After the walk we rode. I read it until lunchtime. At 9 1/2 we went for a ride again. Returning home, we saw a wonderful bright shooting star!

*March 27th. Wednesday.*

After Muravyov's report, there was the last Christian ceremony with the volost elders and schismatics. We had breakfast in Malakhitovaya on the occasion of Anapa's birthday, with music. After that I had to review all the maps of the General Staff and also the naval hydrographic work, which took two hours and a half. I rode a little with Alix, the weather was excellent, the people and the crews were overwhelmed. Was reading. We had lunch at 7 o'clock with Kotey (dezh.). Let's go to Aida.

*March 28th. Thursday.*

The day was gray; had only two reports: Sipyagin and Vorontsov. We had breakfast and dinner alone.

They sent the second courier to Mom. It was snowing, there was a decent slush, nevertheless we walked in Anichkov. Was reading. In the evening we drove through the city; it became cold and foggy.

*March 29th. Friday.*

I read a lot in the morning and accepted them after the reports. S. Dolgoruky and Meindorf (dezh.) Had breakfast. The new British ambassador O Conor introduced himself to us. At 3 o'clock we went to the islands and walked on Elagin. After lunch we went to the theater. There was a great play "**Friends-Friends**".

*March 30th. Saturday.*

The day was clear and warm; The Neva opened 27 versts from the source. Took from 10 hours to an hour. We had breakfast with Mitya (dezh.). We rode around the city and walked in Anichkov. We drank tea with D. Pavel. After lunch we went to the French. the theater where the funny play "Gavant, Minard et C<sup>o</sup>" was performed. Returned home at 11 1/2.

*March 31st. Sunday.*

I read it in the morning. I looked at the ice floes that floated from above and overlapped one another, because the bridge interfered with them. At 11 o'clock we went to mass and had breakfast at Malakhitovaya at 4 tables. We rode on the islands and walked in Anichkov. After tea I read it. We had dinner at 7 o'clock and went to the wonderful "**Coppelia**". At 11 o'clock we were at home.

*1st April. Monday.*

From 10 o'clock to 11 1/2 he received Chikhachov and Dena. Finally, the first courier from Mama arrived with letters. We had breakfast together. We rode and walked in Anichkov. The weather was good, but cloudy. Ksenia brought Irina to our little bath. She weighs the same 20 1/2 pounds, but our daughter is fatter! Was reading. We dined with D. Misha at Xenia's and Sandro's, on the occasion of the latter's birthday. In the evening we rode a little.

*2nd April. Tuesday*

After coffee, Alix sat in the corner window and looked at the good ice drift. Vannovsky's report began with an examination of the plans of the fortresses and the work carried out in them. We had breakfast with Comrade Mikhen\_i Lobanov. We said goodbye to her; she leaves for Coburg for Sandra's wedding. At 2 1/2 we went to a handicraft school and then to a vocational school, which we examined in detail. We arrived at Anichkov at 4 1/2 for a short walk. Was reading. We had lunch at 7 o'clock. We went to listen to the opera "**Dubrovsky**" by Napravnik. Beautiful thing! We returned home at 12 noon.

*3rd April. Wednesday.*

Navigation finally opened: at 11 o'clock. In the morning the commandant moved in a boat across the Neva, and then many steamers and skiffs sailed. First time I saw this ceremony!

There was a big reception - 34 people. We had breakfast with the village of Misha. | We visited the Count and Countess of the Stroganovs; examined their entire cozy house. We walked in Anichkov for the last time. The weather was warm: 8 ° in the shade. We drank tea with D. Pavel and Masha Vasilchikova. He's also going to Coburg tomorrow. After lunch we went to the Mikhailov [sky] theater, where they gave an excellent play "**Over the Edge**".

*4th April. Thursday.*

Gray foggy day. In the morning, the last things from the table disappeared into the chest; although there were a lot of photographs and objects in the rooms. After the usual three reports, we had breakfast together. Xenia and Sandra came to say goodbye. With some sadness they left our rooms,

but not the city. At 3 o'clock we went on our own new train to the lovely **Tsarskoe Selo**. My daughter was not at all afraid of the sound of wheels. We arrived at the Aleksandrov [sky] house. with the rain. Now I started to figure it out. Some improvements have been made in the office, which greatly adorned it. We drank tea in the mauve room. I read until 8 o'clock. We dined together and played with 4 hands.

*5th April. Friday.*

Snow fell at night, but during the day it melted. From 10 - 11 o'clock walked in the park; haven't enjoyed a morning walk for a long time! After the reports he received a few. Breakfast: Katusya Vasilchikova and Kotya Obolensky (dezh.). We went to Pavlovsk with the dogs, where I walked. The roads were relatively clean. We drank tea in the mauve room. I read and wrote together. We dined with Obolensky.

*6th April. Saturday.*

At 9 1/2 I climbed out with Alix into the garden; walked by a large lake. I had only one report from Vannovsky. We had breakfast together. Made another good walk. At 4 1/2 Ferdinand Coburgsky arrived, whom we treated to tea. I

saw him for the last time in 1883, he got fat and lost his beard! At 6 o'clock he was taken back to St. Petersburg. Was reading. The three of us dined with Maria Mikhailovna Golitsyna.

*April 7th. Sunday.*

I woke up with a great day, which I took advantage of to take a good walk until 11 o'clock. After mass breakfast was held, **as before** with all the officers and with music, a cat. played near the mountain. He worked on the Children's Island in the snow. At 4 1/2 went to the city. At 6 o'clock. gave a big dinner to Ferdinand and his retinue in the Concert Hall. Then we went to the ballet; he also went to the theater. The **Sleeping Beauty was on.**

We left back at 11 3/4 o'clock; it was a wonderful moonlit night.

*April 8th. Monday.*

A really wonderful day. Two years of our engagement.

In the morning I walked and worked in the garden. Had reports: Chikhachova and Kulomzin. We had breakfast with Ksenia and Sandro (dezh.). I also received Delyanov. Did a nice walk for four; **the daughter was taken out for the first time.** We sat on the island and basked in the sun. I read from 5 1/2 to 8 o'clock. Four of us dined and spent the evening.

*April 9th. Tuesday.*

An even better day than yesterday.

I walked with Ksenia and Sandro for more than an hour. After the lectures, Ferdinand had breakfast with us, as well as Prince. Lobanov. He received Vladimir I step. I also took Dena and at 3 o'clock went with Alix to Babolovo, where we walked through the water supply and found the first yellow flowers. After tea, the Daughter was weighed, she now has 21 pounds. 16 angry. Was reading. We dined together and then had a great ride.

*April 10th. Wednesday.*

Walked in the morning; the weather is good, although a little fresher than yesterday's. At 11 1/4 we went to St. Petersburg to the village of Vladimir for breakfast on the occasion of his birthday. There they finally said goodbye to Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

In Winter he received Muravyov and Pratasov; while Alix, for her part, received the ladies. At 3 1/4 they returned to Tsarskoe. We walked together for an hour and a half. My daughter went for a ride.

I had a headache. The three of us dined with Meindorf (dezh.).

*April 11th. Thursday.*

Gray rainy day. We walked together and heard from afar the rehearsal of the shooters for their holiday. There were three usual talks. We had breakfast with Comrade Eugenia and Petya; she just arrived from France. Together we went to Babolovo; there we got out of the carriage and walked home along the water supply. Walking along it, they looked for blue flowers. After tea, the daughter was bathed for the first time in a large bath. I read a lot. We dined and spent the evening quietly at home.

*April 12th. Friday.*

The weather was bad. During the walk we went into the Big Courtyard. and looked out of the windows at the rehearsal of the parade of rifle battalions. After the reports, I received quite a few faces. We had breakfast together. We took a walk yesterday and collected a lot of blue flowers. I read and wrote all evening. Uncle Pavel returned from Coburg and dined with us. He told the details of the wedding \* and in general about his stay.

\* This refers to the wedding of Sandra-Saxe-Coburg-Gotha Alexandra and His Serene Highness Prince Ernst Hohenlohe.

*April 13th. Saturday.*

Walked a little in the morning. At 11 1/4 we drove to the city directly to the Draw ground, where they were lined up: the Leib-Grenadiers and the Uralipl. The parade was very good in terms of the weather too. We had breakfast in the Concert Hall and talked in the Rotunda. Then they bored me in every possible way with reports. After 4 I managed to escape and go for a drive. At 5 o'clock we drank tea with Elena. I read until 7 o'clock. We dined with Xenia and Sandro and went to the French. theatre. They gave a funny play "Les invalides du manage". We had a snack on the train on the way back.

*April 14th. Sunday.*

We fell asleep after the theater; went out for a walk only at 10 1/4. Ksenia and Sandro arrived at mass, and D. Alexei for the general breakfast. At 2 1/2, the four of us went to Babolovo, from where we returned home on foot. After tea, Ksenia and Sandro left for the city. I read a lot. We dined together. Ride in the evening; the moon was full and it was pretty cool!

*April 15th. Monday.*

Nice clear and warm day. At 10 1/4, the two of us went to the city, from the station straight to the Winter Palace, where Alix got into a chaise with comrades Mikhen and Ksenia, and I went to Bela. At the Palace. squares were horse batteries and the 1st cavalier, div .; on the embankment to the chapel near the Summer Garden - 2nd kav. division. Having driven through the garden, we drove to the right flank of the infantry in Tsaritsyno Meadow, and here it was necessary to bypass five lines of troops; in the back stood a foot artillery. Ceremony. they all marched perfectly; very beautiful cavalry in full dress uniform! Lookended with a brilliant attack by 10 cavalry regiments! The weather was most favorable for the wonderful spectacle. My spirit always rises when I have not seen the troops for a long time, again looking at them, all at once! There were about 7,000 young soldiers in the ranks. We had breakfast at the Oldenburgskys and stopped at the Winter Palace. At 4 o'clock we returned to Tsarskoe. Rode bike. Was reading. We dined together.

*April 16th. Tuesday.*

It rained all day; what a blessing that not yesterday! Walked alone in the morning. After the reports, we had breakfast with Lobanov and Obolensky (dez.). Mama wrote. At 3 1/2 we went together to the park. Found a few anemones, which is very early, in my opinion. After tea I read until lunchtime. In the evening, we looked through the collection of all the drawings and portraits that were included in the publication of the history of the Nizhny Novgorod regiment.

*April 17th. Wednesday.*

The morning was gray and menacing clouds were walking across the sky, which worried me greatly for the parade. But, fortunately, the weather survived, and only during the prayer service a few drops fell on each of us. The 1st and 2nd rifle battalions and my Don battery took part in the parade. All three parts went well. There was a big breakfast in the same room where the hussar breakfast was taking place. I had a report from Muravyov. We went to Babolovo, where they were picking flowers again, and returned from there on foot. We drank tea with comrade



Mikhen and d. Vladimir. Was reading; traveled on a bicycle. The evening was wonderful. We dined with Xenia and Sandro (dezh.). We rode around the city.

*April 18th. Thursday.*

Warmest day so far. In the morning we walked with Ksenia and Sandro. We examined the Chinese theater with them. The reports lasted until half-past one, which made me look at me. We had breakfast with the princes. M. M. Golitsyna. We rode together in Pavlovsk. Walked and worked on the ice of our pond. After reading, did a nice bike ride with Iman. We dined together at 8 1/2 o'clock.

At one o'clock I went to Gatchina; not reaching the station, I got out into the field and went to the newly arranged capercaillie current. During the morning dawn, he killed **two wood grouses**. Returned to Tsarskoe at 5 1/4 with rain.

*19th April. Friday.*

Got up at 9 o'clock. with a wonderful morning. After reading the files, I went for a walk. After the reports I accepted. Elena Sh [eremeteva] had breakfast. We walked and rode in a launch on the pond, clearing it of ice. After tea I read until 8 o'clock. I saw Ukhtomsky, the cat. brought Li-Hun-Chan \* from Egypt. We dined with Baryatinskaya and Vanya Vorontsov (dezh.). In the evening I received news that the Persian Shah was killed by a shot from a revolver in one of the mosques near Tehran!

\* Li-Hung-Chang (San).

*April 20th. Saturday.*

It was a lovely clear day. We took a short walk together and found a lot of anemones.

After breakfast I took gr. Villagonzalo, a former Spanish envoy now appointed as ambassador here.

We went to Babolovo and from there we walked Home.

We drank tea with D. Pavel.

Ride a bike. We dined with him, Baryatinskaya and Tolya ETsaryatinsky] (dezh.). At 12 1/2 we went to Gatchina for Remiz \* on a black grouse. We sat perfectly together in a hut.

\* Remise (French) - a place, a bush where game is hiding.

*April 21st. Sunday.*

The morning was perfect; about 4 came out of the hut and **10 pieces of** black grouse lay around it . We returned to Tsarskoe at 5 1/2 o'clock. We slept until 9 o'clock. We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. Thanks to the wonderful weather, after eating we went out to smoke and talk on the terrace; music played nearby on the platform in front of the house. Ksenia and Sandro came for a walk and tea. They broke together the last ice floes on the pond. I read and fell asleep between cases. After dinner we went to bed early.

*April 22nd. Monday.*

The day was gray but warm. During his report with Chikhachov, I had a big conversation with him about Sandro's book On Measures to Strengthen Our Fleet in the Pacific Ocean. He refuted his arguments, and I defended them! Then he took gr. Heyden, Ermolov and Kuropatkin. We had breakfast alone. At 2 1/2 o'clock they received the famous Li-Hun-Chjan, with a large retinue. A respectable old man!

We walked in a light rain. After dinner, he presented Alix with personalized things. Ksenia and Sandro arrived for evening tea.

*April 23rd. Tuesday.*

My darling Alix's name day. By the way, the weather was wonderful and the heat was summer. During coffee under the windows of her rooms, our musicians played several things on the horns; Petersburg Leadertafel \* sang eight # # of its own free will.

For the first time he put on the uniform of her Ulan regiment. At 11 o'clock. went to the palace for mass. After the service, congratulations took place with a salary to the hand (steelyard). We had breakfast in the Great Hall. Arriving home, it was necessary to answer the telegrams. At 3 o'clock we went for a walk with Ksenia and Sandro. We drank tea with them, and Comrade Mikhen with D. Vladimir. I read and rode my bike far away. Dined at 8 1/2. I studied until 11 o'clock.

Again we went together to Gatchina on a black grouse. We sat in an old and familiar hut for me. The night was remarkably warm.

\* German singing groups.

*April 24th. Wednesday.*

They did not talk very amicably; nevertheless I killed **8 pieces**. We returned to Tsarskoe at 5 1/2 in the morning. Slept until 9 1/4. I read the papers before the lectures, so the morning walk did not take place!

I took it. Breakfast: Uncle Misha and Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.). Received a new Brazilian envoy. We rode and walked in Babolovo as usual.

After reading the papers, I rode a bicycle. We dined with M. Baryatinskaya and Dmitry. In the evening we still skated.

*April 25th. Thursday.*

Clear and cool day. At 10 1/2 went to the city. Alix had a meeting of the patriotic society, and I had the usual three reports. We had breakfast at Xenia and Sandro's. I accepted Li-Khun-Zhang, who gave me gifts on behalf of Bogdykhan, as well as his own. Then I talked with him for a long time in the office, through the mediation of his son, Lord Lee! We left at 3 1/2 to Tsarskoe. From the station we went for a ride and then walked. The boat and kayak are already in their places, the rabbits are released onto the island. We drank tea with D. Pavel. Was reading. Dined with him.

*April 26th. Friday.*

In the morning we took a walk and rode on the pond. There were reports: Witte, Durnovo and Kulomzin. D. Aleksey had breakfast with us. Had a final explanation with him; he wants to leave the fleet and go along with Chikhachov. Nice position for me!

I rode in a kayak while Alix and Vasilchikova rode together in a boat. After tea I read until 7 1/2. I drove my bike around the park. After lunch we went for a drive in a carriage.

*April 27th. Saturday.*

Cold windy day. After the reports, they had breakfast: Ksenia, D. Misha, Sandro and Georgy, who had just returned from Greece. Then I had a short meeting of the Siberian Committee. The four of us walked and rode a boat on a long pond. After tea I read for a long time. The four of us dined and everyone wrote letters in the evening.

*April 28th. Sunday.*

It was freezing at night - such a disgrace! The day was clear, but windy. At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast with Xenia, Sandro and Albert, five of us. I wrote many letters. We walked together.

After tea I read it. We dined with Msijndorf (dezh.). In the evening I saw Arsenyev about the fact that they want to remove him from the Marine Corps!

*April 29th. Monday. Otsu.*

After the walk, we went to a prayer service in the red drawing-room; warmly thanked God for the salvation sent down to them by the hand of George in Japan! Had three reports: marine, foreign affairs and agriculture. We had breakfast: Comrade Mikhen, Vladimir village, Aleksey and Lobanov. We went to the consecration of an almshouse and an orphanage here in Tsarskoe, arranged by the care of Princess Obolenskaya. We walked together. The weather continues to be cold. We rode a boat. Was reading. An obnoxious nanny, an Englishwoman, left us today; rejoiced that they finally got rid of her! We dined together; I read all evening.

*April 30th. Tuesday.*

Atrocious weather; cold, wind and rain. At 10 1/4 we went to St. Petersburg, directly to the New Admiralty. First was the laying of the gunboat "**Gilyak**" for sailing along the Chinese rivers. Immediately next to another boathouse, the coastal defense battleship "**General-Admiral Apraksin**", enlisted in the Guards crew, was launched. We moved to "Peterhof" and went down to the Baltic plant. Here the cruiser of the 1st rank "**Russia**", the largest vessel so far in our fleet, was launched.

This whopper was rushing remarkably effectively from the slipway; the excitement and anxiety of all were obviously great. We left there in the pouring rain to the village of Alexei, who had a big breakfast with the sailors. At 1 1/2 we left for Winter, where I changed clothes and received Vannovsky and Kaufman. We went to the opening of the magnificent new Stieglitz Museum <sup>[3]</sup>. After a short prayer service, they walked around all the halls, the cat. each is finished in a different style. At 4 o'clock we returned to Tsarskoe and I went for a walk. After tea I studied until lunchtime. I also read all evening.

*1st May. Wednesday.*

The same filthy weather continued today; it often snowed during the day. Received an extraordinary number of talks: Rennenkampf,

Muravyov and Richter. Breakfast: D. Misha, Max and Sergey (dezh.). Thereafter, the reports resumed; there were also Pobedonostsev, Protasov and Prokop. Came out to look completely stupid! After tea I read, and most of all I signed decrees endlessly. We dined with Sergei.

*May 2nd. Thursday.*

At 10 1/4 we went to the city to honor Comrade Mikhen. We arrived at the beginning of the Mass; then there was a big breakfast as usual. Since this was our last visit to St. Petersburg, we went to the fortress to say goodbye to the dear grave, before the ordeal awaiting us in Moscow. We stopped at Zimny, where I had a report from Sipagin. At 3 1/2 we returned to Tsarskoe. Made a great walk. After tea I went upstairs to watch my daughter's bath. Since yesterday, she has a new nanny - Ksenina's sister, with the longest nose, rented until another is found. Mrs. Coster.

We dined with Obolensky (dezh.). In the evening we went for a drive, the weather was clear, but cool.

*3rd May. Friday.*

With disgust I saw the snow through the window, covering the grass and trees with a white shroud. The day was gray and cold; not even March weather! The morning was unoccupied - only regular reports on Fridays. We had breakfast alone. At 2 1/4 we went to film with Levitsky - his son, because the old man is sick. All sorts of photographs were taken: three together with a daughter, together and alone. We must hope that something will succeed out of an hour and a half of torment. He walked and wandered through the forest and swamps. Found the first cousins. I read it until lunchtime. They played four hands and then looked through illustrations and magazines.

*4th May. Saturday.*

The weather began to improve, the sun deigned to look out and warm the nature. Walked in the morning. We had breakfast together. Received Sigi and spoke with him regarding his artwork in Moscow. I made a long walk alone with the dogs - I walked around the entire park around Babolov. Alix skated with Katusya Vasilchikova. The evening was quite decent in terms of the weather. After class I rode a bike. We dined together. I read all evening and finally got over the governor's reports.

*May 5th. Sunday.*

The last day at Tsarskoe. In the morning, we walked together, then continued the walk alone and came under severe hail. There was no dinner, as the clergy and singers had left. Well done and finished simple things. In general, both morning and day were completely free, which had not happened for a long time! We had breakfast together. I walked for a long time while Alix was rolling. After tea we went to church for a parting prayer service. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. and read.

At about 11 o'clock we went to the Aleksandrovskaya station and set off for Moscow. May God grant that this difficult time there will pass smoothly and safely and that the Lord will give us joy to return here! \*

\* The next page of the diary is an insert of a sheet from a notebook with a record of the results of the hunt for September 10, the year is not specified.

*May 6th. Monday.*

The first time after the wedding, we had to sleep separately; very boring! I got up at 9 o'clock. After coffee, answered telegrams; even on the railways, they do not leave alone. There were several deputations and 60 ladies with flowers in Tver. We had breakfast after that. In Klin village Sergey met us. We arrived in Moscow at 5 o'clock. in terrible weather; rain, wind and cold. On the platform we were greeted by the family and the guard of honor of Her Ulan regiment. From there, accompanied by all the cavalry officers, we reached **Petrovsky**. In the courtyard there was a post. car. Leib-Yekaterinoslavsky regiment. The female half of the family was waiting in the front hall of the palace. There was a small prayer service in the rotunda and then everyone left. I felt very tired. The three of us dined with Heinrich. We went to bed early.

*May 7th. Tuesday.*

We woke up with the same bleak weather as yesterday. In the morning I walked for a few minutes in the garden. Had reports: Vannovsky and Lobanov. Received the Emir of Bukhara and Khan Khiva with their retinues. Breakfast: Ernie, Ducky, Victoria, Ludwig, Ella and D. Sergei. We showed them all our daughter. Received a huge retinue of Henry; princes - Baden, Württemberg and Japanese. I read in between.

We learned about the death of Archduke Karl Ludwig, who was supposed to come here. Because of this, the detour of the camp and the dawn with the ceremony were canceled. Uncle Freddy came and settled with us in Petrovsky. Dined with him and the Connaught. Had a nice evening with George and Nicky.

*May 8th. Wednesday.*

Fortunately, the weather began to improve, and from time to time the sun began to show itself - so it immediately became more fun. Had reports: Muravyov, Goremykin and Pobedonostsev. The retinues of the arriving princes continued to receive. We had breakfast with Comrade Marie and her whole family. In the morning I also walked with D. Fredi in the garden. At 4 o'clock we went to meet sweet Mama, who had come from Nice through Petersburg. They are all very tanned. We drank tea and dined en famille \*. I had to read a little, at least now they are compassionate! At 9 o'clock. all their own and foreign names gathered to listen to the serenade, beautifully sung by 1100 people. different choral societies. The evening was wonderful and clear. We drank tea at Mom's with Tino, George, Nicky.

\* Family (French).

*May 9th. Thursday.*

The first difficult day for us is the day of **entering** Moscow. The weather was great. Had a report from Durnovo. By 12 o'clock the whole gang of princes gathered, with whom we sat down to breakfast. At 2 1/2 the procession started smoothly; I was driving Norma. Mom was in the first golden carriage, Alix in the second - also alone. There is nothing to say about the meeting, it was cordial and solemn, which only "can be in Moscow! The kind of troops is wonderful! In the Assumption and Archangel Cathedrals, they applied to the relics. We went into our rooms at 5 o'clock. After drinking tea, we went with Alix to **Alexandria**. I fit in my old room. Walked. We dined together and went around the whole house, which I did not remember at all.

*May 10th. Friday.*

It was a wonderful day, completely summer. Alix began to fast and fast. The three of us walked with Misha and sweated. After mass we went to the Kremlin. We had breakfast with Erni, Ducky and Georgy (dezh.). For a long time they received the embassies at the top: French, American, Spanish, Japanese and Korean, all in large numbers. We saw D. Charles Alexandre and his grandson who had arrived. We returned to Neskuchnoye at about 5 o'clock. After taking a walk, drank tea at Mom's.

At 7 o'clock evening service and family lunch. We parted early.

*May 11th. Saturday.*

After coffee, after tea, we went for a walk with Misha and Olga. The weather was lovely. Had reports: before mass - Vannovsky, and after - Vorontsov. We had breakfast with Mom. We went to the Kremlin, where they again received different princes and then the extraordinary embassies. The reception did not last as long as yesterday; came back earlier than 4 o'clock. There was the first thunderstorm with a refreshing rain! I saw Tino, George and Nicky; drank tea with them. At this time Erni was sitting with Alix.

Was reading. At 7 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil. We dined with D. Misha, D. Fredi, Xenia and Sandro.

*May 12th. Sunday. Trinity day.*

Unfortunately, it started raining from 4 o'clock. morning, so we had to refuse today's church parade. We went to Mass at 10 o'clock, after which there was Vespers with long prayers. At 12 1/2 we went to the city. We had breakfast at home with D. Sergei, Ella, Henry, Erni, Ducky, Victoria and Ludwig; with them because today is Granny's birthday \*. Received Gustav of Sweden and Crown [Prince] of Monaco. At 3 1/2 we went to the Armory,

where the consecration of the State Banner took place. After this ceremony, we returned to Alexandria at 4 1/2 o'clock. The weather had completely recovered. After tea at Mom's, the three of us went with Misha to get some air in the garden. At 7 o'clock there is an all-night vigil. Dined at 8 o'clock and parted early.

\* Granny is a grandmother. Victoria, Queen of England.

*May 13th. Monday.*

We woke up with wonderful weather. Unfortunately, I didn't have time to walk because of the reports of Lobanov and Goremykin. We went to mass at 11 o'clock. We had breakfast with Mama and D. Fredi. We walked with them. They were very sorry to leave Alexandria; exactly at that moment when the weather turned summer and the greenery began to develop rapidly. At 3 1/2 we left for Moscow and settled in the **Kremlin** in our former rooms. I had to accept a whole army of retinues of princes who had run over. At 7 o'clock we went with the whole family to the all-night vigil to "the Savior Behind the Golden Bars". We dined at 8 1/2 at Mom's and went home early. They confessed in the bedroom.

May the merciful Lord God help us, may he back us up tomorrow and bless us for a peaceful working life !!! \*

\* Next, a cross is put.

*May 14th. Tuesday.*

Great, solemn, but difficult, in the moral sense, for Alix, Mom and me, day. From 8 o'clock in the morning they were on their feet; and our procession started only at 1/2 10. The weather was fortunately wonderful; The Red Porch was a radiant sight. All this happened in

**Dormition Cathedral**, although it seems like a real dream, it will not be forgotten for the rest of your life !!! We returned to our place at half past one. At 3 o'clock we went again in the same procession to the Faceted Chamber for the meal. At 4 o'clock everything ended quite well; with a soul filled with gratitude to God, I completely rested afterwards. We dined with Mom, who, fortunately, withstood all this long ordeal perfectly. At 9 o'clock. went to the upper balcony, from where Alix lit an electric illumination on Ivan the Great \* and then the towers and walls of the Kremlin, as well as the opposite embankment and Zamoskvorechye, were illuminated in succession.

We went to bed early.

\* Ivan the Great Bell Tower in the Kremlin.

*May 15th. Wednesday.*

After a good night's sleep, I woke up with a stopping rain. The day is the same as yesterday. At 11 1/2, congratulations began from the clergy, higher institutions, nobility, zemstvos and cities. Beyond expectations, the congratulations ended by breakfast time, two hours earlier than expected. We rested at our place. I received about 300 telegrams yesterday and today! At 7 o'clock. went with all the foreigners to the Faceted Chamber, to dinner for the clergy and persons of the first two classes. The heat was terrible there. We returned back at 9 o'clock. We spent the evening with Mama with the Greeks \* .

\* Apparently, we are talking about the Greek relatives of the reigning family of Constantine I - the king of Greece and his companions.

*May 16th. Thursday.*

The morning was gray again, and the sun was hot in the afternoon. At 11 1/2 o'clock, congratulations began from: the court, retinue, military, Cossack troops and volost elders of Russians and foreigners - lasting up to 3 1/4 hours.

We had breakfast in between, since it would be difficult to endure this long standing in one fell swoop. After drinking tea, everyone drove to Neskuchnoye, where they took a walk with pleasure. The greenery moved forward astonishingly. We returned to the Kremlin at 6 1/2. Dined with Mom. At 9 3/4, the kurtag began - endless walking back and forth through the halls. We went down to our room at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*May 17th. Friday.*

The weather was wonderful all day. The morning was free for the first time! Visited Xenia and Sandro and then Erni and Ducky. We had breakfast at Mom's at 12 1/2 and by 2 o'clock, gathered upstairs to congratulate the ladies. It began with the Grand Duchesses, followed by the maids of honor and then the ladies of the city. This went on for an hour and a quarter. My legs ached a little. At 4 o'clock we went together to Neskuchnoye and walked for about 2 hours. I read it on my way back; telegrams began to stop. Dined at Mom's at 7 1/2. An hour later we went to the Bolshoi Theater for a solemn performance. They gave, as usual, the first and last acts "A Life for the Tsar" \* and a beautiful new ballet "Pearl". It ended at 11.10 am (according to the program).

\* Opera by Glinka M. I. "Ivan Susanin".

*May 18th. Saturday.*

Until now, everything went, thank God, like clockwork, but today a great sin has happened. The crowd that had spent the night on Khodynskoye field, in anticipation of the start of the distribution of lunch and a mug \* , threw themselves on the buildings and then there was a terrible crush, and, it's terrible to add, about 1300 people were trampled! I found out about this at 10 1/2 o'clock before Vannovsky's report; this news left a disgusting impression. At 12 1/2 we had breakfast and then Alix and I went to Khodynka to be present at this sad "folk festival". Actually there was nothing there; looked from the pavilion at the huge crowd that surrounded the stage, on which the music played the hymn and "Glory" all the time.

We moved to Petrovsky, where they received several deputations at the gate and then entered the courtyard. Lunch was served here under four tents for all volost elders. I had to give them a speech, and then to the assembled leaders of the court. Bypassing the tables, we went to the Kremlin. We dined at Mom's at 8 o'clock. We went to the ball at Montebello \*\*. It was very nicely arranged, but the heat was unbearable. After dinner we left at 2 o'clock.

\* Commemorative circles were made for the day of the coronation of Nicholas II.

\*\* Montebello Louis-Gustave - French Ambassador to Russia.

*19th May. Sunday.*

In the morning, the real heat began, which lasted until the evening. At 11 o'clock, went with the family to mass in the Church of the Nativity of the Virgin above. We all had breakfast together. At 2 o'clock Alix and I drove to the Old Catherine Hospital, where we walked around all the barracks and tents in which the unfortunate victims were lying yesterday. We went straight to Alexandria, where we had a good walk. After drinking tea there, we returned back. At 7 o'clock a banquet began for the estate representatives in the Alexandrov hall. Conversations did not last long afterwards. At 9 1/2 o'clock we went together to the village of Sergei; toured their house and drank tea with Victoria, Ludwig and D. Paul.

*May 20th. Monday.*

The day was excellent, only it was very windy and therefore dusty. We went to Mass at the Chudov Monastery; after the prayer service, Kirill took the oath under the banner of the Guards Crew. He was appointed aide-de-camp. There was a family breakfast at the Nicholas Palace. At 3 o'clock I went with Alix to the Mariinsky hospital, where they examined the second largest group of wounded on May 18. There were 3 - 4 severe cases.

Drank tea with D. Arthur and T. Lonischen. Dined with Mom. At 10 1/2 we went to the governor general. ball. After dinner we returned home at 2 1/2 hours.

*May 21st. Tuesday.*

We got up late on a wonderful morning. Had reports: Vannovsky and Lobanov. At 11 1/2 we went together to the Khodynka camp. Near the church were built: a company of the Pavlovsky military. taught., 7th grenadier Samogit regiment, squadron of the Horse-Grenadier p. and 1st dragoon Moscow regiment. After the prayer service, all the parts went well. All the princes were present. We returned to our place at 1 1/2 and had breakfast. At 3 1/4 we went to Alexandria, where they walked and drank tea. Dined at Liechtenstein in Austria. uniforms. At 10 3/4 we went to a ball at the Assembly of the Nobility; the heat was terrible. We didn't stay long and after returning home we had a snack together in the absence of linen.

*May 22nd. Wednesday.*

We got up early and by 9 o'clock everyone gathered at the Yaroslavl station. We went to the Trinity-Sergius Lavra, where we arrived at 11 o'clock.

The Metropolitan met with a procession at the gate and took us to the cathedral. There was Mass, then a prayer service, at the end of which Alix and I laid the cover we had ordered on the shrine of St. Sergius. On the balcony, as always, they sat down to eat the Metropolitan's meal. Having smoked on the wall, we went to the famous sacristy and then in carriages to the skete. Here again there was a treat; because of the heat, they drank a lot of honey. By 4 o'clock we arrived at the station and set off for Moscow with images, offerings and a mass of cypress products. The stuffiness was terrible in the carriage. I studied from 6 am to 8 am. We dined at Mom's and early went to our apartments.

*May 23rd. Thursday.*

It was very hot all day. In the morning I had reports: Muravyov, Vorontsov, Goremykin and Sipyagin. We had breakfast at Mom with Ernie and Ducky. At 2 o'clock we went to the city council, where all the children of the city schools were gathered; they sang the cantata very well to the accompaniment of the Conservatory Orchestra. It was very touching! We returned home at 2 1/2 and soon went to Alexandria.

The sun was burning mercilessly. We drank tea in our Kremlin. Was reading. At 7 o'clock we went for lunch to the British ambassador O'Connor; I was wearing a Scots Grays uniform. At 9 o'clock we returned home. An hour later, the ball began in the Alexander Hall. Dinner was served at 12 1/2 and the ball did not last after 1 1/2 in the morning.

*May 24th. Friday.*

The morning was quite busy, as I had four ministers with reports from 10 1/4 to 1 pm. We had breakfast at Alix's with Heinrich and Friedrich-August of Oldenburg. The heat was amazing! At 2 1/2 we said goodbye to Aliardi, the papal nuncio. Hastily examined the Armory, in the lower halls of which the Japanese prince Fushimi presented us with wonderful beautiful gifts from the emperor and my friend Satsuma.

We went to Alexandria, where I had a great walk in the rain. Narwhal a lot of lilies of the valley for Alix. We returned home at 6 o'clock. I read for a long time. At 8 o'clock we dined at Mom's. In the evening we went to see Radolin for a "musical meeting" and a performance. Barkai played, the cat. We saw in Coburg. Had dinner and returned home at 1 1/2 o'clock.

*May 25th. Saturday.*

The second birthday of dear darling Alix, which she celebrates in Russia. God forbid, there are more such days in our life! Only the family and all the princes went to mass. We had breakfast in the green living room. The heat



seems to be increasing! D. Charles Alexandre sat with me, then I received the Korean ambassador in private, and finally Ferdinand with a deputation of Bulgarians, a cat. brought up a huge album. At 4 o'clock, only two of us managed to leave for Alexandria. Drank tea there after the walk. At 7 o'clock. there was a big dinner at the St. George Hall for diplomats and foreigners.

Fermentation in the family about the investigation, over the cat. Palen appointed! <sup>[4]</sup> Drank tea at Mom's. In the evening everything was settled! We left to spend the night in **Petrovskoe**. The night was wonderful.

*May 26th. Sunday.*

Thank God the last day has come! The weather was perfect and terribly hot. At 11 o'clock I got on a horse, and Alix went into a chaise with Missy and Ducky, and we drove to the troops who were standing about 300 paces from the pavilion opposite Petrovsky. The parade was brilliant in every respect, and I was delighted that all the troops seemed so good in front of the foreigners. Returning to Petrovskoe, they sat down to breakfast, after which they said goodbye to all other people's retinues. On the way to the Kremlin, we met a daughter, a cat. were taken to Ilyinskoe. Again they received the emergency embassies to take them away. At 7 o'clock there was a big dinner for the Moscow authorities and representatives of different classes.

Having changed clothes, we went to the station. and said goodbye to Mom; she went to Gatchino, and we immediately in the opposite direction along Moscow-Brest. f. d. to st. Odintsovo, from where they drove in carriages to **Ilyinsky**. An indescribable joy to get to this nice quiet place! And the main consolation is to know that all these celebrations and ceremonies are over! After drinking tea, we went to bed.

*May 27th. Monday.*

We woke up with a wonderful knowledge that everything was over and now you can live quietly and peacefully for yourself! It hovered all day. After coffee, I went for a walk and explore the immediate surroundings of the house. At 11 o'clock a thanksgiving service was served in the church. We had breakfast in a fairly large company. It was so hot that I didn't feel like walking at all; read Alix aloud. At 5 o'clock came here to live: Comrades Marie, Erni, Ducky and Alfred. We drank tea with them on the balcony during a refreshing thunderstorm. After that we walked with Alix; the air was wonderful and surprisingly fragrant. I went skiing on the Moskva River. We dined at 8 o'clock in a very large company - the Preobrazhentsy came from Moscow: Gartong, Schlitter, Etter and Zeddeler. In the evening, everyone played different games. I'm at billiards with Gadon. We drank tea at 11 o'clock.

*May 28th. Tuesday.*

We slept well and woke up at 9 o'clock. After coffee we walked very little, since Lobanov came to me on a hurry, which required an oral report.

I rode my kayak almost to Usov. Almost 30 people had breakfast together. The heat was also considerable; it was even difficult to read, so I lay down and fell asleep for an hour and a half. At 5 o'clock the family set off in 3 carriages to Usovo, where they examined a cozy new house and drank tea near the village of Pavel. Collected lilacs and lilies of the valley. We had lunch at 8 o'clock and then everyone played.

*May 29th. Wednesday.*

We got up early and at 8 o'clock smoothly mobilized on horseback by a large company, all on Cossack horses, and set off for Arkhangelskoye, where they rode well in the Yusupov forest. Sumarokov himself \* showed us the way. We returned back at 10 o'clock, healthy and completely wet. We drank coffee and tea together in the garden. It is a pity that sweet Alix was not with us! We rode a boat together and watched the bathing of many relatives.

After breakfast I looked through the newspapers. At 4 1/2 we went together to Usovo, where they drank tea. From there I returned home on foot. The evening is normal.

\* Arkhangelskoye - the estate of the Yusupov-Sumarokovs Elston.

*May 30th. Thursday.*

At 8 o'clock. Alix and I went on horseback for the first time.

Did a little walk and came back at 9 1/4; drinking coffee in the garden. We examined the stables and the cowshed. We went on a boat while the others were swimming. After breakfast I was busy with business, because the courier arrived. At 4 1/2 I went with Kostya in a boat and had a great swim with him in the river. After tea we went to the water again and went fishing in different boats; extremely unfortunate. The evening was wonderful. After dinner I played billiards.

*May 31st. Friday.*

At 8 o'clock. again went on horseback with Alix to the other side of the river. We drove around the forest near Usovo, where I made an extra detour separately, and then returned home at 10 o'clock. It was quite hot: 24 ° in the shade. Drank coffee in the garden. At 11 o'clock, several volost elders and village elders of the surrounding areas were received, who brought bread and salt and icons. I read and wrote. After breakfast, I lay on the couch and fell asleep for half an hour. About 5 o'clock Sergey, Kostya, Erni and I went to swim in the boat, it was very fun. After tea I set off with Alix in a new boat quite far up; returned in time for dinner. In the evening there was a general game and fuss, accompanied by desperate screams and shouts of the ladies. Before that, it was raining.

*1st June. Saturday.*

At 8 o'clock. went on horseback from Erny, Ducky and Ludwig across the bridge in the Verigina estate, where they drove perfectly along the old road in a shady forest. Returned home at 10 1/4. It was quite hot, although cooler than the previous days. After breakfast we read and slept. Kostya and Alfred left. At 4 o'clock I went from Yernya in a boat to swim; crossed the river twice ford. A fresh breeze was blowing and the water seemed warmer than the air. Dined at 7 1/2, as by 9 o'clock. were supposed to gather in Arkhangelskoye to the Sumarokovs in their theater. The Italians sang - gave the opera Lalla Rook with Arnoldson. After the performance, we went on foot from their house, from the first terrace of which we looked at a very beautiful fireworks display. We had supper with all those invited and at 2 o'clock left for Ilyinskoe.

Everything was remarkably beautiful and well arranged; this evening reminded me of the old days, when there were feasts and amusements at the landowners!

*2nd June. Sunday.*

We got up late. At 10 o'clock. went to mass; here they serve splendidly and sing very well. Walked in the back of the park. At one o'clock there was a large communal breakfast. I read the papers, since the courier arrived today. Only 15 ° in the shade and it seems to us quite cool. After tea I went to play with others in lawn-tennis \*, for the first time.

We had lunch at 8 o'clock. and then there were general games of running and squealing on the balcony.

\* Tennis (eng.)

*3rd June. Monday.*

Day of the wedding of D. Sergei and Ella. At 8 o'clock. went on horseback with Victoria, Ludwig and Favka Lobanova. The morning was wonderful and cool. We drove through Petrovskoe - the Golitsyn estate. After coffee, I played with others in lawn-tennis until breakfast, and then from 4 to 7 1/2 o'clock. We said goodbye to Ludwig, who was returning to the Mediterranean for the squadron. After lunch, the Romanians played, the same ones that were in

1894 in the summer in Peterhof. Apparently they seduced the whole society with their game and the dancing began in the dining room. He went downstairs to read. We went to bed in due time.

*4th June. Tuesday.*

We played lawn-tennis all morning before breakfast. Then the weather began to deteriorate and at about 4 o'clock it started to rain. We tried to play the same game, but it got too wet. After drinking tea in the garden under the awning, we went home. After lunch, there was a fuss and general running around again.

*June 5th. Wednesday.*

The hot weather came again. From 9 o'clock. I started playing lawn-tennis better than yesterday. After breakfast, shooting from air rifles and pistols. At 4 o'clock again lawn-tennis and tea in the garden. Then the whole community went on different boats along the river. Were caught by a thunderstorm with a downpour, from which everyone was soaked to the bone. In the evening, the usual fuss again.

*June 6th. Thursday.*

At 8 o'clock. went on horseback with Victoria to Usovo, rode in a beautiful forest along the old Zvenigorod road. Returning home, we drank coffee and went to play lawn-tennis - this game has become the main sport of our life here. After breakfast he sat down to read. 13 packages brought by a courier. I was glad that I finished my business in one day. We had dinner at 7 1/2 o'clock and just as that time our whole company went to Arkhangelskoe. We sat in boxes, the whole parterre was decorated with flowers and ferns. They gave two acts of "The Barber of Seville" and the 4th from "Rigoletto". Then we dined at the Sumarokovs' and returned home at about 2 o'clock. Others stayed to dance.

*June 7th. Friday.*

We got up later than usual and drank coffee together. From 10 o'clock in the morning, they began filming with a general group near the entrance, and then with a family separately. We said goodbye to Missy and her husband, they return to their home in Romania. Was reading. After breakfast, everyone rested until 4 1/2. Then lawn-tennis continued until lunchtime. It was a lovely day. In the evening we played charades.

*June 8th. Saturday.*

Today is exactly two years since the happy day that we met in England at Walton! What a carefree life then!

We got up late and after coffee went to lawn-tennis, to the cat. played until one o'clock. It was very stuffy! After breakfast the thunderstorm passed. We rested and read. At 4 1/2 we went up the river and got out on the bank above Usovo. Tea was prepared in the grove from the village of Pavel. We returned home before the second thunderstorm. The evening was spent as usual.

*June 9th. Sunday.*

It rained at night, but by 9 o'clock. the morning began to clear up and the weather became wonderful.

At 10 o'clock we went to mass. We played lawn-tennis before breakfast. After the meal we listened to the singing of liedertafel from Moscow - magnificent and surprisingly harmonious! The courier arrived with a lot of papers. Played 1 [awn] -t [ennis] for 5 1/2 to 7 hours and I read. After dinner, everyone was engaged in a rehearsal for a big charade, which is supposed to be played the other day in the old library! From my name. We parted rather late.

*June 10th. Monday.*

At 8 o'clock. rode on horseback with Ducky. Made a great big walk through Stepanovskoe and Petrovskoe - most of them are forests. Came back at 10 1/4. Drank coffee at lawn-tennis and then took part in this game. We had breakfast at Uncle Pavel's in Usovo, from where I returned home on foot. At 4 o'clock, a rehearsal began in the library. Then tea, as always in the garden, and again l.-t. After dinner they fiddled desperately in the air. The day and evening were wonderful.

*June 11th. Tuesday.*

We slept longer, as no one went on horseback. A whole theatrical wardrobe for live pictures was brought from Moscow - all costumes and wigs were laid out in the garden and immediately tried on. We played lawn-tennis. It was very stuffy. After breakfast I read and wrote. At 4 o'clock I went from Yernya by boat and had a great swim with him. We drank tea in the garden and played l.-t. After lunch we did a rehearsal of "Ombres chinoise" \* on a screen in the library.

The usual fuss under the trees and tea.

\* "Theater of Shadows." (French)

*June 12th. Wednesday.*

At 8 1/4 he set off alone with Alix on horseback. The morning was cool, but the day was hot. We played lawn-tennis. The spouses Kostanda and Belevsky had breakfast, Chital and then rested. At 4 1/2 we went in a line to M-those Verigina in her estate Podushkino. We drank tea in the garden and then looked around the whole house, which is very beautiful. We returned to Ilyinskoe at 6 1/2. After lunch there was a rehearsal of all the pictures in costumes - very good. We were at home at 12 o'clock.

*June 13th. Thursday.*

We slept a little longer. After coffee we went to play lawn-tennis. A courier arrived from St. Petersburg and, fortunately, brought a little. I was busy until 5 o'clock. We drank tea on the terrace, as it was raining. Dined at 7 1/2 to give the charade players time to get dressed. The performance went well and ended at 11 o'clock.

*June 14th. Friday.*

It rained refreshingly all morning. We sat at home and read. After breakfast we played various games on the terrace. Walked alone when the weather improved. After tea, eight of us played lawn-tennis.

We dined at 8 o'clock and then listened to the singing of the Cossacks with Plyaska, which the foreigners really liked.

*June 15th. Saturday.*

Woke up with a wonderful day.

At 8 o'clock. went on horseback to Usovo and rode through the woods near the mill there. After coffee, we played lawn-tennis. I read it during the day. At 4 o'clock I went from Yernya to the sandbank, where I ford across the river, and bathed. After dinner, Aunt Marie left for Tsarskoe. There was a general boat trip on the river. Then they played in the garden and frightened ordinary people with the fat and round figure of the devil, with which Efimovich dressed.

*June 16th. Sunday.*

Today was the perfect day. Unfortunately I had to think about leaving this lovely and quiet place. We were last at Mass in a small church.

Made a nice hike. There was a Sunday breakfast. I was busy with papers until 4 o'clock. I went to swim with Erni. While we were sitting in the water, everyone else went up in boats to Usov, where they then drank tea in the forest. Returned home at 7 1/2. We had dinner at 9 o'clock and dispersed soon.

*June 17th. Monday.*

We got up late again. At 10 o'clock. a prayer service was served at the terrace, with the participation of processions from all the nearby villages, in commemoration of the deliverance from cholera in 1831. The day was surprisingly hot - 22 ° in the shade. After breakfast I read it. At 4 o'clock I swam with Erni. Then everyone was fishing, Alix and I were reading on our balcony. Dined at 9 o'clock and played different games on the terrace.

*June 18th. Tuesday.*

At 8 o'clock. morning went on horseback alone, accompanied by two Cossacks. I drove past Nikolskoe and there I lost my way and wandered for a long time through the forest and in the swamp. He returned through Stepanovskoye at 11 o'clock.

The heat was devastating. At 12 o'clock I went to swim with Yernya. After breakfast I read; there was a strong thunderstorm. We swam for the second time together. We drank tea and managed to play several games in lawn-tennis. Then the thunderstorm passed again. We had lunch at 9 o'clock. and engaged in quiet games.

*19th June. Wednesday.*

At 8 o'clock. rode with Ducky on horseback for Usovo. The weather was hot and windy. We played lawn-tennis. Princess Golitsyna arrived for breakfast with her three daughters from Nikolskoye and Masha Vasilchikova. It rained heavily several times during the day. Swam with Erni. After tea, many began to fish, but we stayed at home to read, because at times it rained. We had lunch at 9 o'clock. and played quieter games.

*June 20th. Thursday.*

Beyond expectation, after a rainy night, a wonderful clear day came. We played lawn-tennis the whole morning, Uncle Sergei filmed us in a group and alone. The other Golitsyns ate breakfast - from Petrovsky. He was busy with the cases brought by the last courier. At 5 o'clock. drank tea in the garden and again played lawn-tennis. Swam with Erni. Others were fishing. Before dinner, Uncle Pavel left for Petersburg. The last time we fiddled on the terrace.

*June 21st. Friday.*

The morning was wonderful, we took advantage of this to play lawn-tennis for a long time for the last time! We had breakfast with the Sumarokovs. The weather finally turned bad, it became cold and it started raining. We all sat together at home.

After tea we said goodbye to everyone and sadly left dear Ilyinskoye! We arrived in **Odintsovo** at 7 o'clock and went to Moscow with D. Sergei and Ella. We parted with them in Moscow and continued on their way alone, with a feeling of complete loneliness. We dined with six of us.

*June 22nd. Saturday.*

We slept again, to the great mutual displeasure, separately! Woke up at 8 1/2. The weather was fine and clear. At 11 o'clock. they drove to St. Petersburg, where the inevitable solemn meeting was arranged: the family, the retinue, the guard of honor of the Novocherkassk regiment and the deputation. We went to the Kazan Cathedral, where

Palladium greeted us with a long word and a short prayer. From there to the fortress and then to the railway. We arrived at **Tsarskoe** at one o'clock to a new station of our own. We had breakfast with Yuri (dezh.). Having figured it out, we went for a walk. We visited Aunt Sanya and drank tea with her. I read until 8 1/2. We dined together and, according to the old habit, went for a drive.

*June 23rd. Sunday.*

We slept well, but woke up with a gray morning that did not bode well for a dry day. At 10 o'clock we went to Gatchina and spent the whole day with dear Mama. We went to mass and then had breakfast with everyone in Maria Fyodorovna's rooms. It rained incessantly until 7 1/2. I read a bit and then played with Alix backgammon \*. We had dinner as a family and at 9 1/2 left for Tsarskoe.

\* A board game similar to a game called backgammon.

*June 24th. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock. Aunt Marie came to see us in our rooms. Had the first reports after a long period of time: D. Aleksey, gr. Vorontsov and Ermolov. We had breakfast with General-Admiral [om] \*, Comrade Sani and Mavra. Made a nice hike. The weather was warm. We drank tea with the count. Buteneva (Lamsdorf). Then we stopped by to see Comrade Mikhlen and Uncle Vladimir. We dined alone, read, packed up and played with 4 hands.

\* Conducted. book Alexey Alexandrovich, D. Alexey - Admiral General.

*June 25th. Tuesday.*

Unfortunately, we woke up with a gray day. About 11 a.m. left Tsarskoe and went to the city to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Nikolai Pavlovich. A solemn memorial service was served in the fortress, after which we drove to His monument, around which troops were built. After the prayer, they went through a ceremony. march. At about 2 o'clock we arrived at "Alexandria" and for the first time [time] went by sea to **Peterhof**. We had breakfast on the way. For this summer we settled on the Farm, as a second house is being built by the sea! Having laid out all the things, we went to inspect the newly arranged lawn-tennis and then drank tea at Mama's in the Cottage.

We dined there with Georgy (dezh.), Ksenia and Sandro. They now live in Mikhailovka.

*June 26th. Wednesday.*

We got up at 8 1/2 and after coffee went to Mom. We saw Irina there. I had 4 reports. We had breakfast at the Cottage with Uncle Misha and Petya (dezh.). Then they played lawn-tennis; good, but still quite soft.

We drank tea with everyone. A little headache, lay down for an hour. I read it until lunchtime. Ride in the evening. The weather was very warm, but gray and windy.

*June 27th. Thursday.*

Day of the Poltava Victory!

After the usual morning reading, we went to Mama's rather late, so we had to hurry to the lectures. We had breakfast alone. At 3 1/2 we went to visit Aunt Eugene and Alec. We drank tea with D. Pavel. I read and rode my bike. We dined at the Cottage at 8 o'clock and then rode at a wonderful sunset. Back home, they played backgammon.

*June 28th. Friday.*

We got up early on a wonderful morning. At 8 1/2, one went on horseback. Alix was rolling in her new cart. After the reports I accepted. We had breakfast together. We went to Mikhailovka to visit Uncle Misha, but did not find him at home. Returning home, we went for a walk. Mom rode an electric boat with the others.

After tea I read it. Mom, Misha and Meindorf (dezh.) Dined with us. Have a nice walk in the evening.

*June 29th. Saturday.*

The same perfect day as yesterday. I read it in the morning. Before the lectures, we went to Mom as usual. Breakfast at the Cottage: Tinkhen, Albert, Cyril (dezh.) And gr. Palen.

I walked and rode in a kayak. Mom bit the fish in the pond. After tea I read and then played with Alix (single) \* in lawn-tennis. We sweated heavily and arrived at dinner, as if from a bath. In the evening, riding, we reached Babigon [a].

\* One (English).

*June 30th. Sunday.*

At 8 1/2 we went together to dogcart \* - Alix is obviously the very rules. We drank coffee at Mom's with all the small children. Were at mass. Then they said goodbye to the departing Cossacks and saw the replacements who had come from the Caucasus. We had breakfast at the Farm, but on the other side - on the balcony; our music played. Was reading.

We walked together and looked for mushrooms.

We dined with Mama and the Mikhailovichs. In the evening we had a great ride.

\* High two-wheeled carriage with transverse seats and dog room under the rear seat.

*1st of July. Monday.*

We woke up with a wonderful morning.

Riding while Alix rolled in her cart. After coffee at Mama's, I would take reports until one o'clock; with D. Alexei everything ended well. We had breakfast with Yuri (dezh.). Received German officers from their two corvettes "Stein" and "Stosh". I rode a bike and walked together. After tea I read it. At 8 o'clock we dined at Mama's with Yuri and Stanya. We went on Misha's electric boat, which I gave him.

*2nd July. Tuesday.*

We got up at 7 o'clock and I rode on horseback, and Alix was in the cart. After the reports, the three of us had breakfast with Lobanov on the balcony. Received once again the Korean embassy, which is now finally leaving. At 3 o'clock we went to Sergievka and saw Stana and her children. The air smelled strongly of smoke and the sun at times seemed quite red.

After tea I read it. We met with Comrade Marie, the cat. came here for a week. At 7 1/2 we had dinner at Uncle Misha's and then skated for a long time.

*3rd of July. Wednesday.*

In the morning I was busy with business. There were short talks and a small reception. Breakfast: Georgy (dezh.) And Pobedonostsev. The weather was marvelous, but not stifling. We walked by the sea. After tea I read it. We dined with Mom and in the evening for a walk we met her at the Country House.

As usual, they played backgammon.

*4th of July. Thursday.*

We woke up at 7 1/2 with a wonderful hot morning and after coffee each went his own way. At 11 o'clock there were the usual reports. We had breakfast with Kotey Obolensky (dezh.). I read and lay in an armchair from the heat. Walked a little. At 8 o'clock Mom, Comrade Marie, Ksenia, Misha, Benkendorf, Kotya and the two of us went to Ozerki, where we had a great lunch. In the evening we skated and played backgammon.

*July 5th. Friday.*

At half past nine, the two of us set off in a cart to Mikhailovka to see Xenia. She was just dressing, and Irina was playing on the floor. Returning home, I read it and then went as always to Mom. After the reports, he received 24 sailors. We had breakfast with Petya (dezh.). It was very hot: 21 ° in the shade.

Walked alone. After tea I read it. We dined at Mom's and at 9 o'clock. went to the theater, where they gave a performance with a charitable purpose, very well. Returned home at 11 1/4.

*6th July. Saturday.*

Again we went for a drive together in a cart - to our own dacha and Sergievka. There were only two reports. The weather was wonderful. We had breakfast with Sergei Mikhailovich, who returned yesterday from Dresden, where he was used very successfully for rheumatism. I read and played backgammon together. Swam in the sea with Misha and Vladimirovich. At 8 o'clock we arrived at the Belvedere at Babigon, where they ordered lunch. In the evening we rode for a long time.

*July 7th. Sunday.*

In the morning we went for a drive together; we got caught in the rain and came back pretty wet. But the air was wonderfully refreshed. We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone, like last Sunday. I read until 3 o'clock. We took a walk and were present when fishing Mama. We dined as a family at Tsaritsyn Island. The lighting was very beautiful and it was a perfect evening. We rode a boat together.

From there we went to the theater, where they gave a charity performance and a concert. At the end, they showed amazingly interesting moving pictures on the screen. We returned home at 12 1/2 o'clock.

*July 8th. Monday.*

The weather was excellent, with a fairly fresh wind. Slept After that evening. It was a good morning, that is, two short reports. The three of us had breakfast with Kirill (dezh.). We walked and went kayaking. Swam in the sea with Misha and Kirill. Dined at 8 o'clock and went for a drive in the evening.

*July 9th. Tuesday.*

Alix went on a new horse, and she was in a chariot with a couple. We walked and drank coffee at Mom's. We had breakfast in the Cottage in a rather large company. I went with Misha on bicycles, in kayaks and swam in the sea. A fresh NW was blowing and the waves were decent for the Marquis puddle. At 7 1/4 we went to see off Comrade Marie to the station; from there to the mill, between Ozerki and Babigon. We dined there with Yuri (dezh.) And Stana. The evening was wonderful. We rode.



*July 10th. Wednesday.*

The heat was great. Alix rode a red horse. Had a pretty big welcome. After breakfast, a large deputation of the Buryats was received. At 4 o'clock, the five of us with Mama left on "Peterhof" for Oranienbaum with a visit to Tinkhen and Albert [y] - in the Chinese palace. After drinking tea and looking around the house, they returned by sea; "Bunchuk" and my electric boat were escorted, the latter was slightly behind. We had lunch at 9 o'clock at Mom's and did a short ride.

*July 11th. Thursday.*

The first birthday of our dear daughter! In the morning the heat was amazing. At 8 1/2 I went on horseback with Misha, did a good walk. Took gr. Palena, cat. finished the investigation of the investigation of the Khodinsky disaster entrusted to him.

At 12 1/2 o'clock there was a prayer service and the usual large breakfast. At about 4 o'clock we went to the station, where they examined the newly consecrated carriage-church for the Siberian railway. dor. - for 70 people, very nicely arranged. Swam with Misha in the sea. We dined at our own dacha with the Oldenburgskys and Elena.

*July 12th. Friday.*

During our morning walk, we got out of the gig three times and examined: Monplaisir, the Hermitage by the sea and Marly, which Alix had not yet seen. I read it and then went to Mom. After the reports, he received a lot of the military. Meindorf (dezh.) Had breakfast. I had a conversation with Sandro, he leaves the service from the navy.

Swam in the sea alone. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. at the Oldenburgskys and spent the evening on the shore under the wonderful moon.

*July 13th. Saturday.*

In the morning I had to read a lot. It was a wonderful day. Walked in Alexandria while Alix skated. We had breakfast at Mom's with D. Alexey, Albert, his two sisters, and Tinkhen. For the first time, I managed to try my own electric boat in complete calm. Swam in the sea. After tea I read and rode my bike. We dined at Mom's at 10 o'clock. We went to the Bolshoi Dvor, where moving photographs (cinematography) were shown.

*July 14th. Sunday.*

In the morning we rode together, it was very hot. At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast with music. Several drops of rain fell from the sky. Then again he completely clarified. We walked together and for the first time swam **together** in the sea.

We said goodbye for one day with Mom and daughter and went to **Krasnoe Selo**. A detour began from the station; The dawns with the ceremony were successful thanks to an amazing evening. For a long time they could not produce a salute from all the guns, since the third rocket did not agree to fly. We had a bite to eat and went to the theater. Then I read it.

*July 15th. Monday.*

The heat in the morning was great. In the morning we congratulated D. Vladimir and then took a walk in the garden. At 11 1/4 we went to church for mass - the cadets sang excellently.

We had breakfast with all the bosses. When moving to the station, a thunderstorm started and a refreshing rain poured down. Swam in the sea. We drank tea and dined with Mom. There was a lot to do, as always before leaving. For the first time, we parted with our daughter. At 11 o'clock. drove to Nizhny \* .

\* Nizhny Novgorod.

*July 16th. Tuesday.*

Uncle Alexei is coming with us. In the morning, the heat in the carriages became extreme. Sweating, sleeping, eating and playing backgammon. We drove through Moscow at 5 o'clock; here Princess Golitsyna and Vasilchikova boarded the train with us. After lunch we stopped in a field and went out for a walk. It was a wonderful cool moonlit night.

*July 17th. Wednesday.*

At 9 o'clock. arrived in **Nizhny**, which appeared in all its grandeur on both banks of the Volga. The usual meeting at the station and the guard of honor from the 11th Grenada. Fanagoria regiment. The order on the streets is approximate; Baranov rode in front of him in a carriage, as Trepov once rode! There was a short prayer service in the cathedral; examined him and went down to the tombs of Minin and led. princes. At the palace there was a priest. guard from the Klyazminsky res. battalion. We were accommodated on the 2nd floor, from where there is a famous view of the Volga and the meadow side. After washing in the bath, he went for a walk; the garden is small but located on a mountain.

The three of us had breakfast and dinner with the village of Alexei. By the time of departure, a strong thunderstorm with a whirlwind had flown into the exhibition; she had to wait at home. There were huge puddles between the pavilions, so it was necessary to move from one to the other in a carriage. I was most interested in the iron-making and mining departments. We drank tea in a special pavilion. The boring crowd everywhere stared and followed us - all the exhibitors themselves. We returned home at 7 o'clock. The evening was wonderful. From the garden we looked at the fireworks from the river.

*July 18th. Thursday.*

We slept well; got up at 8 1/2 and after coffee went for a walk in the garden. At 11 o'clock, four battalions of the 54th reserve brigade were inspected on the palace ground. The sun was hot with all my urine; had breakfast with the military commanders.

At 2 o'clock we attended a meeting of the nobility, where they were well received, but they sweated terribly. From there we drove into the local widow's house, returned home, changed and went to the exhibition. We continued our inspection, drank tea in the pavilion and listened to the Slavyansky choir. We arrived home at 6 1/4, and at 7 o'clock a big lunch for 130 people had already begun. We talked and smoked in the garden. At 9 o'clock we went to the theater, where they gave various things and operas and plays. The theater is new and beautiful. We returned home at 11 3/4 o'clock.

*19th July. Friday.*

Today was a hot and exhausting day. At 9 1/2 we went to the house of industriousness, a cat. arranged in a former factory building. From there we went straight to the exhibition, where we stayed all day until 5 1/2 o'clock. We had breakfast in our pavilion. We tried wines and cider in different places, especially at Lev Golitsyn's. As always, he received us very cordially, treated us to wines and gave each of us old silver. To reduce the time between the pavilions, we drove along an electric road. We finished visiting the exhibition and on the way back we stopped at the historical museum in one of the Kremlin towers. The three of us had dinner and then went to the merchant's banquet at the fair meeting.

It was terribly hot, but it did not last long. In the evening we played backgammon.

*20th July. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock they left the pretty palace and went to the fair. We visited the old fairground cathedral and then the three main firms - calico, tea and fur goods. Having passed through the iron lane, they switched to a police steamer. We made a great walk up the Oka and then along the Volga. We went ashore to the Siberian pier and went to the station. At one o'clock in the afternoon we set off on our way back.

It was not as hot as the first time. There were meetings at many stations; the biggest in Vladimir at 6 1/2 o'clock. Dined at 7 1/2. We played backgammon a lot. At 12 o'clock we arrived in Moscow.

*July 21st. Sunday.*

*In the morning* they began to fry us on the train and during the day it was simply unbearable to sit in the hot carriages. At breakfast everyone was almost silent and drank more. In Tosna, they got off the train: d. Aleksey, Vasilchikova and Vannovsky. We arrived at **Peterhof** at 6 1/4. We went to Mom and saw her daughter. At 8 o'clock there was a family dinner at our own dacha. Returning home, I read. It's nice to be quietly in place again.

*July 22nd. Monday.*

What a happy day it was before for us, as well as for dear Mama, associated with the memory of her appointment as Chief of the Guards crew! In the morning we went to congratulate her and brought some gifts. The heat was again impossible - stuffy and damp. We were at mass and had breakfast in a large company.

About 3 o'clock I went with Alix on an electric boat to watch the big sailing race. Misha and Sandro were each on their own electr. cat. I swam with pleasure in the sea. We drank tea and dined with Comrade Sanya at Mama's. A good thunderstorm has passed. We swam in the evening.

*July 23rd. Tuesday.*

In the morning, after coffee, the two of us went for a drive in a gig. There were the usual talks. We had breakfast with Mom in a big company.

He chopped branches and tried to level the old clearing - below, opposite the farm to the sea.

At 4 o'clock we went to Strelna to Comrade Sani and drank tea with her. Returning home, the two of us swam in the sea. The five of us dined with Kotey Obol [yenskiy] (dezh.) In the Nikolsky house. The evening was wonderful and not too hot.

*July 24th. Wednesday.*

Today we were lazy and slept until almost 9 o'clock. The weather became cooler, although it is still 16 ° in the evenings. I read a lot. Filmed with Mom on the balcony with her granddaughters. Had a great welcome. We had breakfast at Mom's with D. Misha, Zina and Kirill (dezh.). Walked and then bathed together perfectly. After tea I read it. We had dinner as a family at 8 o'clock and went for a drive.

*July 25th. Thursday.*

In the morning we rode together in a gig. After coffee at Mom's and before breakfast, there were a lot of classes. We had breakfast at the Cottage. Chopped dry trees. Aunt Sanya drank tea with us. Alix was swimming in the sea, I abstained because of a headache. Let's go to dinner at the Rural House. On the mountain at Babigon [a] the entire 2nd kaval. the division bivouacked. I felt sad looking at the lights, tents and hitching posts, and the sounds of songs!

*July 26th. Friday.*

We got up early and at 8 o'clock. rode out in a gig to the place of yesterday's cavalry bivouac, but found no one. The weather was either clear or gray, sometimes it rained. After the lectures there was a great reception. We had breakfast at Mama's with the village Alexei. We walked and swam together. I read and then went to shoot ducks into the sea; unsuccessfully, injured two and could not find them. We dined at Mama's with the Oldenburgskys.

*July 27th. Saturday.*

At times it rained, the wind was strong and the day was cool. After the reports, we went to a parting prayer service in our church. We had breakfast at the Cottage. At 3 o'clock we set off on the Alexandria to Kronstadt with the Oldenburgskys and Elena Sh [eremeteva]. They escorted dear Mom to the "Polar Star" and after tea said goodbye to her, Misha and Olga. We went to the Great Road, where Andreyev's detachment was stationed, ready to leave for the Mediterranean Sea. Visited: "Imp. Alexander II", min. cruise. "Posadnik" and "Navarin". While we were on the last one, "Polar Star" passed us into the sea. We returned to Peterhof at 7 1/2. We dined and spent the evening alone.

*July 28th. Sunday.*

The weather turned autumn, the day was gray and windy. Mama must be shaking in the sea. After mass, they said goodbye to 205 lower. rank., leaving the reserve from the Consolidated Battalion. We had breakfast with everyone on the balcony and with music. I went to the reeds on the seaside and looked in vain for ducks. We had dinner at 8 o'clock and went for a drive.

*July 29th. Monday.*

The bad weather continued. We got up very late and did not see any solar eclipse. After the reports, we had breakfast with Uncle Alexei. At 3 o'clock I went from Alix to Babigon, where in an hour and a half I killed **76 ducks** on a large lake. Returned in the perfect disposition of the Spirit from my hunt. Ksenia and Sandro drank tea with us. Dined at 1/4 and went for a drive in the evening. Mom arrived safely in Denmark After a good transition.

*July 30th. Tuesday.*

Woke up on a nice clear morning. After coffee, we went to inspect the Cutting Factory, which Alix had not yet seen.

We returned home by the time of the lectures. We had breakfast with Lobanov. At 3 o'clock we went to Babigon again, where Hirsch and I stuffed **40 ducks**. We drank tea at home and said goodbye to Xenia and Sandra. At 7 o'clock. arrived in **Krasnoe Selo**. After eating, we went to the theater and gave "La fille de M-me Angot".

*July 31st. Wednesday.*

Earlier at 9 o'clock we set off along the Kipenskoe highway up to the 5th verst through the village of Naglovo to the place where the cavalry maneuver began. Nikolasha supervised everything and both tasks were completed approximately, sensibly and quickly. In addition to the designated enemy, there was infantry - from 1 cav. divisions regiment of military composition. Then all the units went on a ceremonial march. We arrived at one o'clock home. There was a great breakfast after the cat. it started raining all day. We sat at home - read all the time. My daughter came for several hours from Peterhof. Dined at 7 o'clock and were at the theater.

*1st August. Thursday.*

We woke up with a disgusting cold and rainy day. As a result, the blessing parade had to be canceled. At 10 o'clock there was a reception of all the officers of the alternating composition of the three schools. This pleasure lasted until 12 noon. Then there was the usual breakfast with everyone. We walked in the garden and saw the train of Xenia and Sandro passing from Peterhof to Gatchina. After tea I read it. We had lunch at 7 o'clock and went to the theater.

*2nd August. Friday.*

The weather became clear, but cold with a piercing wind. At 9 o'clock. went to the Military Field, where the exercises took place - drill and tactical military schools, very well and distinctly. Returning home, we had breakfast at 12 o'clock in a large tent.

We walked in the garden and read. By 5 o'clock we arrived at the Tsarskoye Balka for a review of the firing of artillery and infantry. It was interesting, especially in relation to moving targets. I saw here actions from Maxim's machine guns, two different systems. At 7 o'clock we went straight to the station and to **Peterhof**. We arrived when my daughter finished her bath. We had lunch at 9 o'clock, as we had to read a lot. The evening was cold.

*3rd August. Saturday.*

The day was excellent — clear and quiet; already begins to smell in the fall. We walked before the lectures. We had breakfast with Meindorf (dezh.). I went around with a gun, but I didn't get anything. Dined: D. Misha, Georgy and Sergei. We rode a little.

*4th August. Sunday.*

It was raining in the morning. We got up late and therefore did not have time to walk. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast in our rooms on account of the damp weather. By 2 o'clock. day got better. I went with a gun and killed **two pheasants and a hare**. We drank tea with v. Vladimir. After reading, I rode my bike. The three of us dined with Petya (dezh.).

*5th August. Monday.*

In the morning it was raining, which, however, had passed by the time of the walk. There were reports: D. Alexei and Tyrto, as well as Goremykin. The three of us had breakfast. Again he walked and shot **pheasants - he killed four**. At 5 1/2 we went to **Krasnoe**; stopped at the races and drove straight up to

gazebo. First, there was a distribution of prizes for fencing and shooting, and then the same races according to the same program. The weather was good, there was a lot of water on the circle. We drove home for a snack and from there to the theater. We were given "Mascotte".

*6th August. Tuesday.*

Fortunately, we woke up with a wonderful day. At 10 1/2 o'clock Vannovsky came to see me with a report. At 12 o'clock. I went with Alix to the camp to the transformers, where there was a prayer service and then a parade to them and three artillery brigades. The whole situation so mercilessly resembles the good old days, when I was still serving and was a participant in this day, and now I am cut off from all this and come as a stranger, at least in appearance! The parade went well. Visiting the canteens of all battalions and the 1st art. brigades, returned home for a bite to eat and then went to breakfast. At 4 o'clock we went back to **Peterhof**. After tea I walked a lot enjoying the weather. We rode and dined at 9 o'clock with Kirill (dezh.).

*7th August. Wednesday.*

The day was warm but rainy. I didn't have time to walk because of a lot of papers. But Lobanov was the only one with the report. Received five. At one o'clock in the afternoon we went to the "Alexandria" to Petersburg; had breakfast on the way. From the pier we went to the fortress and then to the Kazan Cathedral; from where we rode in a wheelchair to the New Admiralty. to **"Sisoy the Great"**. We examined him, drank tea at Pareniy's, remembered Sandro! At 5 o'clock. let's go back. It was blowing decently in the bay. I read and wrote. We dined with D. Misha and Sergei.

*August 8th. Thursday.*

All day until 5 o'clock. it was raining and the sky looked bleakly gray; but it was warm. Had four reports before breakfast. Then he wrote. We looked for mushrooms and found 184 pieces in an hour and a half. It cleared up in the evening. After lunch we rode and received the first letters from Denmark.

*August 9th. Friday.*

We got up early and went to bed partly for Red, partly for the big trip. The weather was wonderful. At 9 1/2 went to **Krasnoe** with my daughter. From the station we went straight to the divisional maneuver between Ropsha and Krasnoye Selo. He ended the run and we were at home at 12 1/2 o'clock. We had breakfast with our uncles at home. We walked in the garden and examined the house of Dad and Mom. Was reading. We had lunch at 7 o'clock and were at the theater.

*August 10th. Saturday.*

We woke up with excellent weather and at 9 1/2 went to the Military Field to the roller, where I got on the horse. He traveled around the entire position of the local corps of Prince N. N. Obolensky, fortified by sappers. The general corps of the general attacked it. Kanishchev. The whole battle took place in plain sight across the entire field. We returned home and had breakfast at 2 o'clock. There was a report from Vannovsky. Walked and frolicked on the river. dg \*, remembering the old days. After lunch we went to the theater.

\* p. dg - pas do gotint - big steps (French).

*11th August. Sunday.*

In the morning it rained like a bucket. At 11 o'clock. went to church and then

the whole family had breakfast with us. I read a lot. At 3 o'clock we went to inspect the hospital. There are comparatively few patients, and the number of deaths is half as compared to last year! We had lunch at 7 o'clock and went to the last performance.

*August 12th. Monday.*

It rained in the morning, but fortunately by 10 o'clock. he passed, the wind blew and the weather began to clear up. At 11 o'clock. the detour of the troops began on the Military Field. Infantry divisions marched in Alexander columns, cavalry, according to the new regulations, in regimental reserve columns, subdivision artillery, and cavalry in batteries. Before the roller was the production of military schools - Boris too, he enters the Hussar regiment. After breakfast we went to **Peterhof**. Walked and enjoyed the weather; but he regretted that the last day had already come. We rode and had lunch at 9 o'clock.

*August 13th. Tuesday.*

Woke up with the rain. At 10 o'clock we said goodbye to our darling daughter and went to the prayer service, and from there to the station. At 10 1/2 we set off. We went in the updated Kursk train, very comfortable and spacious. Of course I read as much as I could - between meals.

*August 14th. Wednesday.*

It was a great sunny day. In some places, troops were stationed along the way. We arrived in Warsaw at 4 1/2 and got on an overseas train. The honor guard was from the Volyn regiment. Count Shuvalov with the countess and the ladies were waiting at the station. He rode with us to Skierniewice. The entire garrison of Warsaw also stood along the canvas. It was hot in the evening.

*August 15th. Thursday.*

At half past one in the night we crossed the border. In the morning the Austrian retinue got on the train. At 10 1/2 we drove up to **Vienna**, where the Emperor, the Empress, with the archdukes and duchesses met us at the station. The honor guard was from the 2nd Infantry. Hungarian Imp. Alexander I regiment. To the palace (Burg) I went with the Emperor; Alix with Imper. The entire military garrison stood in trellises along all the streets. After the presentation of the courtyard, we were left alone for half an hour. Placed in my former rooms. At 12 o'clock we went to Kapnist for breakfast. After inspecting the church under construction in the embassy garden, we went on regular visits. I took over from 2/31 until lunchtime. At 5 o'clock there was a ceremonial dinner and then a similar performance at the Opernhaus.

*August 16th. Friday.*

We got up at 7 o'clock thinking that there would be a parade, but it was canceled due to rain and mud on the parade ground. At 10 o'clock, the two of us with Jägermeister Tgaip went hunting in the Lainutz park. Stayed there until 3 1/2, chased deer, climbed hills, wandered through the woods and eventually killed 2 deer and a wild boar. I missed Alix completely. We met with her at the Empress's house in the same park. At 4 o'clock the family dinner was easy. He returned with the Emperor to the city. At 8 1/2 a court concert took place, with an innumerable reception at intermission. I felt very reckless after a whole day on the hunt, and especially after the evening that had finished me.

*August 17th. Saturday.*

We got up at 6 1/2 with gray weather. An hour later, the department went! to Schönbrunn, where I got on a horse, and Alix in a chaise. In 10 minutes we reached the place of the parade, which was commanded by the Emperor himself. I was very interested in the Austrian troops, as well as the Bosnian regiments. The emperor rode at the head of the troops; and I held my Hungarian 2nd Infantry in front of him. The cavalry, artillery, and the train marched at a pace. At the end of the parade, we went to Schönbrunn and from there to the station. Having said goodbye to the hospitable hosts, we left at 11 o'clock. home to home. We had breakfast with our Austrians and then dropped them off. It was raining and it was cold.

We arrived at the **Border** at 8.45, walked at the station during an overload and continued on to Kiev in our convenient Kursk. n [train].

*August 18th. Sunday.*

The day began with good summer weather. At st. Kholm saw his entire Moscow regiment. Between 7 and 8 o'clock we went out for a walk in the forest, and at that time we learned that poor Lobanov had suddenly died in the carriage. His death shocked us all terribly; for me this is an almost irreplaceable loss, in addition, at the very beginning of our journey! The whole evening I could not recover from this misfortune.

*19th August. Monday.*

We got up sad, under the impression of yesterday. The weather was marvelous: 20 ° in the shade! At 10 o'clock we arrived in **Kiev**. At the station, the meeting is as usual; honor guard from the 129th Bessarabian regiment. Uncle Vladimir, Comrade Mikhen and D. Misha arrived here yesterday. Visited St. Sophia Cathedral and, dropping into the palace and accepting honor, Kar. from the 5th engineer battalion and the command of the Kiev district, also the Pechersk Lavra. We visited Metropolitan Ioannikiy and examined the nearby caves, which interested Alix. Upon arrival home, the five of us had breakfast. Then there was a weary reception by ladies, bosses and court officials. At 5 o'clock they visited the noble house and from there went to the station, where a requiem for Lobanov was served in the 1st class hall. Returning home, I went to get some air in the garden. I admired the wonderful view of the Dnieper and the lowland. We had dinner at 7 1/2 o'clock in the family and took a walk in the garden.

*20th August. Tuesday.*

Quite a tiring day; the weather was summer with a cool wind. At 10 o'clock. went to the Vladimir Cathedral; the troops stood in trellises. During the ceremony of consecration of this wonderful cathedral, they stood in the altar. The whole service with mass did not last long, in fact - 2 1/2 hours.

We returned home by one o'clock. After breakfast, several Deputations were made. At 5 1/2 we went down to the Dnieper and from the steamer watched a small maneuver with the crossing of the troops and the aiming of the bridge, which was done amazingly soon. Then there was a walk from the city down the river behind the railway. bridge and back. There were 150 people invited; ate and drank upstairs. There was beautiful illumination and fireworks. We arrived home at 9 1/2 and sat down to dinner with the family.

*August 21st. Wednesday.*

Woke up with a perfect day. At 10 1/4 we went to the female Intercession Monastery of Aunt Sasha. Here the foundation stone of the cathedral was made. We examined the wonderful hospital at the aunt's community and had breakfast with the Metropolitan.

We returned to our place at one o'clock and rested - I'm obviously busy. Shishkin came from Petersburg. At 3 o'clock we went to the consecration of the monument to imp. Nikolai Pavlovich. The figure came out strikingly beautiful and similar. After the prayer service, the troops passed the ceremony. march.; the crush on the street was strong. Visited the University and the Galagan College [\[5\]](#). We drank tea at home and walked in the garden. At 7 o'clock we had a great lunch and conversations in the garden. At 9 1/2 we went to a great concert in a musical society; then the merchants gave an evening in the city garden with brilliant fireworks and illumination of the banks of the Dnieper. We returned home at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*August 22nd. Thursday.*

At 9 o'clock. went to the inside of the fortress, where a review took place on the esplanade: the 33rd infantry. Div., 42nd Res. infantry. brig., 3rd engineer. brig., 33rd art. brig., 2nd crepe. and siege art. battalions, mountain regiment, 27th drag. Kiev and 1st Ural Kaz. shelves with two horse batteries. The weather survived until the end, and only during breakfast did it rain lightly.

At 2 o'clock he received an Abyssinian sent by Menelik with a letter. At 3 o'clock I went to inspect the Vladimir Cathedral, the Mikhailovsky Monastery (the relics of St. Barbara), St. Andrew's Cathedral and the Lavra. In the latter, an interesting and rich sacristy was examined.

Of course, the most interesting was the Vladimir Cathedral with its ideal frescoes by Vasnetsov. After all this, we went to the palace for tea and then went to the station. We said goodbye to everyone; the ladies filled the carriage with flowers for Alix. At 7 o'clock we set off. Dined at 7 1/2 and in Fastov released gr. Ignatiev. The night was cool.

*August 23rd. Friday.*

I slept well and woke up in Kovel. The weather was fine and not too hot. We drove through Ivangorod, where I have so many memories! We arrived in Warsaw at 7 o'clock. My daughter arrived from Peterhof in 1/4 hour. Took a wonderful guard of honor from L.-Gv. Ulan regiment. Countess Shuvalova was alone at the station, because poor Pavel Andreevich had a nervous blow two days ago. We continued our journey to the German border in a new train.

*August 24th. Saturday.*

In the morning he put on a Prussian uniform. At 8.45 we arrived in **Breslavl**, where they said goodbye to their darling daughter, as she continues on her way alone to Kiel to Irene. Wilhelm, the Empress and the cash princes met at the station. We went to the beautiful house of the regional government, purposely adapted for our premises. Honor guard from Imp. Alexander I regiment and convoys behind a carriage from my Hussar and Alix Dragoon guards. regiments. After eating at home, we went to Wilhelm's palace and with him out of town to the



place of the parade. The 6th Army Corps was in the ranks, which passed twice; me too - at the head of the infantry. shelf. The parade was brilliant! The weather was wonderful. From there he returned with Wilhelm (his beloved ceremonial) at the head of all the banners and standards with two companies. Were at home only in 3 1/4 and had breakfast for four. We made visits. At 7 o'clock we went to the palace for a ceremonial dinner with toasts. Having smoked, they went out onto the balcony, from where they looked at the magnificently performed dawn with the ceremony. We returned home at 11 1/4 o'clock.

*August 25th. Sunday.*

Unfortunately it rained all day, so we sat at home. I was busy with papers until 11 o'clock. Then Wilhelm came and we chatted with him until 12 1/2 o'clock, when all the princes and princesses came to us for a family breakfast. Received the Chancellor Prince. Hohenlohe and reports: Shishkin and Richter. At 6 o'clock we went to a big dinner at the palace. Today there were many ladies and authorities of Silesia. At 8 1/2 we went to the theater for a grand performance.

*August 26th. Monday.*

We got up early and at 8 o'clock. arrived at the station: the Kaiser Alexander regiment stood trellis and posted a guard of honor upon departure. We went to the small town of **Görlitz**, a 3-hour journey from Breslavl. They ate, drank coffee, smoked and chatted in the dining room of William's train; as always, when the ladies left, everyone began to tell obscene anecdotes - most of all he himself and our ambassador Osten-Sacken. At 10 3/4 we arrived in Görlitz and from the station went to the parade site. Fortunately, the weather cleared up. The full 5th Army Corps participated in the review. The troops also went through two ceremonies. marsh .: just as great as in Breslavl. I conducted the Pope Lancers regiment \*... We returned to the city again with standards and banners. We stopped at the house of the county government. At 4 1/4 we had breakfast with our retinues. At 6 o'clock we said goodbye to Wilhelm and the Empress and left for Kiel, where a little girl was waiting for us. It's nice that we missed this visit! We had a snack on our train at 9 o'clock.

\* Regiment named after Emperor Alexander III.

*August 27th. Tuesday.*

At 10 o'clock. in the morning we drove to **Kiel**, where Irene, Heinrich and Wilhelm's eldest son met us. The honor guard was from the naval battalion. We boarded a steam boat and went straight to their castle. My daughter was waiting for us in the rooms and received her parents kindly. In the courtyard there was a guard of honor from the coastal artillery sailors. I washed myself in the bath, read and rested. The view from the windows is beautiful. The Polar Star was just opposite the castle. The entire German squadron stood in two lines further towards the exit from the bay. Four of us had breakfast. The admirals and commanders of their ships were received below. At 3 o'clock Alix went for a drive with Irene, and I went with Heinrich on the trail. ships: battleships - "**Elector Friedrich Wilhelm**"; "**Werth**", cruiser "**Kaiserin Augusta**" and on the yacht "**Gogezollern**". In passing, we examined Henry's sailing yacht "L'Esperance". We drank tea in the castle. At 6 1/2 we arrived at the "**Polar Star**" and half an hour later went to sea. The fireworks were strong, they shouted hurrah! and played mutual hymns. The night was clear and cool; the sea is calm. Dined with free officers in a large dining room. Alix fit in George's cabin, Daughter in the middle, and I in my room.

*August 28th. Wednesday.*

We woke up on a wonderful morning in sight of Kyoge Bay. We walked at low speed all night so as not to come too early to **Copenhagen**. At 12 o'clock we entered the roadstead and, having passed the Danish squadron and the new yacht "Standart", anchored. I am so glad that Alix and baby's first transition to "Paul [bright] Sound [ride]" was successful. At the pier we met, as always, dear Apapa and Amama with the whole family. The four of them set off on the main streets of the city to **Bernstorff**. Then I finally saw my dear Mom. Our little one made a great impression on everyone. The family had breakfast. We walked a little in the garden and everyone was waiting for our things to arrive. At 7 o'clock. we dined downstairs with the courtyard as usual, and in the evening we played lou.

*August 29th. Thursday.*

Woke up at 8 1/2 with great weather. At 9 1/2 we got together for the common breakfast downstairs in the middle room. After that, Mom, Alix, Misha and I went to the city to our church for a funeral service along Dad's road. We went back to breakfast. Made a visit to D. Fredi and Swan in Charlottenlund and then went for a walk with Misha and Victoria. We dined at 7 o'clock and again played lou in the evening.

*August 30th. Friday.*

A sad day in the memories of previous years, especially here in Denmark! After coffee, Ms. Magu Steen took pictures of us in a group in the rooms. Then Alix and I walked together in the garden. I read it before breakfast. At 3 o'clock Victoria, Misha, Valdemar village and I set off on our bicycles to the sea, where the wind was terrible. Victoria's tire burst and she returned home with Misha, while the two of us continued on the Dyrehave path. We were at home at 5 1/2 o'clock. The evening was spent as always.

*August 31st. Saturday.*

The morning was gray, then it cleared up. After coffee we walked a little. About 11 a.m. Uncle Willie and George arrived, whom I was glad to see again. The brother of the Queen of Romania and her son had breakfast with us. At 3 o'clock I went for a walk with Victoria and took a long walk. After tea I read and looked at the newspapers. We had lunch at 7 o'clock.

*1st September. Sunday.*

At 10 1/4 we went with Mama to our church, and Comrade Alix and Victoria to theirs. A priest from the "Standart" served the mass, as the local one is not well. We went back to breakfast. At 3 o'clock we went for a walk behind Ghentovt. It was a good day, but a windy one. Dined at 7 o'clock with D. Fredy's family; there were also Jean and Schira Siamese. In the evening, we played lou, as always.

*2nd September. Monday.*

After coffee, at 10 o'clock. Alix, Victoria and I went to Copenhagen to the porcelain factory, where we examined everything interesting and bought many beautiful things. We returned to Bernstorf. for breakfast. At 3 o'clock we went for a long bike ride - the village of Valdemar, Misha, George, Victoria and me. The weather was wonderful. Were at home in 5 1/4. We dined with all the ministers.

*3rd September. Tuesday.*

In the morning it was raining and a fresh breeze was blowing. At 11 o'clock. went to Copenhagen and from the pier to the "Standart", which we examined in every detail. The yacht is very beautiful on the outside and beautifully finished on the inside. It has a lot of old furniture from Derzhava, as well as all the silver from it, Livadia and the old Shtandart. Unfortunately, she has not yet finished her tests and today she went for a long test. We had breakfast at the Polar Star. At 2 1/2 went together to the Rosenborg and Thorvaldsen Museum, from there home to tea.

Our and British sailors dined.

*4th September. Wednesday.*

It rained again in the morning and then brightened; day on. marvelous. At 12 o'clock. our company went on bicycles to Smistrup, Alix with the rest in the carriages. We had breakfast at Uncle Willie's house - as before! Walked on his possessions a new railway. We returned from there, just like the arrival. in an hour of time. We drank tea at Amam's. At 7 o'clock. dined with some authorities. The heat in the rooms was great.

*September 5th. Thursday.*

After coffee Alix, Victoria, Olga and I went to Copenhagen. First, a crowd of obnoxious boys and onlookers followed! on our heels, from which we got rid of thanks to the carriage and good horses. The walk was successful and we bought everything we wanted. Returned home for breakfast. We walked in the garden, all at random. Dined at Charlottenlund.

*September 6th. Friday.*

The morning was disgusting, blowing and pouring like a bucket. After coffee, I sat down to read papers before breakfast. Took a Frenchman, a cat. brought a beautiful set of plates and an excellent album from the French. patriots; then Gears about the program of his stay in France. We walked and visited the original Nyland orchard, he made us laugh and treated us with his fruits and liqueurs. Dined with diplomats.

*7th September. Saturday.*

It rained until 10 o'clock, then it became clear and warm, but the wind blew all day. Walked until breakfast. Packed for the further journey. It's a shame that you have to leave this quiet and sweet place so soon! We walked for the last time in Duregava. The sheaf rooms were empty. Our and the British embassy dined. The rest of the family gathered for the evening.

*September 8th. Sunday.*

The day of parting has come! Fortunately, the weather was splendid, warm, clear - not at all autumnal. After the last general coffee we went to Copenhagen to Tolboten; there were few people there. We moved with our family to "**Standart**", where dear Mom was already waiting for us. We said goodbye to them and at one o'clock went to the Sound. A prayer service was served and we sat down to breakfast in the large dining room. At 2 1/2 passed Gelziner. We admired our cabins and the whole yacht in general. Polar Star is escorting us to England. My daughter spent the whole day on deck. Besides the others, Dimka Golitsyn is with us. Dined at 8 o'clock with the officers - without Alix, she had a headache! Passed Skagen at midnight. The moon shone perfectly!

*September 9th. Monday.*

Woke up with a great day. From noon, a small NW blew out and we were slightly swayed. "Polar Star" was on the right traverse. Alix lay in bed, afraid to get up. The whole day I walked on the deck and examined the inside of the yacht.

*September 10th. Tuesday.*

At night the yacht continued to rock a little. At 7 o'clock they came to the sight of the Scottish coast and then parted with the "Polar Star" - she turned back to Denmark. The weather turned bad, SO blew out and it started to rain. After passing a mile of the canal squadron, they anchored half a mile from the mountains. Leith. By 11 o'clock. D. Bertie and Arthur arrived on the yacht with their entourage and stayed for breakfast with us. At 1 1/2 we said goodbye to the wonderful "Standart" and went ashore on a private steamer with a salute from the squadron. I was in the form of Scots Grays. At the dock, the mayors of Leith and Edinburgh gave welcoming speeches and then we set off in carriages to the station under the escort of the Scots Grays. We left in the Royal carriage at 2 1/2 and arrived at Ballater at 7 o'clock. At the stations along the way there were meetings with honor guards and addresses from cities. It was cold, drizzling and shaking terribly on the railway. George and May were waiting for us at Ballater. **Balmoral** at 8 o'clock with torch lighting. Granny and the female and child family staff were greeted at the door. We had dinner at 9 o'clock and I did not get out of my uniform before 11 o'clock. Thank God that we arrived safely and that my daughter was not particularly tired! We went to bed at 12 noon.

*September 11th. Wednesday.*

In the morning the weather was disgusting - the same as yesterday. Before I had time to decompose in the room, the courier brought in a lot of papers, and besides, the uncles wanted to drag me out to hunt for the grouse \*. But it failed because of the weather. We had breakfast at six an hour and then went to the nearest mountains to hunt deer. I saw nothing and bought up with Kozhin, congratulating this Danish hunt! In the end, only village Berti and Vorontsov killed the unfortunate deer in half and we returned home at 7 o'clock. Dinner was great at 9 o'clock.

\* Grouse (English).

*September 12th. Thursday.*

Finally the weather improved and all the mountains were cleared of the clouds hanging on them. In the morning he managed to finish the business and send the courier; Walked with Alix, went to the only shop here and bought a few things. Had breakfast at 2 o'clock, saw Louise and Fife \*. At 4 o'clock Comrade Alix arrived with Victoria, they had a very bad passage on the Osborne. Maud and Karl arrived from Sandringham. They all went to live at Marlodge. At 5 1/2 we went to drink tea in one of the forester's houses. We had lunch at 9 o'clock.

\* Alexander Duff (Macduff) Fifesky - the husband of the English

Princess Louise.

*September 13th. Friday.*

Again it rained for half a day, and nevertheless we went hunting, to the places where we passed yesterday for tea. For me, the hunt was unsuccessful, I shot, but the deer went too far. We had breakfast outside, the weather improved. A total of 11 deer were killed. We drank tea at the end of the hunt in the house of Donald Steward, a senior hunter, a cat. walks with me during the paddocks. Granny, Alix and others arrived there. They returned home at 6 o'clock. Dined at 9 o'clock. In the evening he wrote.

*September 14th. Saturday.*

The day stood without rain. At 11 o'clock. tireless hunters went to the mountains on a raid, but no one saw a single deer, and for the whole day one shot was heard. We had breakfast in the woods. After the hunt, we went on foot to the Birkhall house, where Admiral Clan-William lives with his family, with a cat. we were drinking tea. We returned home at 7 o'clock, having driven through the mountains. Ballater. George and May dined with us.

*September 15th. Sunday.*

We got up with terrible weather - a storm with rain. At 12 o'clock. went to church; attended a Scottish service for the first time. The family had breakfast. It cleared up and became cold. Went for a walk to Abergeldie Castle \* where we all had tea. Had a conversation with Salisbury. We had lunch at 9 o'clock and studied in the evening.

\* Abhergeldi Castle.

*September 16th. Monday.*

Finally, the first day stood clear. At 9 1/2 we went on a round-up to the famous grouse in the mountains near Birkhall and Glenmuick. Killed only two of them, since shooting at these birds is very difficult. We had breakfast in a tent from the bounty of Lord Glenesk, with whom we drank tea at the end of the hunt in a large company. Returned home at 7 1/2. Decently tired of climbing mountains and long standing at No. # \* inside earthen towers!

\* On numbers - hunting term.

*September 17th. Tuesday.*

The day was free, that is, without leaving home b. to hunt. In the morning I was shooting in the uniform and frock coat of Scots Grays. A family from Mar Lodge arrived for breakfast, filming as a group. We went on foot and then drove to the house of the forester - Danzig, where they drank tea. Came home with Granny. Had another additional conversation with Salisbury. Dined at 9 1/4. I had neuralgia.

*September 18th. Wednesday.*

The consequence of this neuralgia was that my left cheek was disgustingly swollen and at night I did not sleep at all. I hate to appear like this! I sat at home in the morning. At 12 1/2 went with Granny and Alix to Mar Lodge to see Louise and Macduff. They met us with their people - 80 people. with a green flag. Had breakfast with the family. We examined their small house and a barrack attached to it, in a cat. live Comrades Alix, Victoria, Karl and Maud. We returned home at 6 o'clock and had tea with Granny. Dined alone at 8 o'clock because of the cheek. I read it in the evening.

*19th September. Thursday.*

I felt great and the swelling was almost gone. The day was quite nice and warm. After coffee we walked behind a Granny stroller. I read it and began to pack up little by little. We had breakfast at 12 1/4 - the godless hour. At 4 1/4, I went on foot from Franzios Bat to another tea house, Glen Gelder, not far from the site of one of the raids. Alix went there with Thora. Came back with Granny and wife. The evening was free. Dined with everyone at 9 o'clock.

*20th September. Friday.*

It had been a good day, but a real storm was blowing. After coffee went one deerstalking \*. Walked the whole day through the mountains, forests and swamps, got hungry and as a result did not kill anything and did not release a single bullet. Really annoying! Met Granny and Alix on the way home. After his bath, he attended his daughter's bath and then sat with Granny and had a political conversation with her. We had lunch at 9 o'clock. The two of them distributed gifts for all the local courtiers.

\* Deer Hunter (eng.).

*September 21st. Saturday.*

After coffee we went out together into the garden, where we were filmed both in a simple way and in a spinning one (cinematograph). Walked with Granny. We had breakfast with all the children of Beatrice, on the occasion of the birthday of her youngest son. Comrade Alix arrived at 3 1/2. sisters. We did not see them for long, as soon we had to go with Granny. We drank tea with her at home. Changed into a Scots Grays frock coat. We had dinner at 8 3/4 and at about 10 o'clock we said goodbye to Balmoral and, under torchlight, drove to Ballater with the same escort. We got on the train and at 11 o'clock set off. Alix and I were in the comfortable Granny carriage. We slept in the same compartment.

*September 22nd. Sunday.*

We slept well. At 8.45 we stopped at Preston for coffee. It was raining and it was cold. Had breakfast at Oxford at 2 o'clock. We saw the former Bombay governor - Lord Harris. At 5 1/2 we arrived in **Portsmouth**. Two guards of honor - crepe. artil. and sailors. We entered the "**Polar Star**" straight along the gangway. The Shtandart was on the road. At 8 o'clock we dined with the British admirals, generals and our embroidered. We visited "Victoria Albert", on a cat. spend the night D. Arthur, T. Lonischen and Helen. Finally listened to our music at lunch. The night was clear.

*September 23rd. Monday.*

We left Portsmouth at 7 o'clock and at a low speed went to the English squadron, which was waiting for us on O from the island of Wight. Walked on deck this time too. The wind blew harder and harder and the wave grew larger and farther from the coast. But the weather was clear. English. the ships kept their places remarkably; walked in a 13-knot course. The pitching intensified and the battleships took wave after wave. At 11 o'clock we met a French squadron; the British turned dashing back with a salute, the French took their places. After that I went to sleep. Poor Alix was completely seasick, and so was her daughter. At 2 o'clock we entered **Cherbourg** in the inner port, and the "Standart" and the entire squadron were in position at the roadstead. They went ashore and were greeted by President Felix [th] for [th]. After the performances, we returned to the yacht and transferred to an advice note \* "Elan", on the cat. made a round of all ships and visited the flagship, the battleship "Nospe". Here they watched the parade of all the naval teams brought together. It blew great. We returned to "Polyarn. Sound ", by 5 o'clock. and the president's boat. We drank tea at home, because we were very hungry. At 6 1/2 Handicap went to dinner at the naval arsenal. While smoking, I talked with admirals and generals. Returning to the "Polar Star" and saying goodbye to the officers and the crew, Alix and I got on our train right there at the pier and set off at 8 1/2. It rained at night.

\* Patrol ship (French).

*September 24th. Tuesday.*

We woke up with wonderful weather. At 9 o'clock we arrived at Versailles and then got on the presidential train. By 10 o'clock. arrived in **Paris**. A guard of honor from the Garde Republiccine \* , all the ministers, our additional retinue and many acquaintances met us in a tent arranged on purpose. We went to 4-seater. Landau with Fore [th] three together with a large escort of cuirassiers. Troops were stationed all along the way. I can only compare the meeting of the population of Paris with the departure to **Moscow**, so she was sincere and touching! Placed perfectly in our embassy.

We found our daughter at home. We had breakfast together. Having received M-me Faure and her daughter, they went with the same parade to our church, where a prayer service was served. Then Alix returned home, and I went to visit the president. He introduced me to the entire top administration, the Senate and the deputies. Was home at 5 o'clock and after tea received diplomats and Ganoto - min. foreign cases. At 7 o'clock we went together for a big dinner at the Elysee Palace. Fore and I both read our toasts.

At 10 o'clock, the three of us went with him to a gala performance at the Grand Opera. From there we returned home after half past twelve!

\* Republican Guard (French).

*September 25th. Wednesday.*

Also a very busy day. As if on purpose two couriers had gathered in Paris, where every moment was numbered. At 9 1/2 Fort he came for us and the three of us set off with the same cuirassier escort through the city. Examined: Notre Dame, Sainte Chapelle, all the judges were immediately represented, Pantheon, Hotel des Invalides. We returned to the embassy at 12 1/4 and sat down to breakfast with the Shartskys, prince. Matilda, Omalsky and the main figures of high society. At 2 1/2 we went to the other bank of the Seine, where the **laying of the bridge**, named after the Pope, took place. We sat in a large tent, where they sang different things. From there we went to the mint, to the Academy of Sciences and to the city duma. The order in the streets was brilliant. We returned home only at 6 1/2. At 7 1/2 we had lunch and then the three of us went to the Comedie Francaise. They gave a mixed performance.

*September 26th. Thursday.*

We woke up with wonderful weather. After coffee, I read the papers and received Misha in front of Alix! At 10 1/2 we went with the president to the Louvre, where we stayed for more than an hour. Returning back, they began to have breakfast with all the members of the embassy, ours and the French retinue. It was a pity "to part with Paris and the pretty house in which we only lived for two and a half days! The three of us went to the poste francaise in

Versailles. We stopped half way in Sevres and examined the famous porcelain factory. Crowds of people stood all the way from Paris to Versailles; my hand almost withered kicking in. We arrived there at 4 1/2 and rode through the beautiful park, inspecting the fountains. Indeed, there is a resemblance to Peterhof. The halls and rooms of the palace are ideal and interesting from a historical point of view, of course! until 7 1/2; had a conversation with Fore and Ganoto Dined at galerie les batailles\* . Then there was a beautiful performance with all the celebrities and at 11 1/4 we left Versailles in our train.

\* Gallery of battles (French).

*September 27th. Friday.*

It rained at night, fortunately it stopped in the morning. At 10 1/2 we arrived at Chalon, where Faur met us with all the ministers and high military commanders. The three of us again went to the landau, harnessed by 6 artillery horses, with an escort from two cavalry regiments to the house, to the cat. first stopped Napoleon III and imp. Eugene. Having rested and had a snack there, we went to the place of the parade. He sat on Emir \* at the right flank of the troops; there were 70,000 of them in the ranks, 6 infantry divisions and 4 cavalry. In addition, the first to pass: two rifle brigades, a regiment of zouavs \*\*, a battalion of the Turko [in] \*\*\* and a squadron of spahis \*\*\*\*... After a detour of the front, they drove up to the podium, where they entered and sat down; I got off the horse. The passage lasted two and a half hours, although the infantry was a division as a whole, and the cavalry in brigades. The step is very frequent, the alignment is not bad, the buglers and drummers play dashingly! Every time a divisional general passed or a banner passed, the president and we all got up and he took off his top hat. Towards the very end, all the cavalry with horse batteries made a long attack on the stands, which turned out remarkably effectively. A total of 108 squadrons participated! Returned to shale national at 3 1/2 and recuperated went to the huge tent where breakfast was served. The last toasts. It was getting dark when we drove back; the entire mass of troops lined up on both sides of the road to the station. We said goodbye to good Faure and all our acquaintances and set off to the border, where they took Boisdefre and Gervais with them. We dined with them in the carriage and parted at the station. "Pagny" at 11 o'clock.

It was completely sad to cross the border and leave the good French!

\* Name of the horse.

\*\* Zouaves - Zouave regiments - French colonial troops, formed from the inhabitants of the North. Africa.

\*\*\* Turkish-French soldiers from African colonies.

\*\*\*\* Spahis - spagi (French), genus French. cavalry in the North. Africa.

*September 28th. Saturday.*

At 9 o'clock. in the morning we arrived in **Darmstadt**, where we were met by: Erni, Ducky, D. Sergei, Ella and Victoria. Together with Erny I went to the palace with an escort, Alix with Ducky. He appointed me chief of the white dragoon regiment. We are located at the very top in my wife's old rooms. We had breakfast as a family and went for a ride to Rosenhoh and Kranichstein, where we drank tea. We returned home at 5 1/2 o'clock. The weather was summer. After dinner, we watched the torchlight procession and serenade from the balcony of the old palace. Drank tea at Victoria's!

*September 29th. Sunday.*

By 9 o'clock. gathered for breakfast, after which Alix and Ducky drove to the palace church. I was busy with my papers and managed to finish it all before evening. We had breakfast with our retinues. We went on foot through the city, but soon the crowd behind us grew to such an extent that we had to enter the stables and order carriages. We went to one of the city gardens, where we examined the greenhouses. We drank tea at home. At 6 1/2, we went in

ceremonial carriages to the theater for the spectacle-gala \*. They gave Lohengrin excellent. Came home at 10 1/2 and had dinner together. The evening was clear but cold.

\* Gala performance - festive, solemn (French).

*September 30th. Monday.*

At 8 o'clock I went on horseback with Erni and Ducky to the forest for the railroad. and took a great walk with them. Came home at 9 1/2 and had coffee. At 11 o'clock I went with the village of Sergei and Erni to the officers' meeting of white dragoons, where we had breakfast. I gave them my brother [\[6\]](#) as a keepsake. We returned home and sat down at the family table and even tasted several dishes. At 3 o'clock the weather cleared completely and we all went to Braunshardt, where we walked in an old neglected garden and then drank tea in an empty house. When I returned I read French newspapers about our stay. At 7 o'clock there was a formal dinner at the Schloss \* and this ended our official visit to Darmstadt.

\* Probably correct (schloß) - castle.

*1st October. Tuesday.*

After coffee we went on foot to a furniture store and also an antique store. Returning home, I read. We had breakfast with everyone and at 2 1/2 went in three carriages to Jugenheim, where Victoria met us. We walked around and examined her house. After tea Erni, D. Sergei and I went down the mountain on foot and there sat in a chaise that overtook us. We were at home at 6 1/2, and at 7 we went to the theater. We had supper in the evening.

*2nd October. Wednesday.*

The day was gray, but not cold. After coffee, Alix and I went for a walk around the city. Finished business and started a letter to dear Mom! Thank God, the news from her from Abastuman about George is better and reassuring!

After breakfast we set off in four different carriages to Wolfsgarten, Alix's favorite place. We got there in less than an hour, walked in a beautiful forest, looked for mushrooms, examined the house and drank tea. Returned home at 6 1/2. The evening was free, we had dinner at 8 o'clock and read and drew before tea.

*3rd October. Thursday.*

After coffee, the two of us made a good walk out of town. Mama wrote all morning. We had breakfast with everyone and then looked at the things of the local jewelers. We sat at home all day, because the rain was pouring like a bucket. At 7 o'clock we went to the theater; there was a small opera "Hensel und Gretel", after which we had supper.

*4th October. Friday.*

Convoy and life-Cossack holiday! Received congratulatory telegrams from both. In the morning Ducky and D. Sergei went to Coburg to see T. Marie. At 10 1/4, Alix, Ella, Erni and I went to **Hamburg**, where we were met by Comrade Vicky. The foundation of the Russian church took place there. In carriages we went to Friedrichshof, where we had breakfast in its beautiful castle. We examined it and admired the wonderful decoration of all the rooms inside. At 5 o'clock we returned to Darmstadt. At 7 o'clock we went to the theater and laughed a lot in the cheerful play "Bureaukrat". The five of us had dinner with Victoria.

*October 5th. Saturday.*

It rained all day. I read and finished all the cases. The obnoxious Wilhelm does not give us rest here either, and he certainly wants to invite us to breakfast in Wiesbaden next week. To make him empty! At 3 o'clock, they received



Napoleon, the cat. goes to Rome. We examined the old palace and drank tea at Victoria's. The three of us had dinner with Erni, because Ella and Victoria went to the concert. D. Sergei and Ducky returned at 10 o'clock.

*b-th October. Sunday.*

At 9.20 we went to Wiesbaden, to our church. Aunt Sani met us at the station and took us to mass. After the service, we went to her at the Park Hotel, where we had a great breakfast. At 2 o'clock we left and at 3 1/2 were at home. The rain passed and Erni, Sergei and I made an excellent walk. We drank tea at 5 o'clock. At 6 1/2 we went to the theater where "Aida" was on.

*7th October. Monday.*

It was pouring again all day. But right before one o'clock I managed to finish

all the papers that affect me in an encouraging way. At 2 o'clock Wilhelm arrived, with whom we had breakfast. At about 4 o'clock he left for Wiesbaden again. I went for a walk with D. Sergei around the city in the pouring rain. Dined at 8 o'clock. I read historical magazines.

*October 8th. Tuesday.*

Woke up with the rain. At 11 o'clock. Erni, D. Sergei and I went to Wiesbaden. There, at the station, Wilhelm himself met us and we went with him to the palace. We had breakfast with him, the Empress, Comrade Sani and D. Charles Alexandre. String music was playing. After smoking and talking, we left back at 2 1/2 o'clock. We were at home at 4 o'clock. We went with our wives on foot to the garden "Mathildenhoh", where we examined the site for the future Orthodox Church. We drank tea at 5 1/2 and an hour later we went to the theater, where they were performing a new opera "Die Inkasohne". We had dinner as a family.

*October 9th. Wednesday.*

The weather was not bad in the morning, but in the afternoon it turned bad again. Walked after coffee with D. Sergei. I read French newspapers and put in order all the illustrations that were in the general heap during my departure from England. The Ozerovs \* and all of ours had breakfast. At 4 o'clock I went with Alix to the Schloss, where they examined the rooms. We returned for tea. After dinner there was a concert downstairs, in which the familiar but English violinist Wolff and the pianist Rayet took part.

\* Apparently, we are talking about Ozerov Serg. Serg., Major General of the suite and his wife.

*October 10th. Thursday.*

After breakfast I went for a walk with D. Sergei. The morning was sunny and warm. By 12 o'clock it turned bad again and it started to rain. We went to the station to meet Comrade Vicky. We had breakfast with her; she left at 4 o'clock. Did a nice walk again. Were in the theater; gave a funny play "Der Compagnon".

*October 11th. Friday.*

In the morning we went for Kranichshtein to excavate three burial mounds in the forest. They worked themselves under the guidance of professor of history Kofler [a] with the help of soldiers. We found many interesting things - most of all clay pots and bronze bracelets and rings. We had breakfast right there in the woods by the fire. The weather was good. Returned home at 5 1/2. At 7 o'clock we went to the theater, gave a terrible play "Die Ahnfran". We had supper in the evening.

*October 12th. Saturday.*

At last the day was clear. After coffee I read papers and by 12 o'clock finished everything. Went with Alix to join the others at yesterday's dig site. We arrived just in time for breakfast in the woods next to one of the mounds. After eating, he set to work, dug out several well-preserved bracelets and rings. We returned at 5 1/2 o'clock. We had dinner at 8 o'clock. While Wolf was delighting the ladies on his violin, Sergei and I were reading in the library.

*October 13th. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock. went with Erni and D. Sergei to the old palace, where they examined the collection of excavated things and then to the castle, where they walked through the museum and all the rooms. We had breakfast at one o'clock. I sat at home and read. It was cold, the wind was blowing and it was raining. At 6 o'clock we went to the casino of the Guards regiment, where we drank and had a snack. Half an hour later we were already at the theater and listened to "Tannhäuser". We had dinner on our return.

*October 14th. Monday.*

After coffee I walked with D. Sergei. The weather was bearable. I read hard and finished all the papers. We had breakfast with the local Standesherrn and their spouses. At 3 o'clock the family went to Seheim, where they examined the house, walked and drank tea. The view from the mountain is wonderful; Raine was seen as a silver snake. Returned home at 6 1/4. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. and went to the concert building, where they saw the action of the cinema. I read it in the evening.

*October 15th. Tuesday.*

In the morning, D. Alfred arrived on a journey to England. Walked with D. Sergei throughout the city. We had breakfast with all of our people. We rode in the woods, examined the old rampart farm and looked for mushrooms. At 5 1/2 after tea, D. Alfred left. Were in the theater, gave on. "Das Heimchen am Nero". The music is beautiful.

*October 16th. Wednesday.*

The morning was good, after coffee I went for a walk with Erni and D. Sergei. We went to Schloss to look at old pictures from "Tishbach". From 11 o'clock I read and finished the papers of the last courier in Darmstadt. We had breakfast at Victoria's at Altepalais. We went for a drive in two landauses and returned for tea. I met Mr. Wemyss is a friend of the house!

We all had a strange idea to buy a ready-made house in Venice together! From words to deeds and soon the house will be ours; Wemyss is instructed to go there and make this purchase. At 7 o'clock we went to the theater; there was a very good play Die zartlichen Werwandten.

*October 17th. Thursday.*

We got up early to pack our last things. We drank coffee together and at 10 o'clock, having said goodbye to Erni and Ducky, we went home, sad to leave Darmstadt. Although the composition of our society on the **train** has changed, the number is the same. The weather was cold with strong winds. Already 8 years have passed since the train crash!

*October 18th. Friday.*

I slept well. The day was gray, but not cold. Alix and Ella - both were seasick, although we did not go quickly. I read with interest Pavlov's History of Russia. At 7 1/2 pm we arrived in **Verzhbolovo** after an almost two month absence from Russia! We got on our old train (Kurskiy). The courier also came here with the papers. Dined at 8 1/4 o'clock.

*19th October. Saturday.*

On a gray rainy day, we returned home. At 7 o'clock. arrived in Gatchino and immediately went to dear Mama, who had returned from the Caucasus today. Both Misha and Olga found her in excellent condition, tanned. At 8 o'clock we went to **Tsarskoe** and straight from the station to our house. Rejoiced at his splendid new bathtub, even more extensive than in the Winter one; the dining room has also been redecorated. Let's go inspect my old rooms, which are very well arranged by the English. Maples. D. Sergei and Ella stayed there. Dined at 9 1/2 with them and D. Paul.

*20th October. Sunday. \**

Wherever I am and no matter how many years have passed since then, not a single detail of that sad and inexpressibly difficult day in Livadia will never be erased from my memory! I still can't believe that everything will end irrevocably and change. I am surprised that you can survive such a difficult ordeal, the heart then was so torn to pieces. But the merciful Lord arranges everything for our good, and having given me such an angel as a wife, He also gave a lot of new strength for life and for the fulfillment of the duty entrusted to me by Him. May His Holy Will be! Mama took the road to Petersburg, to the fortress for the funeral mass. Then they went to Gatchino, where they spent the day with her. We returned to Tsarskoe by 6 1/2. We dined with Petya (dezh.) Of six. I disassembled everything.

\* After the day of the week, a cross is put up - the day of the death of Alexander III.

*October 21st. Monday.*

The morning was sunny. With great pleasure I bathe, rinse and swim in my new huge bath. I read until 11 o'clock. and then he went out for a walk with Alix and Ella. At 12 1/2 in the corner room Yanyshv served a thanksgiving service for us on the occasion of the successful end of our long journey. We had breakfast with him, Yanyshv [s], four of us. Den's report was accepted. At 3 1/2 we went out into the garden; went to inspect the farm; released a Tibetan yak. After tea I read as usual, and at last put my rooms in order. The five of us had dinner, after which D. Sergei and Ella left for Moscow.

*October 22nd. Tuesday.*

During the night the snow fell rather deep; the walk was very dirty, as it was melting. The next reports have gone; today - Vannovsky and Shishkin.

We had breakfast with Baryatinskaya and Kotey Ob [Olensky] (dezh.). Walked alone again, it was too wet for Alix. We drank tea together. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined: Katusya Vas [Ilchikova], Baryatinskaya and Kotya.

*October 23rd. Wednesday.*

The frost intensified and the snow continued to fall. In the morning we walked together. We had breakfast with Vanya (dezh.).

We made a second walk and drank tea with our daughter, a cat. sat at our table in a children's chair. We dined with Uncle Pavel.

*October 24th. Thursday.*

We woke up and got up Sramov late, so the morning walk was very short. Breakfast: Comrade Evgenia, Alec and Petusha (dezh.). I walked alone and at 4 1/4 went with Alix to Pavlovsk, where they drank tea with Kostya and Mavra. We returned home on a starry frosty night - at 6 1/2. I read a little. We dined with Petyusha.

*October 25th. Friday.*

In the morning we learned about the sudden death of Prince. Ivan Mikhailovich Golitsyn in Gatchina! We walked together after breakfast; there was a thaw, the roads were wet. At 4 3/4 we went to Gatchina. Poor Mama is very upset about this loss; really, how many people close to her have already died? At 7 1/2 we went to a memorial service in the kitchen carriage. Dined alone and at 10 o'clock returned to Tsarskoe.

*October 26th. Saturday.*

Fortunately, all the snow had melted, it became warm, but the wind was blowing very hard, so that many trees fell down. We walked together before the reports. At 3 o'clock we went to Babolovo and from there returned home on foot along the usual path along the water pipe. After tea I read and wrote to Xenia. In the evening we played our favorite trick-truck.

*October 27th. Sunday.*

The frost was pretty strong. At 10 1/4 we went to Gatchina with D. Misha and Sergei, who had returned from abroad yesterday. After dinner we had breakfast with everyone. At 2 o'clock there was a funeral service in the Cuirassier Church of the body of Ivan Mikh. Golitsyn, then he was taken to the railway. dor. for transportation to Moscow. Walked with Misha and Andrey. After tea we returned to Tsarskoe. I read a little; in the evening we played four hands.

*October 26th. Monday.*

Dear Dad and Mom's wedding day. It was a clear frosty day. After the walk, I had four reports. We had breakfast with Petya (dezh.). We visited a large elephant and a new small one from Abyssinia. Aunt Sasha arrived for tea on the way from Kiev. We dined with Petya and spent the evening together.

*October 29th. Tuesday.*

The day was moderate and quiet. The morning was unoccupied - only two regular talks. We had breakfast alone and then drove to Babolovo, from where we returned on foot.

Tinkering with photos, distributing them for sticker in a thick scrapbook. We dined and spent the evening together.

*October 30th. Wednesday.*

Got up at 5 1/2 and after drinking coffee with a sweetheart, Alix went with Hirsch in a troika to Kipen to **hunt**. At first it was snowing; from 10 o'clock it completely cleared up and the day lasted wonderful until evening. The hunt was very successful and merry; in total, 760 were killed with thirteen guns - of which by **me: 58.** - 1 grouse, 1 gray partridge and 56 hares. Nikolasha treated us to a delicious breakfast at the Glyadinsky tea house. The hunt ended near the Ropsha church, from where I returned to Tsarskoe in my old Siberian carriage with Gustav \*. Upon arrival home, I finished my papers by 8 1/2, after which the two of us had dinner. The state of health was excellent after being outdoors all day.

\* Gustav Ivanovich Hirsch.

*October 31st. Thursday.*

We got up at 9 o'clock on a clear frosty day. After reading the morning papers, we went for a walk. Had four reports, which dragged on until 1 1/2. Breakfast: D. Misha, Stana and Sergei (dezh.). We walked together. After tea, I attended my daughter's bath. I read until 8 o'clock. The three of us had lunch with Sergei.

*1st November. Friday.*

It was 6 frost, but quiet. After the reports, I received a lot of those who presented themselves. Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked together again in the park. At 5 o'clock. came from Gatchina Mama and Misha. She was present at the bath of her daughter. We dined together, showed the newly arranged rooms and at 10 o'clock took Mama and Misha to the station.

*2nd November. Saturday.*

At 7 o'clock I went hunting with Dmitry. With all those invited, I arrived at 8 o'clock at Pudost, from where the corrals began, in last year's places. The weather was good: 8 ° C, clear and completely quiet. We had breakfast in a peasant house in the village. Small Istinka. We began and ended the hunt at the canvas of the railroad. dor. Total killed: 388 of this I got to my share - 2 ser. partridges and 22 white hares. I returned to Tsarskoe at about 6. I had to read a lot.

*3rd November. Sunday.*

The first anniversary of the happy event of the birth of our little darling! Much has been experienced on this day a year ago! May the Lord bless her with health, for joy and happiness for us!

At 11 o'clock. went to Mass - joyful to pray on such a day. We had breakfast with D. Pavel and Boris. We walked around the park. After tea I read a lot. We spent the evening quietly alone.

*4th November. Monday.*

It was a good sunny day; it is a pity that there is still little snow. We walked around and then I had the usual two reports. At 12 3/4 we left our station for Peterhof. We had breakfast in the carriage. We stopped at the Ropsha crossing and drove to the palace on Znamenska. During the **christening** of Petyusha and Militsa's son, **Roman**, I held him in my arms; Aunt Sasha and I were godparents. After congratulations, they drank tea and had a snack at Militsa's. We returned home by 5 o'clock. Uncle Vladimir came from abroad. We dined alone and played with 4 hands.

*5th November. Tuesday.*

It got warmer and almost melted. In the morning there were no papers, so the walk was long. There were the usual two reports. Petyusha (dezh.) Had breakfast. I took Nelidov for a long time. At 4 1/2 we went to visit Mama in Gatchina; there is a great toboggan run. We dined with Mama and Misha and at 10 1/2 returned to Tsarskoe. Was reading.

*6th November. Wednesday.*

Centenary of the death of Catherine the Great! The holiday of dear Leib-Hussars, which Alix attended for the first time. After Muravyov's report, he went to the arena, where a prayer service was served, and then the regiment passed the ceremony twice. m. Toasts were drunk in the equestrian arena and from there everyone hurried to the Grand Palace for breakfast. After the usual conversations with the officers, he appointed Yasha Gagarin as an aide-de-camp. We walked together with a new dog - also "collie" - later Iman's wife. We drank tea with v. Vladimir. I read a lot.

*7th November. Thursday.*

At 7 1/4 I went with the invitees from St.

Gatchina - for Remiz. The frost was light and the day was wonderful for hunting. We had breakfast in a house on Fox Hills. Of the total number of killed game 420 - 90 fall on the share of the pen - the result is excellent. I killed: 2 black grouse, 8 ser. kurop., 2 pheasants and hares 14; total 26 pcs.

I returned to Tsarskoe by 5 o'clock. After tea I read a lot and did business before and after dinner.

*November 8th. Friday.*

At 11 1/4 we went to **St. Petersburg**, straight to the arena for the parade of the Moscow regiment and the Izhora reserve, the battle, which went well. In the end, he accepted a lot of introducing themselves. We sat down to breakfast in the Concert Hall at 2 o'clock. We talked with the officers in the Rotunda. At 3 1/2 we went to the Armorial Hall, where the ceremony of nailing the banner of the Jaeger Regiment and the imposition of St. George's ribbons on silver pipes to 8 Guards batteries took place. After tea he received Goremykin. It is pleasant to spend a day in our cozy rooms of the Winter Palace. Having had dinner at 7 1/4, we went to the Russian theater, where the play "The Family" was being performed. Returned home at 11 1/2.

*November 9th. Saturday.*

Centenary anniversary of L.-Gv. Jaeger regiment and eight guard batteries. After graduating from numerous reports, I went to follow Alix to the arena. There, in addition to the celebrating units, there were a lot of those who had previously served, as well as retired and reserve lower ranks. The middle lodge had people lined up in all the old forms of these units. Ceremony: handing over the banner, after consecration of the oath, referring to silver. trumpets and reading letters - all this vividly reminded me of the celebration of the centenary of the Pavlovsky regiment in 1890. After the parade, there was a breakfast for 600 people in the Nikolaev Hall. bosses and officers. We left Petersburg for **Tsarskoe Selo** at 5 o'clock. I read it. Dined at 8 o'clock with George (dezh.).

*November 10th. Sunday.*

In the morning we went to Gatchina for the day. My daughter slept better that night and the fever was less than yesterday. After mass, there was the usual breakfast upstairs in Maria Fyodorovna's rooms. Alix and I received a deputation from the city of Gatchina in our arsenal, on the occasion of its centenary as a city. We walked with Mom all over the park. We drank tea with her and at 6 1/4 returned to Tsarskoe. I read and studied for a long time after lunch with Sergei (dezh.).

*November 11th. Monday.*

The day was clear with a slight frost. Walked together with all the dogs. After the usual reports, he accepted gr. Montebello. We had breakfast alone. At 3 o'clock we went out in my hunting sled with the Swede, like two years ago after our wedding. Came back in the dark after making a great walk. Was reading. My daughter, thank God, is feeling well, the fever has not returned. After lunch we played four hands.

*November 12th. Tuesday.*

At 11 1/4 we went to St. Petersburg for the whole day. The poor little wife, as if on purpose, had a severe headache, but she fortunately endured everything to the end.

From the station we went straight to the house for the encouragement of arts, where an interesting **exhibition of French paintings** was organized. Bought two of them. We had breakfast at the Oldenburgskys, to which Mom came from Gatchina. From there, the three of us went with her to the **Smolny** Inst. to celebrate the centenary of the accession of the imperial. Maria Feodorovna in the management of her institutions. This went on for an hour and a half. We rested and drank tea in the Winter Palace. At 6 o'clock. went to the building of the new **conservatory**, where the opening of the concert hall took place. At 7 o'clock. left for Tsarskoe, tired enough, but happy that they had let down so many things. We dined and spent the evening alone.

*November 13th. Wednesday.*

For some reason they both slept badly and all day after that they felt bad. That's what it means to be out of the air a little! We walked a little in the park. There was a great reception of introducing themselves. We had breakfast alone. At 4 o'clock we went to **Gatchina**; the daughter, unfortunately, had to be left in Tsarskoe, due to a slight fever. It was all the more a pity that Ksenia and Sandro returned from Crimea with little Irina. It would be so good to see them together. After tea we attended her bath. Placed in the same rooms below. We had dinner with D. Misha. Mom received our gifts in the evening.

*November 14th. Thursday.*

We slept well, but in the morning I still felt the pain in my head. As a result of this, I became ill at the impoverishment, and, to my great annoyance, I had to go out with Alix. We had breakfast with everyone at separate tables in the White Hall. Walked with Misha, Sandro and Andrey and shot a raven from a new montecristo \*. The weather was dirty; almost all the snow had melted and a fresh wind was blowing. We drank tea with Mom and Ksenia and at 6 o'clock we drove back to **Tsarskoe**, to our darling. She still has a fever. Today is two years of our wedding, and a year for our daughter's christening!

\* Brand of hunting rifle.

*November 15th. Friday.*

In the morning and in the afternoon he walked with the montecristo, but he shot at the crows unsuccessfully. There was a lot to do; took after reports until breakfast.

The frost began, the day stood clear. In the evening I read for a long time, but managed to finish everything before dinner. We learned that Trene had a son in Kiel.

*November 16th. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock went through Peter to the station. Obukhov, Nikolaevskaya railway from there in a carriage to the military Preobrazhenskoye cemetery. I have a church in the name of St. Blessed. v. k. Alexander Nevsky was **consecrated**. There was a company of representatives of the troops, a cat. at the end of the service, a ceremony took place. march. It was cold, deep frost with a piercing wind. I had breakfast on the way back. I returned home at 2 o'clock. We walked together. My daughter, thank God, is feeling well, the fever is gone. After dinner I read Alix aloud.

*November 17th. Sunday.*

During the night, a huge amount of snow fell - about a foot deep. At 11 o'clock. were at mass and then received 28 chambered pages recently produced. We had breakfast with everyone in the rotunda with music. Later

sat for over an hour posing for the French. artist Rolle. Walked alone, drowning in the snow. We spent the evening together.

*November 18th. Monday.*

The frost increased significantly and reached 12 °. The day was excellent, clear and quiet. We walked together in the morning. I had three reports, after breakfast there was another report by Vorontsov and then Badmaev, who had returned from China. After the walk I read a lot. We went to bed early.

*19th November. Tuesday.*

At 7 1/2 he went with the rest of the invited to hunt in Gatchina. It was clearly quiet and 12 ° to frost. They worked in a pheasant. In total, 465 were killed. Of this, **I**: 14 pheasants, 1 rabbit, 15 hares - a **total of 30 pieces**. Misha arrived after breakfast. I drank tea with Mom and returned to Tsarskoe at 6 1/2 o'clock.

*20th November. Wednesday.*

We got up so late today that we didn't have time to walk. I had four reports. Ksenia and Sandro (dezh.) Had breakfast. We walked together, the weather was cold and windy. We drank tea and dined together; during the day we played for a long time upstairs with our daughter in her arena, showed her to Xenia. In the evening we parted early.

*November 21st. Thursday.*

The weather changed again and became warm; at night there was more snow. Walked in the morning. At 11 1/4 we went to the city and to the arena for the parade - the Semenovskiy regiment, my 1st battery Gvar. Con. Art. brigade and a magnificent company of representatives of the Border Guard.

Breakfast in the Winter Palace and the conversations ended quite early; at 4 1/2 were already in Tsarskoe at home. I read a lot before lunch.

*November 22nd. Friday.*

Today Misha is 18 years old! The day was warm and gray with a strong wind. Walked in the morning. Was very busy with presentations and reception. We had breakfast with Petya (dezh.). At 2 1/2 we went to Gatchina. We walked with Mom and before tea gave Misha our gifts. He sat with Mom until 8 o'clock. We had dinner with the family and at 10 1/4 we returned to Tsarskoe.

*November 23rd. Saturday.*

We got up early, but so many people crawled up to me that the morning walk was unfortunately quite short; the weather was nice and quiet. We had breakfast alone. From 2 hours. until 4 I had a meeting on Turkish affairs - from: Vannovsky, Obruchev, Shishkin, Tyrtov, Witte and Nelidov. We went out for a walk when it got dark. After lunch I began to read aloud the Polish novel "Quo Vadis" \*, a few days before that we had finished reading together the unpublished "Story of the Death of Pavel Petrovich" by Kotzebue from the library of the late Lobanov.

\* A novel by Henrik Sienkiewicz.

*November 24th. Sunday.*

We woke up with excellent clear weather; the frost reached 15 ° at night. After mass, the newly appointed people were introduced to the Consolidated Bath. number of 207 people. We had breakfast with the whole string orchestra. They hung pictures in new rooms (Maples) and decorated them with porcelain and glass items. Walked alone. We drank tea with v. Vladimir. I studied, and after dinner I read aloud to my wife.

*November 25th. Monday.*

The same weather as yesterday. In the morning we walked in the excellent sun. I accepted five reports, fortunately all are short. We had breakfast alone. After a walk and tea, I studied until 7 o'clock, when we went to the **city**. As real villagers came to the theater before the music began. Uncle Alexei returned from Paris. There was a good play "L'Amoureuse".

*November 26th. Tuesday.*



We woke up early on a sunny morning. I read and spent time freely until 11 1/2 o'clock. I went to bypass the troops and retired people. At 12 o'clock, began the first release of the St. George's holiday for dear Alix. After the prayer service and the removal of the standards, we returned to Malakhitovaya for breakfast. As always, in the middle I had to get up and go down to the Jordan Pod. to bypass the tables of St. George's Cavaliers. After breakfast, the flag of the Novocherkassk regiment was nailed down. Geshikhte \* with the village of Vladimir. Updated our kindergarten. Was reading. We had lunch at 6 o'clock, with the St. George Cavaliers. Let's go to the theater. "Carmen" with the Figners went well. We returned to **Tsarskoe Selo** at 12 1/2, very pleased with the opera.

\* Geshichte (German) - history.

*November 27th. Wednesday.*

We got up late, because we went to bed yesterday at 2 o'clock. Walked alone in the morning. Took many before breakfast. At 2 o'clock the meeting of the Siberian Committee began, which lasted for an hour and a half. Then we walked together. After lunch we went for a sleigh ride around the whole city.

*November 28th. Thursday.*

It snowed all day. Walked in the morning. At the time of my reports, Alix had a meeting on the affairs of the houses of industriousness. After breakfast, I have Shishkin. After walking together, I went to Gatchina for tea. I agreed with Mom about the consecration of the church on Okhta - the Novocherkassk regiment. Returned to Tsarskoe at 6 3/4. Dined and read aloud.

*November 29th. Friday.*

At 10 1/4 we went to the city to celebrate the 100th **anniversary of the Novocherkassk regiment**. Everything happened according to the same program as the anniversary of the Jaeger Regiment. The ceremonial march was very good; played "Sambre et Meuse"! Representatives in the old uniforms of the Tomsk muskater regiment also passed by. Big breakfast in the Winter Palace and the conversations ended before 3 o'clock. Having changed clothes, we went to Tsarskoe. We walked in the dark. After lunch we rode and then read together.

*November 30th. Saturday.*

In the morning, we walked together until 12 noon, since Vannovsky and Vorontsov are both sick and only Den arrived with a report. After breakfast he received another Taneev and then went together to Comrade Mikhen to congratulate Andrey on his birthday. Returning home, we went for a walk. After lunch, the cat read aloud the same book. we really like it.

*1st December. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock, got on the train Mom and went with her to the city; to Okhta to the newly consecrated church of the Novocherkassk regiment. We arrived at the beginning of Mass. The heat was terrible. The church was built from the former barn of the Naval Department.

From the Nikolaevsky railway station at 1 o'clock we went to Gatchina. We stopped at Aleksandrovka to take Alix on the train. Walked with Mom and Wife. We had dinner with the family with Yuri (dezh.) And at 10 o'clock, returned to Tsarskoe.

*2nd December. Monday.*

Before the walk, we went into the upper rooms, which are now also being remodeled according to Alix's instructions - at home! They already look cheerful and clean. There were reports: D. Aleksey with Tyrtoev, Ermolov,

Pobedonostsev and Kulomzin. We had breakfast with D. Alexei and Kirill, cat. I returned from abroad yesterday. Walked alone. I did it for a long time. After dinner they continued reading aloud.

*3rd December. Tuesday.*

In the morning I made an excellent long walk, since there was no report from Vannovsky; only Shishkin arrived. At 1 1/4 we went to the city, to the Academy of Sciences - to see the Dutch exhibition. It is rather colorless; bought one painting. From there we went across the ice to Aunt Sanya, with a cat. drank tea. We returned to Tsarskoe at 5 1/4. The weather was bad; the muzzle was desperate and the snow fell all day. In the evening we read together.

*4th December. Wednesday.*

In the morning I was very busy and did not have time to walk. D. Sergei and Ella arrived from Moscow; had breakfast with them and Petyusha (dezh.).

Walked with D. Sergei; Alix rode with Ella. The frost was slight, but a fresh wind was blowing. After tea I studied for a long time. The five of us also dined; they live with us, in the rooms of Maples [\[7\]](#). In the evening, despite their presence, I read aloud the same exciting book.

*December 5th. Thursday.*

In the morning I walked with D. Sergei. Had only two reports. D. Pavel and Sandro (dezh.) Also had breakfast. For the third day, dear Alix developed pains in her side and back and, most importantly, now she can lie down as much as possible. Me, the slightest such thing with her, greatly worries and worries! God bless and support her!

At 5 1/4 went to the Winter in **St. Petersburg**. We dined with Mama, Misha, Ksenia and Sandro. Then I received gifts from her, and in the evening when we were alone - from Alix. We went to bed quite late.

*December 6th. Friday.*

It's a pity that darling Alix is alone in her room this day, all because of this pain! At 10 1/2, the whole family gathered for mass. At 12 o'clock I went with Misha to the arena for the biggest church parade of the year. The Guards Crew impressed with its huge composition.

I was so glad that dear Mom came to the parade! She then had breakfast with Alix, while we had a big breakfast in the Nikolaev Hall. The conversation continued for an hour afterwards. At 4 1/2 we left for **Tsarskoe**. I answered obnoxious telegrams. Dined with D. Sergei and Ella; Alix was eating in the other room on the couch.

*December 7th. Saturday.*

Alix lay in bed all day, which is the best for her now. Walked with D. Sergei during the day as well. I had breakfast with Kotey Obolensky (dezh.). He had no reports at all. I fiddled with my daughter to the point of complete exhaustion; she runs through all the rooms, but she needs to be supported by the sash like help. I read and wrote. Dined with Ella, D. Sergei and Kotey. In the evenings I rejoice in my pissin and ride in a cork boat, which I received from Alix for my name day.

*December 8th. Sunday.*

The second day Alix also lay in bed. In the morning I took D. Sergei and Ella upstairs to the newly arranged rooms, which they liked very much. At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast with them, D. Vladimir, Comrade Mikhen and Boris. Then the artist Rolle painted me. Walked with the village of Serg [her]. I drank tea with them, after which he and Ella left for the city. Studied until 8 o'clock. Dined with Alix at the bedside. I read to her all evening.

*December 9th. Monday.*

Walked alone in the morning and afternoon. I had breakfast together with Uncle Alexei. Received an Italian deputation, which presented an address from their colonies of St. Petersburg and Moscow, on the occasion of the Coronation. I dined with D. Sergei and Ella. In the evening I read aloud.

*December 10th. Tuesday.*

Spent a rather disturbing day due to the ill health of dear Alix. Ott and Günt appeared in the morning; although Alix felt cheerful. I had breakfast with D. Sergei and Petya (dezh.). Walked with him \* around a large lake. I read and wrote. Ella is also lying down - she has influenza. I dined with the same and D. Paul.

\* From the word "with him" arrow to the words "with D. Sergei".

*December 11th. Wednesday.*

The day passed calmly. I took it in the morning. After breakfast I had a report from Goremykin. Walked in the morning and afternoon with D. Sergei. The frost reached 8 °. Alix and Ella lay on opposite sides of the house. I read it for myself in the evening.

*December 12th. Thursday.*

Alix felt better and with a lighter heart I went to Petersburg for the holiday of the Finnish regiment. The parade was brilliant. At 1 1/4 sat down to breakfast. The conversations taking place in the Rotunda ended at 2 3/4. Having received the Ural deputation and visiting Xenia, he went to the station with the village of Sergei and returned to Tsarskoe at 4 1/4. Alix had a good day. I dined with D. Serg [her] and Pavel. Then he read aloud.

*December 13th. Friday.*

By yesterday's order, Gri [Gori] Grigorievich] Golitsyn was appointed Commander in Chief in the Caucasus.

Got up late; walked with D. Sergei in the morning and afternoon. Had three reports - the third by Pratasova. Alix felt, thank God, better and I'm starting to calm down! Mom and Misha came from Gatchina for tea. The five of us dined at Ella's, in Maples' rooms. Mom left at 9 1/2 o'clock. Alix read aloud.

*December 14th. Saturday.*

It became quite warm. In the morning I did not walk for long. There were reports: Obruchev and Vorontsov. I had breakfast with Ella, since D. Sergei was in the city and returned from there to tea. After dinner, they dragged Alix from her bed to the corner room, in which things were displayed - for choosing gifts for the officers for the Christmas tree. Fortunately, we immediately finished this troublesome lesson within two hours. We drank tea quite late.

*December 15th. Sunday.*

I wanted to get up early, but it failed and therefore I was left without a morning walk. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. Everyone ate breakfast in our dining room. Finally the sun came out; the weather was warm. Made a nice walk. I read a lot. Dined: Ella, Sergei, Pavel and Kirill (dezh.).

*December 16th. Monday.*

Walked in the morning with D. Sergei. I had breakfast after presentations with Ella and D. Alexei. Received Badmaev. Did a long walk alone, with three dogs - Shilka follows perfectly. I studied before and after lunch. Alix feels good, thank God. My daughter is healthy.

*December 17th. Tuesday.*

At 10 o'clock. went with the train, which brought the rest of the hunters from St. Petersburg, to Gatchina and along the Tosno branch to the Vladimirskaya half-station - on elk. It was melting, the weather was very pleasant and there was a lot of light. We took only two circles, in the first village Vladimir and I killed an elk; in the second - he is also gr. Vorontsov killed two, and Uncle Alexei and Nikolasha severely wounded a large bull together. The result is excellent! On the return [route] at 3 1/2 we had breakfast in the carriage. Was home at 4 1/4 o'clock.

Uncle Sergei and Ella said goodbye to us and left for Moscow in the evening. I dined with darling Alix and then read to her aloud.

*December 18th. Wednesday.*

The weather was warm, but gray. After Muravyov's report and the reception, Uncle Misha and Plehve sat with me for a while on various matters of the State Council. I had breakfast with him alone. Then there was the report of the old man Delyanov, who had fully recovered from his illness! and another prof. Martens. Made a nice walk alone. Dined and read Alix in the bedroom.

*19th December. Thursday.*

Going out into the garden, I saw my elk, which was brought from the hunting ground; he turned out to be the best in horns - 18 shoots! This made me very happy. He was given to be devoured by the Consolidated Battalion.

The morning was extremely busy. Sat down to breakfast at 1 1/2 o'clock. Apparently walked alone with the dogs. I had to read quite a lot. After dinner, Alix was again rolled out in bed to the rotunda, where they distributed crystal and porcelain items for the family members. We didn't have time to read in the evening.

*December 20th. Friday.*

The thaw continues for the second day. Walked in the morning. There was only Witte's report. I had breakfast at Alix's early and at 1 3/4 went to Petersburg to receive the numerous deputations who had gathered for congratulations on the occasion of the coronation. I was terribly sorry that the reception had to be done alone, without Alix, since it was impossible to detain all these people for a long time in the city.

I drank tea with Xenia and Sandro, and at 5 o'clock I drove back to Tsarskoe. Studied until 8 1/2. After dinner I read aloud.

*December 21st. Saturday.*

Walked a little in the morning. Had reports: Obruchev, Dena and Vorontsov. Alix had breakfast at his bedside, as usual, and then went out for a walk with the montecristo, from which the crows were not particularly successful.

Dear Mom, on the way back from the city, stopped by for tea. At 6 1/2 she had already left for Gatchina. After dinner, I read Alix for a long time.

*December 22nd. Sunday.*

For almost the whole day he left his little wife, leaving for Gatchina for mass. We had breakfast in the white dining room - Maria Fyodorovna's room. I sat and talked with Mom and then walked around the whole park with her. I drank tea with Misha, Andrey and Yurka Olsufiev. At 5 1/2 I drove back to Tsarskoe and to the greatest joy found Alix lying on the sofa in another room - after more than two weeks in the bedroom! We dined together and then continued our interesting reading aloud.

*December 23rd. Monday.*

The poor health of poor little Irina causes some concern, since her temperature rises very high in the mornings and evenings - up to 40 ° C. Mom went from Gatchina today to visit Ksenia. I had four reports. Breakfast: D. Alexey and Georgy (dezh.). Then they sat for a while with Alix, the cat. lay on the couch. Walked with montecristo and killed two crows! In the evening Alix managed to read a lot aloud.

*December 24th. Tuesday.*

In the morning he received Count Muravyov, who had brought a letter from Denmark. I told him about my desire to appoint him manager of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At 11 1/2 I went to church for Vespers. Had breakfast with Alix. Walked for a long time; it was clear and the frost began to increase. At 4 o'clock they arranged a Christmas tree for my daughter in our bedroom. At 5 o'clock. got on the Mama train and went with her, Misha and Olga to the city. Thank God little Irina is better. We all went together to the all-night vigil in the Small Church, then dined with Xenia and Sandro. At 8 1/2 there was a Christmas tree for our family. He took the presents with him and at 9 3/4 o'clock arrived in Tsarskoe. Alix's Christmas tree and mine were not particularly cheerful, because she was poor again lying in bed, and my head was cracking desperately! I went to bed early - at 11 o'clock. I woke up an hour later, already without a headache, and then we showed each other our mutual gifts.

*December 25th. Wednesday.*

Got up early with a relieved head. At 11 o'clock. went to mass, after the cat. As always, a prayer service was served on that day. I had breakfast with Alix by the bedside. She feels good, but she needs to lie in bed in perfect silence for a while! Walked at 14 ° frost with the wind. I was still engaged in yesterday's affairs and finished everything by lunchtime. After eating, I read aloud. We lit the tree out of a good childish habit.

*December 26th. Thursday.*

The same frosty day as yesterday, the 2nd day of the holiday, and I had all three usual reports! I had breakfast with D. Pavel and Kotey Obolensky (dezh.). I walked, it was not bad, quiet and light - as if it was noticeable that the days began to increase. I studied for a long time and at 8 o'clock had dinner with my dear little wife. I read aloud to her all evening. I lit the tree again.

*December 27th. Friday.*

Got up late from 18 ° frost; it was clear and quiet. During the report, Witte read me a list for the next year, a continuation of the same successful reduction of expenses and incomes, which has been happening so happily in our country in the last ten years! Then there was a huge reception - 47 people. Had breakfast with Alix. I walked for about an hour. Sweet Mom came for tea. She stayed until 7 o'clock. After dinner, as usual, I read aloud.

*December 28th. Saturday.*

In the morning I had: gr. Muravyov, Pratasov and Fredericks. I had breakfast with the village Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen, who had come to say goodbye before leaving for the city for a winter stay. Received also IN Durnovo - with a report on the activities of the Committee of Min. for the last year. Walked; it was frosty, quiet and clear, thick frost settled on the trees. After tea I studied as usual until 8 o'clock. In the evening I finished with Alix this entertaining and fascinating book "Kamo vadis" (Quo Vadis).

*December 29th. Sunday.*

At 10 1/4 I went to Gatchina for mass. Metropolitan Pallady and the brethren of the Alexander Nevsky Lavra were received in the White Hall. We had breakfast, as always, in the dining room next to the hall, at 2 1/2 we went for a walk, the frost decreased and reached 9 °. After tea, Mom arranged a Christmas tree for the Cossacks, the lower ranks of the Consolidated Battalion and the team of policemen and the Guards Crew - who are in service in Gatchina - on the site of the large staircase. Everything was very good and was over by 5 1/2 when I left. I read until lunchtime, and then began together "Sea Stories" by Stanyukovich.

*December 30th. Monday.*

I got up early at last, thanks to which I managed to finish a lot and take a good walk. Had two short reports: D. Alexei and Taneev. Received the new Bulgarian agent in St. Petersburg Stanchev, and after breakfast - the Indian Julen-sing (a) and also the report of Muravyov. Walked with [o] his rifle, shooting down the crows. After tea, a whole bunch of packages arrived, with which I finished already at the end of dinner. Alix read aloud.

*December 31st. Tuesday*

In the morning there was a report by Vannovsky after a six-week break. Then he received the Prince of Imereti, who tomorrow will be appointed by the Warsaw Governor-General and the Commander of the Forces. Had breakfast with Alix. I took another Ukhtomsky and then went for a walk. At 5 1/4, I got on the Mama train and drove to the city with her, Misha and Olga.

At 7 o'clock. went to a prayer service in the Small Church and then dined with Xenia and Sandro. At 9 o'clock. went back to Alix.

I cannot say that I have sadly said goodbye to this year. God forbid that the next year 1897 would pass as well, but would bring more peace and quiet.

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## Started in Tsarskoe Selo

*1st January. Thursday.*

Got up early. Left sweet Alix for half a day, leaving for the city at 9 3/4. Mom dressed in the Winter in our bedroom. At 11 o'clock. the exit began. After mass, diplomats worked and returned to Malachitovaya at 1 1/2. The family had breakfast as always. After that, Mom gave the ladies to her hand. At 3 o'clock I went back.

Alix did not get up, although she felt good. They answered a lot of telegrams. Dined in the bedroom and went to bed early.

*2nd January. Friday.*

A lot of snow fell and a thaw began. After the usual reports, I received 6 people. deputations from the troops of the Odessa district, who arrived at the funeral of A. I. Musin-Pushkin. Orlov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Accepted Plehve's report. At 7 1/4 we went to the city for lunch at the village of Alexei. He returned to Tsarskoe at 10 3/4 with Boris. Alix did not get up all day, she had a headache and a headache. was still elevated.

*3rd January. Saturday.*

Alix lay down all day again.

Had three usual reports. Uncle Sergei arrived for breakfast. After a long conversation with him I went for a walk. It was melting, the weather was pleasant. We drank tea together in the bedroom and dined at 8 o'clock. In the evening he went back to Moscow. I read a lot.

*4th January. Sunday.*

It was a clear, good day.

At 11 o'clock. went to mass with Olga and Tatiana. Then I had breakfast with them. Walked for a long time and enjoyed the air. I read a lot. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with me. Nikolasha dined with me. Alix got up in the evening and went over to the couch for several hours. He stayed with us until 11 1/2 o'clock.

*January 5th. Monday.*

There was only Uncle Alexei with a report. At 11 1/2 I went with Olga to the mass with the consecration of water. He and Kotya Obolensky (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked for a long time. Was reading. At 6 o'clock. accepted Abaza. Alix got up in the evening. Dined with Obolensky in the "*mauve room*" while Alix lay on the couch. In the evening he continued our old reading "Fracture" aloud.

*January 6th. Tuesday.*

It was a festive sunny day. At 9 3/4 I went to town. Mom was dressing in our bedroom. At 10 3/4, he began to bypass the troops in the halls. At 11 o'clock the exit began exactly. The episcopal service did not drag out. The Jordan was very pleasant. We sat down to breakfast at one o'clock.

Having changed his clothes, he accepted Lamzdorf's report. Returned to Tsarskoe at 4 1/2. Alix was already up; thank God she felt better. We dined together. In the evening I read aloud to her.

*January 7th. Wednesday.*

Thaw again, the whole day was foggy. I had a great welcome. Obolensky (dezh.) Had breakfast. I also received Zhelobovsky and Protasov with a report. Went out for a walk after 4 o'clock. I read a lot. The two of us had a real dinner, that is, Alix also sat at the table. I read it to her.

*January 8th. Thursday.*

We got up late. I read before the lectures. Breakfast: Olga and Petya (dezh.). Alix took a sleigh ride in the morning. In the afternoon I took a walk. At 7 o'clock I went to the city and for the first time to the theater. Gutter dammerung was given remarkably well; sang Litvin and Ershov. Mom, Misha and Olga also came. We all enjoyed ourselves together. He returned to Tsarskoe at 12 1/4.

*January 9th. Friday.*

Nice sunny day. After reading the papers, I had time to walk for a short time. Had a small welcome before breakfast. We ate alone with the children.

Alix's health, thank God, everything is getting stronger! In the afternoon, he received Sturmer [\[1\]](#) with his interesting report on the Tver Zemstvo affairs.

I did a lot. After dinner I read Alix aloud.

*January 10th. Saturday.*

In the morning I read for a long time and took a little walk. The reports ended on time. After breakfast I took gr. A.P. Ignatieva.

It was melting, it was quite warm.

Alix rode a sleigh twice today. After dinner I read aloud to her.

*January 11th. Sunday.*

It was a wonderful sunny day at 4 ° C. We went together to mass at 10 o'clock. Then, having returned and hastily changed into a hunting dress, he went to the station. All the participants with whom they went to Gatchina were already waiting there. We had breakfast on the way. The raid was in a pheasant near Remiz.

Deeply enjoyed the magnificent weather and the spring day. The hunt was very successful - a total of 879 were killed. By me: **115 - 21 partridge, 91 pheasant, white hare and 2 rabbits.**

He returned to Tsarskoe at 5 o'clock. After dinner I read aloud. They started packing for Peter.

*January 12th. Monday.*

The weather is as warm as yesterday. In the morning, on the occasion of the name day, Tatyana received gifts. I had two regular reports and several governors. D. Alexey and Kirill (dezh.) Had breakfast. Then he took Vit-te in the case of a trade agreement with Germany <sup>[2]</sup>. I made a long walk without the dogs, as they were already transported to the city. I did a lot in the evening and did my best. I read Alix aloud.

*January 13th. Tuesday.*

I slept badly and could not wake up earlier than 9 1/4. After picking up everything and packing what followed, he went for a walk in the lovely park for the last time. There were only two reports. We had breakfast with the children. At 3 o'clock we left Tsarskoe Selo. Upon arrival in **St. Petersburg** we went to Anichkov to see Mama. At 4 1/2 we arrived at our place. Now they began to understand and very soon brought the rooms into a residential form. After tea I read it. We dined together. Reading aloud in the evening.

*January 14th. Wednesday.*

We got up early. I read a lot in the morning; twice ran through the garden with children. After the reports, he received 10 senators. He put on a Prussian uniform and walked with Alix and Misha to breakfast with the German embassy on the occasion of Wilhelm's birthday. At 3 o'clock he received two Don Kalmyks - officer Ulanov and Lama Ulyanov, who were leaving for Tibet <sup>[3]</sup>.

We visited Comrade Sani, saw Kostya and Mavra. We went to the fortress and on the way home we stopped at the village of Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen. He and Comrade Eugene drank tea with us. Drenteln dined (dezh.). Before 9 o'clock. went to "Gottes dämmerung". Returned home at 11 3/4.

*January 15th. Thursday.*

We got up early, thanks to which I read a lot and managed to take a walk. There were all three reports. Tinkhen and Boris (dezh.) Had breakfast. The weather is surprisingly warm, there is a little snow in the garden, and on the streets all winter driving on wheels. Strange winter!



We had dinner at about 8 o'clock and then went to the Alexandria Theater. There was a new, rather meaningless play, **An Ordinary Woman**. Disappointed returned at 12 1/4.

*January 16th. Friday.*

Quite a busy day. After the reports, he received 21 people. Solova (dezh.) Had breakfast. I also received Skrydlov, who had arrived from Sevastopol. Walked, the weather was windy. At 5 o'clock. went to Mom for tea. I studied for a long time. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. and spent the evening quietly at home reading aloud.

*January 17th. Saturday.*

From 10 o'clock. took mornings; first there was Hesse, then Sakharov and all the other reports. After breakfast I received Richter and engineer Yugovich, the builder of the Manchurian railway. roads. I took a walk in the garden, it was freezing. We visited Comrade Eugenia and Alek, drank tea with them. Dined at 7 1/2 with Ser [gay] Dolgoruky (dezh.). Let's go to the French. theatre. They gave an interesting piece "La Rabouilleuse".

*January 18th. Sunday.*

We went to mass at 10 o'clock. After her I went with Misha to the railroad. dor. and with the rest of the hunters to Ropsha, where they arrived at about one in the afternoon. The hunt was in the same pheasant and turned out to be very successful. Total killed: **489. By me: 96 - 81 pheasants and 14 partridges and hare.** The weather was excellent, calm and warm. They drove the hunting teams. At 6 1/4 I returned home very happy with the day.

We dined in a family way with Mama with music. We listened to a 10-year-old boy playing the violin. We sat with Mom and returned home at 10 1/2.

*January 19th. Monday.*

The morning was busy and the day was generally exhausting. Accepted the report and various submissions until 4:00. The walk refreshed my head. I studied until 7 o'clock. Andrey had lunch (dezh.). At 9 1/2 the **big ball** started. There were more people than ever before. Everyone had enough room for dinner. I walked around the tables in all the halls. Fortunately, dear Alix got through the ball perfectly. Returning to his room at 1 1/4 and undressing, they ate a little at my place in the old way.

*January 20th. Tuesday.*

We got up late. From 10 o'clock. took Abaza; then there were the usual reports. Dmitry Sh (eremetev) (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received Kulomzin. The whole day there was some kind of yellow darkness. Didn't walk long. I read a lot. After lunch we went for the first time to Pete and Olga. They had an amateur performance, in which both of them and Misha took part. We played very well and very amicably. Then downstairs in Petya's study we had supper with everyone who played in both plays and returned home by one o'clock.

*January 21st. Wednesday.*

I woke up at 9 o'clock. The weather was dark but frosty. Before breakfast took 56 people. military and sailors in the Rotunda. Uncle Alexei was present and then had breakfast with us and Engalychev (dezh.). From 3 to 4 1/2 received 21 more people. We managed to walk for only half an hour. After tea, Lamzdorf visited me according to the Japanese agreement. We dined together. I went to the theater. It was **"Sleeping Beauty"** - excellent, I haven't seen it for a long time. Was home at 11 3/4.

*January 22nd. Thursday.*

Finally in the morning the sun came out for several hours. There were three reports. After breakfast we went to Kamenny Island. to Tienchen, but she was lying; so we drove around the islands and returned home by 4 o'clock. Walked in the garden. I read a lot. At 8 o'clock we went to dinner at Mom's and spent the whole evening with her. It was snowing.

*January 23rd. Friday.*

Sunny frosty day. I read a lot in the morning. I had reports from Lobko and Romanov. Accepted 43 people who introduced themselves. Sergey (dezh.) Had breakfast. Having accepted Abaza, he went for a walk. Stana came from France with letters and good news from "our friend" \* .

About 9 o'clock. the whole family gathered in the Romanov Gallery. There was a very successful performance at the Hermitage. They gave the prologue and the 4th act of "Mephistopheles", in the cat. sang Medea, Chaliapin and Sobinov. The supper ended at 12 o'clock. We walked around the school guards.

\* Pere Philippe (Philip) a mystic with a touch of charlatanism, who had an impact on the royal family.

*January 24th. Saturday.*

The frost began to intensify and reached 13 °. After breakfast, the two of us went to the watercolor exhibition. When he returned, he took a walk. Stana dined and spent the evening with Alix. I went to the theater. There was a very interesting "Retour de Jerusalem".

In the evening I received news of the termination of negotiations with Japan and the imminent departure of her envoy from here. [\[4\]](#)

*January 25th. Sunday.*

The day was gray and it was snowing. At 11 o'clock. went with the children to mass. We had breakfast with them and Kotey Obolensky (dezh.). He studied and wrote a lot. Walked in the garden for an hour. At 5 o'clock. went to Anichkov for tea. There was no new news from the Far East. Dined: Nikolasha and Stana; sat with them for a long time.

*January 26th. Monday.*

In the morning I had a meeting on the Japanese question; decided not to start on our own.

Breakfast: Olga and Petya (dezh.). Received governors for a long time. We were in high spirits all day!

At 8 o'clock. went to the theater; The **Mermaid** was going very well. Returning home, I received a telegram from Alekseev saying that that night the Japanese destroyers attacked the Tsesarevich, Retvizan and Pallada standing on the outer roadstead and inflicted holes in them. This is without a declaration of war. May God help us!

*January 27th. Tuesday.*

In the morning another telegram arrived with the news of the bombardment of Port Arthur by Japanese ships and of a battle with our squadron. "Poltava", "Diana", "Askold" and "Novik" received minor damage. The losses are insignificant. At 4 o'clock there was an exit to the Cathedral through the overcrowded halls for a prayer service. On the way back there were deafening cries of "hurrah"!

In general, from everywhere touching manifestations of unanimous enthusiasm and indignation against the insolence of the Japanese. Mom stayed with us to drink tea. After lunch, Nikolasha and Stana came to visit us.

*January 28th. Wednesday.*

The day passed without news from the Far East. Of course, there were various rumors in the city, especially one about the defeat of the Japanese fleet.

At 3 o'clock, the two of us went to the Marine Corps, where I promoted all senior midshipmen to officers. Having visited the infirmary, we went to our own carriage, covered with cadets.

I took a walk. We drank tea at Mom's. I read before and after dinner and answered numerous telegrams.

*January 29th. Thursday.*

Today there was only one sad news: the mine transport "Yenisei" on the Tamenvan roadstead came across a floating mine and was blown up, and a com., Cap. 11r. Stepanov, 3 officers and 92 sailors. Awful case.

In the afternoon we were at Mom's. We spent the evening at home.

*January 30th. Friday.*

Before breakfast, a large crowd of students with flags approached the Winter Palace and began to sing a hymn. We went to the White Hall and bowed to them from the window. At 3 o'clock they received the heir of Khiva Khan with his retinue. Then another crowd came to the embankment and shouted "Hurray"! so that we show up. We saw her later from the windows of Anichkov. Touching manifestations of popular feelings and in perfect order!

Ksenia and Sandro returned from abroad. Nikolasha and Stana spent the evening with us. I did not receive any news from Alekseev, except for the repetition of long telegrams. about the condition of the wounded and damaged ships.

*January 31st. Saturday.*

Had three reports. After breakfast, crowds again came to the cat. there were [many] school youth both from the side and from the embankment. I managed to take a walk. Ksenia and Sandro came to us. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with us. I did a lot. We dined at Mom's. In the evening I received the bad news about another death: the cruiser Boyarin came across our underwater mine and sank. All were saved except 9 firemen. It hurts and hard!

*1st February. Sunday.*

It was snowing, but it was not cold. In the first half of the day I was still under the sad impression of yesterday; it is annoying and painful for the fleet and for the opinion that can be formed about it in Russia! We went to mass. Chakrabon, who had returned from Siam, had breakfast. Walked. Received: Rozhdestvensky, Sandro and Abaza. We drank tea at Mom's. I did a lot. In the evening, Stana, Nikolasha and Petyusha arrived.

*2nd February. Monday.*

On the occasion of the temple feast of our Small Church, there was a mass with the family and breakfast. Received 9 governors. Walked a little; it was melting and snowing.

I did a lot. We dined together. I received a telegram from Alekseev that our cruisers had returned to Vladivostok, having withstood a severe storm.

*3rd February. Tuesday.*

It was melting and the day was gray.

During the report, I told Kuropatkin that I was appointing him commander of the Manchurian army. The news from Port Arthur is calm. We drank tea at Mom's. I read a lot in the evening. Nikolasha, Petyusha and Stana spent the evening with Alix.

*4th February. Wednesday.*

The morning was clear and frosty. At 11 o'clock I went with Mama and Alix to the courtyard, where the 3rd battalion of my 1st Vost.-Sib. rifle regiment. People and officers were in their new uniforms, in hats and marching equipment. At the back were the two-carts of the convoy. Blessed the battalion with the icon of St. Seraphim and said goodbye. Took Makarov, cat. leaves for Port Arthur today to take command of the fleet.

I read for a long time after breakfast and in the evening. Walked. Dined Prince. Orlov (dezh.). Stana, Nikolasha and Petyusha spent the evening.

*February 5th. Thursday.*

Freezing day. From Port Arthur the news is calm; a long dispatch arrived with the details of the battle on January 27th.

Uncle Sergei came from Moscow. He had breakfast and dinner with me and Boris (dezh.). Walked. We drank tea at Mom's. I did a lot in the evening.

*February 6th. Friday.*

Today the State Secretary Kokovtsev has been appointed Managing Director. Min. Finance. There was no news from the East. Accepted 11 introducing themselves. Breakfast: D. Sergei, Andrey (dezh.) And the regiment. Schenk - teams. Aleksandrov [skikh] grenadier. He left for Berlin today with a letter from me to Wilhelm.

Walked. We dined with Mom and uncles. They talked about the possibility of D. Pavel [\[5\]](#) to come and be assigned to the army in Manchuria.

*7th February. Saturday.*

In the morning he walked around the internal guards from the schools. Heyden (dezh.) Had breakfast. He wrote and did a lot. After the walk I went to the Hermitage, from where I went with Alix to Anichkov.

We dined and spent the evening alone. There was a strong thaw.

*February 8th. Sunday.*

Alekseev reported that he had left P [ort] -Arthur and moved to Mukden.

We were at mass at 10 o'clock. and then went to Tsarskoe Selo to get some fresh air. The weather was excellent. Misha and Olga arrived. We walked together and separately. In total, I stayed in the air for about 3 hours. and enjoyed the time spent there. We returned to the city at 4 1/2 o'clock. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with us. I had to read a little. We dined at Mom's and spent the evening with her.

*February 9th. Monday.*

The beginning of Great Lent.

It was a clear, warm day.

At 11 1/2 we went to the clock in the Small Church. Dmitry Sher [emetev] (dezh.) Had breakfast. I did a lot, had two reports. Walked. At 7 o'clock. went to Anichkov for the evening service. We returned home by 10 1/4 o'clock.

*February 10th. Tuesday.*

In the morning I went to the main guard, the cat. occupied the 4th company of the Pavlovsky military. schools. Received Sakharov with a report and Kuropatkin. Breakfast gr. Tottleben (dezh.). Received a deputation from the Petersburg province. zemstvo and newly appointed members of the Tver zemstvo council. Then there was Lamsdorf. Walked. It was freezing and the wind was blowing. At 7 o'clock we went to Anichkov for the service and dined with Mama.

*February 11th. Wednesday.*

In the morning I took the gene. Sluchevsky with a detailed report. At 11 1/2 we went to the Presanctified Mass. Kotya Obolensky (dezh.) Had breakfast.

Took a fair amount of introductions. Walked, it was cold. I read a lot. We went to Anichkov. Good news has been received of a repulsed attempt by the Japanese to flood the entrance to Port Arthur with steamers loaded with combustible material. The Retvizan destroyed four steamers with its fire and drove away the destroyers that were attacking it. There were no losses.

*February 12th. Thursday.*

In the morning he visited the main guard, which was occupied by the Corps of Pages. A short telegram arrived about the second Japanese attack on P [ort] -Arthur and about the successful repulsion of them. After hours Dolgoruky (dezh.) Had breakfast with us. Took up to 4 o'clock. Walked. The frost later reached 9 °. In the evening we were in Anichkov.

*February 13th. Friday.*

In the morning, Kokovtsev made his first speech. I was a quarter of an hour late for mass. Solova (dezh.) Had breakfast. I also received Grigory Grigorievich. Walked in good frost.

At 4 1/2 we went together to the fortress and to the Savior. Drank tea in daylight. At 7 o'clock. went to Anichkov. Returning to Winter went to the heads. guard, cat. occupied Nikolaev. Engineer school.

At 10 o'clock they confessed. Yanyshv drank tea with us.

In the evening we received the sad news of the death of the youngest son Heinrich and Irene - in Kiel.

*February 14th. Saturday.*

At 9 o'clock. went to Anichkov for Mass and received the Holy Mysteries of Christ. What a consolation at this serious time. Returned home at 11 1/4.

We said goodbye to Po.L. Abatsiev and two officers of the Convoy who are leaving for Manchuria tomorrow. The frost was decent. Orlov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Took the gene. fullon - the new mayor and Sakharov with a report. We were in Anichkov at the all-night vigil and dined with Mama. We spent the evening at home.

*February 15th. Sunday.*

We got up late. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. Breakfast: book. Obolenskaya and Yuri Trubetskoy (dezh.).

The frost was strong - 12 ° with a red sun.

At 2 1/2 we went to the Stieglitz Museum for the opening of an exhibition of historical and precious things. They examined her for an hour and a half with great interest. Lots of beautiful items. We returned home for tea. I studied before and after lunch.

*February 16th. Monday.*

The frost has decreased slightly. All morning I took before the reports. Nikolay Mikh. returned from abroad and had breakfast with us and Obolensky (dezh.). Walked. We drank tea at Mom's. I studied until lunchtime. We spent the evening quietly alone. Nothing new happened in Port Arthur.

*February 17th. Tuesday.*

At 9 1/4 we went to the Corps of Pages. Returned to the reports. After breakfast, the two of us went to a memorial service for P. S. Vannovsky, who died that night.

The weather was gray, but not cold. Walked with children. At 5 o'clock. went to Mom for tea. There was no news at all from the Far East. I read all evening. Sergey (dezh.) Had lunch. We went to bed early.

*February 18th. Wednesday.*

I read a lot in the morning. Accepted reports of gr. Vorontsov on the Red Cross and Muravyov, who returned from The Hague. Before breakfast, I received 13 introducing themselves, and at 2 1/2, another 42 officers who had completed the Quartermaster course. Some of them are sent to the Far East. Walked after the report of the gene. Petrov on the Manchurian railway. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with us. Then in my library there was a meeting and an explanation between him and Nikolai Mikh.

We dined at Mom's.

*19th February. Thursday.*

Frosty clear day. After reading the papers, I took a walk in the morning. Until one o'clock there were two reports. Breakfast: Olga and Petya (dezh.). I also received Kulomzin and Fredericks. I went out into the garden at 4 o'clock. Drank tea at Mom's. I read a lot. Olga and Petya also dined.

*20th February. Friday.*

The same frosty and sunny day. At 12 o'clock. went to the Alek-Sandro-Nevsky Lavra for the funeral service for Vannovsky. We arrived at half of mass; the service lasted a very long time, returned home at 1 3/4. Shuvalov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Took up to 4 1/2. We drank tea at Mom's. I studied in the evening.

*February 21st. Saturday.*

In the morning, our hoisting machine crushed the unfortunate driver to death by his own negligence!

Was very busy until 1 1/4. Sergei had breakfast with us. Received by Count A.P. Ignatiev. I walked for a long time. The weather was cold and clear. News from the Far East is calm. We dined and spent the evening with Mom.

*February 22nd. Sunday.*

The morning was foggy, then it cleared up. At 11 o'clock. went to mass with all the cubs. The ladies, Meindorf and Kira Naryshkin (dezh.) Had breakfast. I received a telegram stating that the Japanese, consisting of 7 large ships, bombarded Vladivostok from a distance without any result.

Walked for a long time in the garden. We had dinner earlier than usual and at 8 1/2 went to the Assembly of the Nobility for a concert of the united choirs under the direction of Arkhangelsk. Wonderful singing! We returned home at 10 1/2 o'clock.

*February 23rd. Monday.*

There was a long naval report. Breakfast book. Orlov (dezh.). I also received Protasov. Walked. We drank tea at Mom's with D. Vladimir. After lunch we went to a memorial service for Adjutant General Galle, who died suddenly yesterday. I studied for a long time in the evening.

*February 24th. Tuesday.*

Took up to 11 3/4. At noon we went to the consecration of the magnificent new building of the obstetric and gynecological institute opposite the university. After a long prayer service, the Metropolitan. Anthony, examined the main parts of the premises and left for about 2 hours. Mom had breakfast with us and Ksenia too. Had Lamzdorf's report until 4 1/2. Walked. It was cold and windy.

I read a lot. We dined together. Nikolasha and Petyusha spent the evening with us.

Makarov arrived in Port Arthur. "Retvizan" was removed from the shallows at the entrance and entered into the inner roadstead.

*February 25th. Wednesday.*

At 10 o'clock. went to the Reformed Church for the funeral service for General- ad.

Gaul. The service was very short.

Had a great reception, which lasted up to an hour and a half. Drenteln had breakfast (dezh.). There was no news from the East. I did a lot. Dined at Mom's, returned home at 10 1/4.

*February 26th. Thursday.*

Dear day for old memories. At 11 o'clock. went to mass in the fortress. Mom, Ksenia, Misha, Olga and Petya had breakfast with us. Took from 2 to 3 1/2 hours.

We said goodbye to Boris, who was leaving for Manchuria at the disposal of Alekseev. Walked in sunny weather. Aunt Evgenia drank tea with us. All evening I was reading and writing a letter to Alekseev. Totleben dined (dej.).

*February 27th. Friday.*

Today many telegrams have arrived about the battle last night near P.-Arthur between ours and the Japanese destroyers and about the four-hour bombardment of the fortress and the raid.

The morning was busy. After breakfast he received Kuropatkin for a long time and said goodbye to him; he leaves for Mukden tomorrow.

We drank tea at Mom's.

I saw Christie; offered him the Ministry of Public Education.

Dined Dmitry Sher [emetev] (dezh.).

*February 28th. Saturday.*

In the morning I was more free, then I had three usual reports. Breakfast: A.N. Naryshkina, Frederiks and Trubetskoy (dezh.). Adopted also Counts Selsky and Richter. I walked for about an hour. It was snowing and there was a little frost. At 7 o'clock. went to Anichkov for the all-night vigil and dined with Mama. Returned home at 10 1/4.

*February 29th. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to mass. Immediately after breakfast we went with Olga, Tatyana and Andrey (dezh.) To Tsarskoe Selo. It was a lovely sunny day. I took an almost two hour walk with Andrey. It was easy to breathe clean air. We returned by 5 o'clock.

Marie and Anastasia spent the day in beds with increased temperature. Andrey dined with us. Was reading.

*1st March. Monday.*

Already 23 years have passed since that terrible event! Received Uncle Alexei's report early. At 11 o'clock. went to the fortress. Mom and uncles had breakfast with us. Received three governors, among them Christie, cat. asked not to appoint him to the proposed place. Walked. There was a thaw, the weather was gray. The kids got better. Let's go to Olga and Petya's for dinner. We sat with them until 11 o'clock.

*2nd March. Tuesday.*

Between the reports he received the wing. Chagin, who returned from the Mediterranean Sea from cruise. "Almaz" in Libau. Let's go have breakfast at the village Alexei. Walked. We drank tea at Mom's. Obolensky (dezh.) Dined. There was no news from the Far East. Cyril arrived at P.-Arthur.

*3rd March. Wednesday.*

In the morning there was a snowstorm, then the day was splendid. Orlov (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 3 o'clock I went with Misha to Galerny Island, where I examined the battleships under construction: **Borodino and Oryol**. I went through the boathouse, into the cat. armor is under construction. "Andrew the First-Called". Work is in full swing! Walked. Mom and D. Aleksey dined with us and then watched with several guests new successful works by Pyasetsky at the Concertnaya. We dispersed at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*4th of March. Thursday.*

The frost intensified up to 10 ° overnight. The day was sunny. The reports continued until 1 1/2. Engalychev (dezh.) Had breakfast and walked for a long time. Today, too, no news came. We drank tea at Mom's. I read a lot. The three of us dined.

*5th March. Friday.*

Cold clear day. Walked a little in the morning. Hosted by: Gerard and Waters, Austrian, Swedish and Norwegian officers traveling to Manchuria to follow the war.



Breakfast: Olga and Petya (dezh.). At 3 o'clock I went with him to the New Admiralty, where I examined the transport. **Kamchatka** and cruise. "**Oleg**". Then he made a whole trip across the Nikolaevsky bridge to the Baltic plant, where he visited the armor being completed. "**Prince Suvorov**". I also examined submarines and one small leith. Botkin.

There were a lot of workers; good funny faces! I returned home at about 5 o'clock. I read until 8 o'clock. We dined with Xenia and Sandro - stayed with them until 11 o'clock.

*6th March. Saturday.*

Today was a real spring day; the walk was very pleasant. Between the reports he received a deputation of the student union "Dennitsa" with the address. Breakfast Sergei and Prince. Eristov (dezh.). We drank tea with Misha and Mom, since he has mild influenza. Nikolasha and Petyusha spent the evening.

*7th March. Sunday.*

The day was excellent, warm. Were at mass. Breakfast: book. Obolenskaya and Chagin (dezh.). I read and walked for a long time.

There was no news from the Far East. The concentration of troops is proceeding, thanks to God, successfully. There were few delays. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with us.

We dined in Anichkov at Misha's.

*8th March. Monday.*

Also a nice warm day. We got up early. Walked. The morning was busy with receptions until 1 1/2. Breakfast gr. Sheremetev (dezh.).

There was no news of the battle.

I read a lot and for a long time.

We dined in Anichkov with Misha with Mama and Ksenia. We took a ride on the way back.

*March 9th. Tuesday.*

In the afternoon, news came of a new bombardment of Port Arthur by the Japanese fleet again with throw-over fire. Retvizan and Pobeda responded with the same fire from an internal raid. When our squadron left, the Japanese ships ceased fire and went south.

Received three French and two Spanish officers leaving for Manchuria.

We drank tea at Mom's. I read a lot. Dined Prince. Orlov (dezh.).

*March 10th. Wednesday.*

I studied for a long time in the morning. Walked for 1/4 hour. The weather was wonderful, quite spring. We took together a deputation from Tsarskoe Selo with an address and donations. D. Sergei and Ella had breakfast.

They dined with us. At 9 o'clock, there was a meeting of the Historical Society in Malachitova - up to 11 1/4.

*March 11th. Thursday.*

The weather was even better yesterday. Before the walk I went to the guardhouse. The 4th Preobraz Company was on guard. Sakharov has been appointed Minister of War today. Obolensky (dezh.) Had breakfast. During the day I walked with the dogs for a long time. At 8 o'clock. dined at Mama's, [with] D. Sergei and Ella. Ride in the evening.

*March 12th. Friday.*

In the morning I went to the main guard, which was occupied by the 8th fleet. crew. Breakfast: D. Sergei, Ella and Solovoy (dezh.). Received by Jaime of Bourbon and Wendrich to 3 3/4. Walked up to 4 1/2. The weather was spring. We drank tea at Mom's. They dined with us and spent the whole evening.

*March 13th. Saturday.*

The weather was the same. Had the usual three reports. We had breakfast alone. Walked and worked in the garden; the sun was hot.

I read a lot. We dined at Mom's. At 10 o'clock. e. Sergei and Ella left for Moscow. Ride in the evening.

*March 14th. Sunday.*

We were at mass at 11 o'clock. and after breakfast we went to Tsarskoe Selo. Made a great 2 hour walk with Andrey. The weather was just amazing, there is still snow everywhere. We returned home by 5 o'clock. I read until 8 o'clock.

Nikolasha and Petyusha dined with us and spent the evening. Tonight the Japanese again made an attempt to block the entrance to P.-Arthur, but they were valiantly repulsed by our destroyers, and four of their steamers were sunk. The whole fleet showed up in the morning; when our squadron came out to meet, he turned back into the sea.

*March 15th. Monday.*

It froze quite strongly at night, the day was excellent. Between the reports received Pobedonostsev, cat. I have not seen for a long time, since he was sick. Totleben (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked and worked in the garden. I did a lot. We dined with Mama with Ksenia and Sandro.

From the east, the news is calm, Kuropatkin arrived in Liaoliang and took over the command of the army.

*March 16th. Tuesday.*

In the morning, the news came about the first clash of the Cossacks with the Japanese in North Korea - from Gen. Mishchenko. Our loss: 3 Cossacks were killed, 4 officers and 12 Cossacks were wounded.

After breakfast, I examined the plans for the fortresses in the Concertnaya. We drank tea at Mom's. We spent the evening at home, doing a lot.

*March 17th. Wednesday.*

I read a lot in the morning. Reception was average; two Swiss officers going to war. Andrey (dezh.) Had breakfast. After the walk, I walked with him on the roof, going around the entire Winter Palace.

The weather was clear, but with a cold wind. Mom, Ksenia, Sandro and Andrei dined with us. Then Pyasetsky showed his panorama of Bulgaria.

*March 18th. Thursday.*

There were three ponderous reports. Kostya Obolensky (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received M. I. Chertkov before his departure to Warsaw.

Walked, it was pretty cold. We drank tea with Mom and Petya. I read a lot before and after lunch.

*19th March. Friday.*

The classes were decent, I still managed to take a walk. At the end of the reception, he received two more officers going to war: a Bulgarian and a Chilean. Engalychev (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. There was Kulomzin with a report. Walked and worked.

At 9 o'clock. went to the Invalid Concert. The best part of it was the balalaika department under the direction of Andreev. We returned home at 11 1/4 o'clock.

*20th March. Saturday.*

It's a great clear day. Minnie and Georgy returned from abroad yesterday and had breakfast with us, Orlov (dezh.) Too. I walked for a long time and worked on the disappearing snow.

We rode together. At 7 o'clock. went to the All-night Vigil in Anichkov and dined with Mama. Militsa, Nikolasha and Petyusha came to us - she was straight from Kiev for one day.

*March 21st. Sunday.*

They came to us for mass and stayed for breakfast. N.N. Lomen sat with me. Walked and worked in the garden; the weather was great. I read a lot before lunch. Then we rode along the embankments.

*March 22nd. Monday.*

We began the retreat with D. Alexei. He and Heyden (dezh.) Had breakfast with us. Received Ermolov, and then Khilkov, who arrived yesterday from Lake Baikal, where the most important work was taking place on the transfer of locomotives and carriages to the other side of the lake, under his close supervision.

Walked, the weather was unpleasant, gray and windy. At 7 o'clock we went to the service in Anichkov. Returning home, I studied for a long time.

*March 23rd. Tuesday.*

The morning was clear, in the afternoon they found clouds and it began to rain, very useful against the deadly dust in the streets. After Mass, village Aleksey and Dolgorukov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Took up to 3 1/2 hours. Walked.

Received interesting telegrams from Alekseev after his return from P.-Arthur - about correcting ships, strengthening the land front and the Jingzhou position on the isthmus, and finally about the very successful course of concentration of the army. Thank God - everything goes smoothly and faster than calculations!

In the evening we were at the service and had dinner in Anichkov.

*March 24th. Wednesday.*

The day was gray. After mass, they had breakfast with us: D. Aleksey and Chagin (dezh.). I had a little reception, by the way Baron Rosen, who came from Tokyo. Didn't walk long. At 7 o'clock. went to Anichkov and after dinner returned to their place. Confessions were made at 10 o'clock. We drank tea with Yanishev.

*March 25th. Thursday.*

In the morning we received Holy Communion with the children and D. Alexei. After tea I read and accepted Plehve. We had breakfast with Trubetskoy (dezh.). Let's go to Ksenia to wish her a happy birthday. Walked.

At 7 o'clock. went to Anichkov for the service of the 12 Gospels, cat. lasted an hour and forty minutes. After lunch we returned home. I did it for a long time.

*March 26th. Friday.*

Today it got warmer right away. At 12 o'clock. were taking out the shroud. Olga and Petya (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked and worked on the remnants of snow in the shady part of the garden.

All the children have a cold again and are in their nursery. At 7 o'clock. went to the service in Anichkov and dined with Mama.

*March 27th. Saturday.*

In the morning it was snowing and alternating rain. At 11 1/2 to the last service. Breakfast: book. Orbeliani, book. Obolenskaya and her brother (dezh.). Then I had a report from Fredericksz, laid out eggs for Christians tomorrow and went for a walk.

The weather has cleared up.

Children all lie side by side in beds. We dined together in the library. I studied the whole evening.

At 11.55, the morning session began.

*March 28th. Bright Resurrection.*

In the church, we had to worship with 280 (people). Dinner was served soon. We were in Malakhitovaya at 2 1/2 o'clock. We relaxed with pleasure. I went to bed about 4 hours. We got up at 9 1/2. The day was windy and gray. At 11 1/2 there was a big christianity - about 730 people. At the end, as always, the singers sang a few secular things. Prince Orlov (dezh.) Had breakfast. I answered the telegram. and walked. We sat with the children for a long time, the cat. still in beds.

At 7 1/2 we had a short Vespers. We dined together. The Japanese left our fleet alone in P [ort] Arthur that night.

*March 29th. Monday.*

We got up late. Alix has a bad cold, probably from the children. We were at mass and had breakfast with Sergei. At 2 o'clock in the Concertnaya there was a big christianity with the lower ranks - 720 people.

Walked, the weather was gray, not cold. We dined together. I studied all evening.

*March 30th. Tuesday.*

The celebration of the Annunciation by the Horse Guards has been postponed to today. At 12 o'clock, there was a parade to the regiment in the arena, then the usual round of the barracks and for the first time a visit from Mama to the officers' meeting. Alix, unfortunately, could not be due to a cold. After a light bite, he returned home with Misha. Mom had breakfast with us. At 3 o'clock there was a little christianity and the last one. Walked; the weather was not cold.

I did a lot of work all evening.

*March 31st. Wednesday.*

In the morning came the heavy and inexpressibly sad news that when our squadron returned to P.-Arthur, Bron. "Petropavlovsk" stumbled upon a mine, exploded and sank, and died - adm. Makarov, most of the officers and crew. Cyril, slightly wounded, Yakovlev - the commander, several officers and sailors - all wounded - were rescued.

The whole day I could not recover from this terrible misfortune. After breakfast, Alix went to bed with a cold.

At 2 1/2 I went to the memorial service for Countess A. A. Tolstoy, who died this morning. Then he visited Comrade Mikhen and D. Vladimir. I dined alone and studied.

In everything, the will of God be done, but for the mercy of the Lord towards us sinners, we must ask.

*1st April. Thursday.*

During the night it snowed, in the afternoon it thawed a little. At 12 o'clock, went with Misha (dez.) To the Admiralty Cathedral of St. Spiridonia at the memorial service for the adm. Makarov and all those who died at Petropavlovsk. A sad but solemn service.

Mom and Olga came to us. They and Nikolai had breakfast with me. Alix lay there until evening.

Uncle Alexey was with me.

Skrydlov will be appointed to command the Pacific Fleet.

Ice drift began on the Neva, the Palace Bridge was opened. Dined with Misha. The three of us spent the evening.

*2nd April. Friday.*

Alekseev in the morning arrived at P.-Arthur just in time for the start of a new bombardment by the Japanese through Cape Liaoteschan. Four of our battleships responded from the pool with flip-flop fire. No damage was done. After the reports, he received Vice Admiral Stark, who had just arrived from there. We had breakfast and dinner together in Alix's restroom. At 3 o'clock there was a nailing of the standard Guard. reserve cavalry regiment. Walked. The weather was good.

*3rd April. Saturday.*

In the morning, a mass of ice passed. At one o'clock in the afternoon, boats began to be pulled out and launched from the Admiralty. After breakfast we watched the opening ceremony of navigation with cannon fire and a procession of boats from the fortress.

Instead of Ellis, they came for his illness: Kuzmich, Kleigels and Tyrtov - the head of the river police.

Walked, the weather was gray, but pleasant.

Mom visited us. Olga, Tatiana and Mari appeared upstairs today. We spent the evening alone.

*4th April. Sunday.*

It has become much warmer. I went to mass alone, since Alix does not leave his rooms. We had breakfast and dinner together. Mom was with us. Walked for a long time. I did a lot in the evening.

*5th April. Monday.*

It was a lovely warm day.

The naval report went on for a long time. After breakfast we took together the English. Ambassador Scott, cat. leaves Russia. I saw it again and said goodbye to Khilkov. I walked for a long time. Dined: Nikolasha, Petyusha and Orlov (dezh.).

*6th April. Tuesday.*

In the morning it became amazingly warm, it was a summer day. Before the lectures I walked a little. Engalychev (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Alix went to the warehouse for the first time [\[6\]](#). After tea I had D. Aleksey. I studied in the evening.

*April 7th. Wednesday.*

The same wonderful day. Had a pretty big welcome. Breakfast: gr. Velepolsky and Heyden (dezh.). I walked for a long time. For the first time after a cold, Alix went to Anichkov for tea.

In the evening Militsa, Nikolasha and Peter came to visit us.

*April 8th. Thursday.*

Nice day with strong wind. The reports ended by one o'clock. Andrey (dezh.) Had breakfast.

From 3 3/4 to 5 examined the cards in the halls. Didn't take a walk for long. We dined at Mom's. I did.

Milica was sitting at Alix's.

Today is the tenth anniversary of our engagement.

*April 9th. Friday.*

It got colder, a strong wind was blowing, it was raining in the morning. I took a walk after finishing a lot of cases. Breakfast: Scott, Prince. Golitsyn, Benkendorf and Dolgoruky (dezh.). About 3 hours. we went together to the Hermitage - to the Archaeological Commission [\[7\]](#). For an hour he examined the interesting collections of objects found during excavations last year. Returned home at 4 o'clock, Alix stayed in the warehouse. Walked. We dined in the library. Received Ukhtomsky.

Milica spent the evening with us.

*April 10th. Saturday.*

The weather was wonderful again. Kotya Obolensky (dezh.) Had breakfast. In the Concert Hall, we watched various items adapted by the lieutenant. Botkin for a hiking environment. Many very witty and practical. He gave all the

explanations. Walked. We visited the village of Vladimir and t. Mikhen. We drank tea at home. I read for a long time. We dined at Mom's. Ride in the evening.

*April 11th. Sunday.*

In the morning, the pouring summer rain was pouring down, nevertheless he went out into the garden. During the Mass, Tatiana took part in the Holy Mysteries.

After breakfast the weather cleared up and we went to the islands. I walked on Elagin next to the stroller. The air was wonderful. Returned home at 3 1/2. Went back to the garden. I studied until 8 o'clock. Mom had a family dinner.

Militsa, Nikolasha and Petusha spent the evening with us.

*April 12th. Monday.*

In the morning there was a fog, a cat. dissipated by 10 o'clock. Reports and classes lasted until one o'clock. We had breakfast alone. I talked for a long time with Rozhdestvensky. Walked with children. I did a lot. Milica was sitting at Alix's. I read all evening.

*April 13th. Tuesday.*

The weather was good, but windy. Until 12 o'clock. I went with Misha to the Grenadier barracks, where on the parade ground stood: the regiment and the Ural hundred. After the parade, they entered the location of my company and then went to the officers' meeting. A sumptuous snack was offered here. We filmed as a group in the garden. We returned and sat down to have breakfast at 2 o'clock with Mom.

After the report, Lamzdorf received Glazov, the new manager of M. Narod. Enlightenment Walked. Olga and Petya (dezh.) Dined with us. The four of us rode, the evening was cold.

*April 14th. Wednesday.*

The morning was very busy, but by breakfast I managed it completely. They ate alone.

After Selskiy's report, he took a walk. The weather was pleasant.

Let's go to Mom's for tea. Dinner: Militsa, Nikolasha and Petyusha. Several news came from the East about the Japanese crossing the Yalu and about the sinking of large vehicles off the east. the coast of Korea by our cruisers from Vladivostok.

*April 15th. Thursday.*

It was warm in the morning, hot in the afternoon, cold in the evening. Reports and classes lasted until 4:00. Breakfast book. Orlov (dezh.). We drank tea with George and Minnie. We saw their children: Nina and Xenia. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined at Mom's. Began to pack for Tsarskoe.

*April 16th. Friday.*

The weather was gray and cold, it was raining, but everyone was in a happy mood. Commanders, officers and teams of **“Varyag”** and **“Koreyets”** arrived from Sevastopol <sup>[8]</sup>. They were greeted solemnly as befits heroes: across the Nevsky, troops and military educational institutions stood in trellises. At 11 1/2 they arrived at the Winter Palace; I walked around them and then they passed the ceremony. march. All the officers were received upstairs in the White

Hall. The moleben was served in the St. George Hall. Lunch for the lower ranks was prepared in the Nikolaev hall for 620 people. Having gone around the tables, we went to the Concert Room for breakfast. After that, we talked for a long time with the officers.

Dispersed at 3 1/2. The uplift was great.

I walked around and lay down. We dined together. Milica spent the evening with us.

*April 17th. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock. left Petersburg with Misha (dezh.). When we arrived at **Tsarskoe Selo** the sun came out and the weather became warmer. At 12 o'clock. on the site of the Grand Palace there was a parade of the 1st and 2nd rifle baht. and the 6th Don battery. All parts introduced themselves perfectly.

We had breakfast at home with the village of Vladimir and Kostya. Made a good walk with Misha, killed a crow; then went kayaking. Found ice in only one place.

The three of us dined.

*April 18th. Sunday.*

Cold clear day. Walked with Misha. We went to mass with three older children. Drenteln had breakfast (dezh.). I walked for a long time with Misha and rode with him in a kayak; then he returned to the city. I read it until lunchtime.

News came that after a heated battle, a significant number of Japanese troops crossed the river. Yalu <sup>[9]</sup>, our troops retreated.

*19th April. Monday.*

It was a good day, it was warmer. In addition to the usual reports, he received the Governor of Arkhangelsk, appointed by the Directorate, Rimsky-Korsakov. Marine Cadet Corps and Adjutant Wing. Boismann, cat. goes to P.-Arthur. Uncle Alexey had breakfast with us. He walked for a long time, killed a crow and rode in "Gatchinka" \*.

After lunch he received Abaza.

\* "Gatchinka" is the name of the boat.

*April 20th. Tuesday.*

At one o'clock in the morning I went to the current near Gatchina and **killed 2 wood grouses**. I returned home at 5 o'clock. It rained all night. It was also very warm during the day. Alix drove into town to her warehouse and returned to tea. Engalychev had breakfast. Walked. I did a lot in the evening.

*April 21st. Wednesday.*

Several reports came from Kuropatkin with details of the battle on April 19, to the cat. participated 5 rifle regiments with 4 batteries and more than 3 divisions of the Japanese with a lot of artillery. After a complete bypass of our left flank, the detachment of gene. Kashtalinsky had to retreat. Unfortunately, in addition to the huge losses in people, the guns and machine guns were left in position, due to the fact that all the horses were killed. It's hard and painful!



The weather was gray with a strong wind. After the report was received by 33 people. Kira (dezh.) And his mother had breakfast. I did a lot of work all evening.

*April 22nd. Thursday.*

At one o'clock in the morning I went to the same current, I was lucky this time and I killed **five wood grouses**. It was a wonderful night. Came home at 5 1/4.

Slept until 9 3/4. There were three reports. We had breakfast alone. I walked for a long time. After tea, he gave Alix some things. We dined and spent the evening together.

*April 23rd. Friday.*

In the morning the weather turned bad, it became cold and rainy. At 10 1/2, Mom arrived from Gatchina.

We were at mass, after which they received a retinue. The whole family had breakfast with us. At 2 1/2 Mom left. Walked in the pouring rain. It was so cold that the fireplaces had to be heated. I read for a long time. Orlov (dezh.) Dined.

*April 24th. Saturday.*

In the morning I received information from Kuropatkin that the telegraph communication with P.-Arthur had been interrupted. The Japanese landed at Bidzyvo yesterday and reached the railway. dor.

Was very busy until 4 o'clock. Breakfast: Sergey and Solovoy (dezh.). Then he received another report from Kokovtsov.

The weather was very cold, it was snowing instead of rain. Walked a little. Solova dined and sat with us the whole evening.

*April 25th. Sunday.*

The day came clear and it became warmer now. Were at mass. Kotya Obolensky had breakfast with a cat. I did my first horseback ride this year. After that I walked and skated in "Gatchinka". At 7 1/4 we went to Gatchina and dined with Mama, Ksenia and Olga. We returned home at 11 o'clock.

*April 26th. Monday.*

A very warm day. Walked for a long time in the morning. Had three reports - the last was Witte.

Breakfast: D. Alexey and Kirill, who had just returned from P.-Arthur after the death of "Petropavlovsk". At 2 1/2 I went with Alix to inspect the new military ambulance train named after her at our platform. Then he took a walk in the rain. I read for a long time. After lunch we went for a drive. The evening was clear and warm.

*April 27th. Tuesday.*

At night I went to another capercaillie current beyond the village. Zamosc. The weather was warm but windy. **Killed 2 wood grouses** and returned by 5 o'clock. I slept until 10 o'clock. After the military report, we had breakfast early and at 1/4 o'clock we got on the Mama train and arrived together in **St. Petersburg**. From the station straight to the fortress for the memorial service for George. I watched in the garden a young horse brought from the Don - Proval plant. I took and walked. We dined at our place and rode a little.

*April 28th. Wednesday.*

I woke up at about 9 o'clock and to my great chagrin I saw that it was raining, cold and windy. By 10 o'clock. ceased to drizzle and the troops began to form for the parade. At 11 o'clock Mom and Alix got into the chaise, I went to Troska \* and we left the garden onto the square.

To the beginning of the ceremony. march, the weather fortunately improved, the sun came out and the mood immediately cheered up. The passage was excellent and the attack ended safely. We had breakfast at Comrade Eugenia's.

At 4 o'clock we left for **Tsarskoe Selo**. I took a walk. Dined: Sonya Orbeliani and Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.).

\* Horse of Nicholas II.

*April 29th. Thursday.*

It was a cool day. In the morning I had only two reports. After breakfast we went to a prayer service in memory of Otsu! I walked and skated in "Gatchinka". I killed a crow.

Olga and Petya (dezh.) Drank tea and dined with us. I read it in the evening.

*April 30th. Friday.*

The weather improved, although it rained in the morning while I was walking. After the lecture, he received 19 nominations. Uncle Vladimir had breakfast with us. I had a conversation with him about Kirill - he insisted on the need for rest and treatment abroad! This made a heavy impression on me; go abroad now!

Walked and kayaked. After lunch we rode in Babolovo.

*1st May. Saturday.*

It was a great day. Had three talks before breakfast and two after. Kirill had breakfast. Walked and rolled on the pond. The greenery is moving forward successfully. By lunchtime we went to Gatchina, where I said goodbye to Mama before my trip to the south. We returned home at 10 1/2 with Petya, the cat. drove to Petersburg.

*May 2nd. Sunday.*

It was a wonderful summer day; so he went out for walks in a tunic. The five of us went to mass. We had breakfast with the children. Drove Alix to the ponds. I walked alone for a long time. After tea, I packed my little luggage and read. We dined together and then drove around Babolovsky Park. Misha arrived for tea. At 11 o'clock Alix took me to the station, said goodbye, I got on the **train** and went on a trip south. Misha is with me in the carriage, in the Alix department. So empty and hard without my sweetheart.

*3rd May. Monday.*

After breakfast we drove through Moscow, where D. Sergei, Ella, Maria and Dmitry entered the train. The weather was warm, it was pleasant to drive, there was no dust.

*4th May. Tuesday.*

We woke up with the rain, the view was dull. At 9 o'clock. arrived in Belgorod. Deputations from estates and the city were met at the station. With Misha I rode in a carriage through the crowded city to the cathedral, then to the

field, where there were 5 mobilized batteries with their entire train - the 31st artillery. brigades. After inspecting them and saying goodbye to them, he returned to the station. Let's go further. We had breakfast early, because we arrived in Kharkov at one o'clock. Outside the city, on a good field, the 1st brig was watching. 31st infantry. div. - 121st Infantry. Penza and 122nd infantry. Tambov, as well as the 1st Orenburg Cossack regiment - all with huge carts. The shelves presented themselves perfectly, the composition was huge; they mobilized a week ago. Having instructed them on the campaign, he returned to the train and again to the large station, where the deputations were greeted from the Kharkov province. Then he drove with Misha through the city to the cathedral and back. The order was exemplary everywhere. About 4 hours. went further to the Poltava province. At 10 o'clock. the train stopped at the station **Kozelshchina**, where we spent the night. The weather improved later. The greenery here is wonderful, the lilacs bloom, the fruit trees are all white.

*May 5th. Wednesday.*

It was cold at night. We got up early and at 7 1/2 went up the mountain to the Kozelshchinsky convent, where they venerated the miraculous icon of the Mother of God. We went to the abbess and returned to the train, accompanied by a huge crowd. We arrived at 9 1/4 in Kremenchuk. Honor, ka-, raul from the 1st Volga regiment Terek, kaz. troops. I made a look outside the city of the 34th infantry. Sevskiy and 35th infantry. Bryansk regiments. Introduced themselves wonderfully. We left a little earlier than 11 o'clock. to Poltava, where we arrived at 2 o'clock. Honorable car. from the 16th Don Regiment and the usual meeting. The station is far from the city, which is located on the mountain. We stopped at the cathedral and from there to the place of the parade. Here they introduced themselves even better: the 33rd Yelets regiment and the 36th infantry. Oryol regiment and 9th art. brigade without two batteries. There were a few drops of rain, but the weather was wonderful.

*May 6th. Thursday.*

Got up early with rainy cool weather. At 8 o'clock. got on a horse near the town of Orel and rode to the 2nd dep. cavalry brigade. After inspecting her, he returned to the train. A few minutes later we reached Orel, where there was a meeting and honor, a guard from the 141st Mozhaisk regiment.

In the church of the Chernigov dragoon p. Mass was served, after the cat. I went with Misha to the cathedral. The city is also removed from the railway. dor.

At 12 o'clock. got on the train and drove on. I received a lot of telegrams all day. Uncle Sergei joined us on a detour to the troops of the 17th corps. When we arrived in Tula, the sun appeared. Great order in the streets. From the cathedral across the city to the camp of the 2nd brigade, 3rd infantry. divisions.

11th infantry. The Pskov and 12th item Velikolutsky regiments presented themselves perfectly. One of the mouths of each wore sand-colored shirts. We left Tula at 6 1/2 o'clock. We stopped at the station for the night. **Ferzikovo** in Kaluga province. It was fresh and clear.

*May 7th. Friday.*

At 9 o'clock. came to the field near Kaluga, to the cat. were lined up: 9th infantry. Ingermanland, 10th Newermanland, 3rd artillery. brigade and two flying art. parka. From the rains of these days, the field turned into a swamp. Despite this, the troops were going well. Saying goodbye to them, we drove to Kaluga and went to the cathedral. Then we went to the city garden and admired the view across the Oka. At 12 o'clock we went back to the east. We walked around the train, passing Tula. In the evening there was a meeting in Ryazhsk. We spent the night at the station. **Storozhilovo** Ryazan. lips.

*May 8th. Saturday.*

I was gripped in my left shoulder and neck. At 9 o'clock. arrived in Ryazan and first visited three cathedrals, very interesting from a historical point of view. Returning to the train, we reached the camp site of the 1st Brigade of the

35th Infantry. div. The 137th Infantry introduced themselves well here. Nezhinsky and 138th infantry. Volkhov regiments and 35th art. brigade. Accompanied by a huge crowd, we reached the railway. dor. and went on. The weather was pretty cool.

We arrived in Moscow at 4 1/2. In the courtyard of the Nikolaevsky railway station was the 17th sapper battalion in mobilized composition. He admonished him like the rest of the parts. Then he went with Misha to the Iva River, from there for a few minutes, if needed, to the palace and, finally, to the Assumption Cathedral, where a prayer service was served. At 6 o'clock. left Moscow.

*May 9th. Sunday.*

It became very cold at night. At 9 o'clock. arrived at **Tsarskoe Selo**. great joy to see dear Alix. Lunch was served in the camp church in the Red Drawing Room. At 11 1/4 I went with D. Sergei and Ella to Gatchina for the jubilee of Cuirassier.

The parade was postponed due to the disgusting weather. We had breakfast with officers who had previously served in the regiment in the White Hall. Returned to Tsarskoe at 3 1/2. Didn't take a walk for long. It's nice to be at home under the wonderful impression of the trip. I read a lot. Ella dined.

*May 10th. Monday.*

Desperate cold with strong wind. Walked a little. Everyday life again entered its rut. Presentations and receptions have begun. Breakfast: D. Aleksey, Ella, D. Sergei, Maria and Dmitry. Walked with him \* around the park. I read a lot and for a long time, because during the trip, reports were not sent to me.

\* From the words "with him" the arrow points to the words "d. Sergei ".

*May 11th. Tuesday.*

The same weather continued today. Had two reports. We had breakfast with all the children. I walked for a long time. There is no desire to ride a boat due to the cold. Dined: Ella, D. Sergei, Maria and Dmitry. In the evening they left for Moscow.

*May 12th. Wednesday.*

Finally the sun appeared, it became warmer and the wind died down. After

the report was received by 16 people, among them Chukhnin, appointed chief. teams. Of the Black Sea Fleet and Rimsky-Korsakov, the new director of the Marine Corps. Rudnev, who was on duty for the first time, had breakfast.

There were also reports: Gosud. Secretary and engineer-general Petrov. Alix rode in a chair around the park, then rode in a kayak.

By lunchtime Misha arrived from the camp by car.

*May 13th. Thursday.*

The day was excellent. In the morning before the reports, I received many. Breakfast: Nikolay and Kira (dezh.). At 2 1/2, the new British Ambassador, Harding, was received with the entire embassy. Alix rolled in the chair. Enjoyed the weather. I read a lot in the evening. Nikolasha and Petyusha had dinner.

*May 14th. Friday.*

Eight years have passed since that momentous day in Moscow \*. After the lecture, we went to a prayer service. NM Yakovlev, the former commander of "Petropavlovsk", who was saved by a miracle, like Kirill, had breakfast.

Alix rolled in a chair and then in a boat. I read all evening. After lunch we took a short stroll in a carriage. The weather was very good.

\* We are talking about the coronation of Nicholas II in 1896.

*May 15th. Saturday.*

The morning was clear and warm. Had three reports; before them received the officers of the serf department of the official.artil. schools. Aunt Marusya had breakfast with us. At 2 1/2 he received another Witte and said goodbye to the general. Birlderling, cat. soon leaves with the corps to the Far East. Walked in the rain, cat. soon stopped. Petya (dezh.) Dined with us.

*May 16th. Sunday.*

The weather was unattractive, cold and rainy. At 10 o'clock. went to Krasnoe Selo by rail. dor. Vespers were served in the church of the 1st division, followed by a church. marched: Pavlovskoe and Nikolaevskoe kaval. schools and the Izmailovsky regiment. He walked around the canteens of all battalions and attended the officers' meeting, where he took a snack. Returning to Tsarskoe, we had breakfast.

Cleared up and warmer.

I took a walk. Andrey (dezh.) Dined.

*May 17th. Monday.*

The day was clear, but cold and windy. Had one naval report and received three submissions. Breakfast: D. Alexey and Sergey, who returned from a business trip. I also took Taneev, the cat. recently recovered from a long illness. Walked, killed a crow and rode in a kayak. We dined together, studied the whole evening.

Recently, we have received news from Japan about their attack on our fortified position on the Jingzhou Isthmus. After several battles they took it by storm, our troops retreated to P.-Arthur, who was thus completely cut off from the dry path.

*May 18th. Tuesday.*

The morning was warm. After the walk I had two reports. We had breakfast alone with the children. At 4 o'clock, Mama went to Gatchina to see. All the children of Xenia and Minnie appeared at the end of the tea and filled the small room. At 10 o'clock. went to Tsarskoe. The evening turned out to be free, since I had not received any papers.

*19th May. Wednesday.*

It was a summer day. After the lecture, there was a modest reception. Kotya Obolensky (dezh.) Had breakfast. Made a great walk with him

on horseback around the whole of Pavlovsk. The three of us had dinner, then went for a drive.

*May 20th. Thursday.*

Also a great day. In the morning I took a long walk. There were two reports. Alix rolled in a chair and then in a boat. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with us. I hunted a raven before dinner. A warm rain started to fall because of which we did not go for a drive. I did.

*May 21st. Friday.*

Wonderful summer day. Walked in the morning. After the lecture and a small reception, I went to the platform in front of the palace. Here the cadets of the additional course of both artillery schools and the Nikolaev engineering school were lined up. Congratulated them with officers \*.

After breakfast Misha arrived with a cat. walked and rode on the pond. At 4 o'clock he left for the camp. Dined Prince. Orlov (dezh.). Ride in the evening.

\* Assignment of officer ranks.

*May 22nd. Saturday.*

The morning was warm, by 11 o'clock. fog descended and it became cold. Had three reports. We had breakfast alone. Alix rolled around in a chair around the park. Received Sluchevsky, leaving for the Far East with the X-th corps. I read a lot for a long time.

*May 23rd. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock. went with Misha and others to Peterhof. It was a clear day and a storm was blowing. At 11 o'clock. on the Cadet parade ground there was a church parade in horse ranks: Horse-Grenadier and Ulan. Both regiments presented themselves brilliantly. Having drunk a glass in front of the front, he returned to the station. We had breakfast on the way back. At 2 1/2 I was at home. Alix drove through the park.

After tea Abaza sat with me for a long time. Engalychev (dezh.) Dined. Was reading.

*May 24th. Monday.*

It got colder again. Walked in the morning. After the reports, he received five submitters. Uncle Alexei had breakfast. Alix rolled in the chair and in the boat. After tea, we went upstairs to the nursery to visit Maria, she had a slight sore throat. After that, Alix received gifts from me. I read for a long time in the evening.

*May 25th. Tuesday.*

My dear Alix, 32 years have passed today! Mom came from Gatchina for mass, cat. was served in the red corner sitting room. We had breakfast as a family. The day was cold, gray, only at 5 o'clock. cleared up.

Walked for a long time and killed 2 crows.

Instead of the morning he took gr. Lamzdorf at 6 o'clock. Orlov (dezh.) Dined.

*May 26th. Wednesday.*

The morning was gray, from time to time squalls with rain came. Had a pretty big welcome. Solova (dezh.) Had breakfast. Alix rolled in a chair successfully between two showers. I went in a kayak. After lunch we went for a drive in a carriage.

*May 27th. Thursday.*

The weather was warm. Breakfast: cap. II p. Bosse, the former commander of the Resolute destroyer, shell-shocked in the head, and warrant officer Gubonin, badly wounded in the leg on the Varyag.

At 2 1/2 we received together the outgoing Spanish ambassador Pio di Savoia. Walked for a long time and killed 2 crows. After lunch we went for a drive. The evening was very good.

Received Meshchersky.

*May 28th. Friday.*

It was a great day. Walked in the morning with Alix. After breakfast I went on horseback to Gatchina at 2 1/2 hours. I drove along the Taitsky water supply to Petersburg [highway] and arrived through the Menagerie at 5 o'clock. to the palace. After tea at Mama's, he went to the lake with Misha and Olga. At 10 o'clock. went to Tsarskoe on a new railway engine with Misha. Very good, seen in all directions.

*May 29th. Saturday.*

By 9 o'clock. in the morning arrived at the Sofiyskiy parade ground and was present at the regimental exercise of the Life Hussar. Then I looked at each squadron separately. At 10 1/4 the teaching was completed. I drove into the duty room and took a bite to eat. He returned home at 11 1/4, accompanied by all the officers. I was extremely pleased with everything I saw. Had three reports. Heyden (dezh.) Had breakfast. Catal Alix; Olga and Tatiana rode side by side on bicycles. The old horses were released into the meadow. I had to read a lot. After lunch we rode in Pavlovsk.

*May 30th. Sunday.*

Excellent day. Walked in the morning. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. Breakfast: Meindorf and Kotya Obol [ensky] (dezh.). Adopted the aide-de-camp of Wilhelm gr. Lamsdorf, the newly appointed military agent.

Alix rolled in the chair. Tatiana alone walked with us, because the others are not quite healthy.

We dined and spent the whole evening with Obolensky.

*May 31st. Monday.*

It's a very summer day. Walked, had four reports, received two governors. Uncle Alexei had breakfast. Alix rolled in a chair, then Tatyana in a boat on the pond around the Children's Island. I read a lot.

Petyusha and Militsa dined and spent the evening with us.

*1st June. Tuesday.*

Walked well in the morning. The three of us had breakfast with Tatiana. At 2 1/2 I went to Gatchina. In a large company, we went to the Venus Pavilion, where they drank tea and then dined. All were engaged in making dishes in the open air. Misha rode in a kayak all over the lake. I received the good news about the withdrawal of the cruise. "Bogatyr" from the stones and bringing him to Vladivostok.

The dinner ended with a very cheerful general throwing of pieces of paper. Returned to Tsarskoe at 10 3/4.

*2nd June. Wednesday.*

Cool clear day. After the lecture, I had a small reception. We had breakfast alone. Received Kulomzin. Catal Alix in the park; Tatyana walked with us. Killed 2 crows. Ride in a kayak. In the evening we went to the other side and took away porcelain and crystal things.

*3rd June. Thursday.*

It was a lovely, clear summer day. After the lecture he went to Gatchina. At 12 o'clock. the jubilee parade of the Cuirassier regiment took place, canceled on May 9. We had breakfast at the officers' meeting, filmed as a group in the garden and left at 3 1/4 o'clock.

We rode for a long time on the lake and enjoyed the weather. After drinking tea in the garden, I drove at 6 o'clock. to Tsarskoe.

I received the bad news that Bobrikov was shot in the Senate building [\[10\]](#) and that he was seriously wounded. Dined on the balcony for the first time.

*4th June. Friday.*

In the morning I learned with sorrow that Bobrikov died quietly at one o'clock in the morning! A huge loss that is difficult to replace!

The weather was hot. After the lecture, he received 86 people in the halls. officers of the Nikolaev Academy of General. Headquarters and course of oriental languages.

After breakfast, the new Spanish ambassador was received together.

Alix rolled in a chair and a boat. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with us. I read a lot. I rode a bike and killed 2 crows; yesterday one.

We dined on the balcony, it got cooler in the evening.

*June 5th. Saturday.*

At 9 o'clock. arrived at the Sofiyskiy parade ground, sat down on Troska and headed for the Cuirassier regiment. Was present at tactical training, very well done. Then my squadron did a silent exercise, and the third did a wheelhouse. He examined the barracks and stables and had breakfast in the officers' room. meeting. Having filmed in a group in the garden, he returned home at 11 1/2, accompanied by all the officers. Olga and Petya (dezh.), As well as all the children, had breakfast. At 2 1/2 on the site he said goodbye to the departing Cossacks and watched the newly arrived in the convoy. We walked and skated with Olga and Petya on the pond. The four of us dined on the balcony. It was a wonderful day. I rode a bike and killed 2 crows.

*June 6th. Sunday.*

It had been raining in the morning, but it was warm. At 10 o'clock. went to Aleksandrov [sky] station. meet the body of Wasmund, who died in Switzerland. After seeing him off a little, I sat down in the railway. motor and drove in 6 minutes. to the pavilion and from there home. At 11 o'clock. went with the children to mass. Z. P. Rogerstvensky had breakfast. I read, packed up and walked. By 5 o'clock. the weather cleared up. I went to tea with Uncle Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen. I studied for a long time. Dined at 8 1/2 o'clock.

*June 7th. Monday.*

It was a great warm day. I took a walk in my favorite park for the last time. Had two reports.



Breakfast: D. Alexey and Dmitry Sher [emetev] (dezh.). At 2 1/2 we left dear Tsarskoe and at 3 1/2 arrived at **Peterhof**. A common meeting - the entire Ulansky regiment stretched out along the Alexander Park to the gates of Alexandria. The scent is great everywhere, because it had rained earlier. It did not take long to settle in my rooms, I went out for a walk. After dinner I read all evening.

I received the good news that our cruisers have safely returned to Vladivostok, having sunk several Japanese transports with troops and military cargo.

*June 8th. Tuesday.*

Received Sakharov with a report half an hour earlier than usual. At 12 o'clock. went with Misha in a troika to the Sergievskaya Pustyn for the funeral of N.I. Bobrikov. The service dragged on until 2 1/2. After seeing the body to the grave, I returned home at 3 o'clock and sat down to breakfast.

Went out with Alix to make visits. We visited Comrade Eugenia and Comrade Maru-syu, Yuri and Stan on Sergievka. We arrived home at 6 1/2. I read for a long time.

Dined at 8 1/2 on the balcony. The evening was wonderful, but cool. We rode together to the sea.

*June 9th. Wednesday.*

The day was hot with passing showers. At 12 o'clock. went to the palace, where he received 99 people. officers - artillery, engineering and military-legal academies. We had breakfast alone. I rode in "Gatchinka" on the sea, got caught in the rain. I read for a long time. At 8 o'clock. went to dinner at Petya's and Militsa's. Returned home at 11 3/4. Stana arrived later.

*June 10th. Thursday.*

A little earlier 9 o'clock. I went with Alix and Olga to see the Ulan regimental exercise. In the Upper Garden he sat down on Rogneda \*; here we got wet in the downpour. The mud on the parade ground was terrible. After several rearrangements, people began to look like blacks. Despite the wet ground, the teaching was dashing and there was not a single fall. At 10 o'clock. the regiment went home; after taking a short walk, I returned home before the lectures. Nikolay and Orlov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Uncle Misha, a cat, came to us at 3 o'clock. have not seen since August. He is very old and walks with a stick. Walked. I read it until lunchtime.

\* Name of the horse.

*June 11th. Friday.*

A good day; the south wind continues to blow. Walked for a long time in the morning. After the lecture, I had a reception of 19 people. on the farm. Breakfast gr. Heiden (dezh.). Accepted by Witte. I rode in a kayak. Minnie and George drank tea with us. Studied until 7 1/2. We dined together on the balcony and spent the evening at home.

*June 12th. Saturday.*

The day was clear, rather cool, as the wind had changed to the north. Had three reports. We visited Uncle Misha. Returning home, I went for a walk. Elena and Sonya drank tea with us. After lunch we made a long stroll in a wheelchair. The evening was amazingly beautiful.

*June 13th. Sunday.*

Hot day. We went to mass with three older children. Kotya Obolensky (dezh.) Had breakfast.

N.N. Lomen was with me.

I walked and rode in a kayak.

Aunt: Maroussia and Evgenia drank tea with us. I saw E. E. Ukhtomsky returning from America. We dined on the balcony and spent the evening at home.

*June 14th. Monday.*

Today Marie is 5 years old. She received gifts in front of the coffee downstairs at Alix's. After the reports and the reception, D. Aleksey had breakfast with us. Ksenia, Sandro and Irina stopped by on their way back from the village of Misha to Gatchina.

The day was warm again with light showers. Walked and rode in a kayak. I read it until lunchtime.

Milica and Petusha spent the evening with us.

*June 15th. Tuesday.*

The same warm weather with occasional showers. Had two long reports - military and foreign affairs. Engalychev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Then he received Taneev, and almost fell asleep. Walked with the dogs as in the morning. After tea he received the book. Obolensky, cat. I am thinking of appointing the Governor-General of Finland. Also a good reliable person!

We dined together on the balcony and then went for a drive.

*June 16th. Wednesday.*

On a warm and quiet morning I set off on the Alexandria to Kronstadt. Entering Srednaya Gavan, he examined four hulks under construction in succession: "Imp. Alexander III ", "Prince Suvorov ", "Eagle " and "Borodino ". Found great success in the work done, after my inspection in March, especially on the first two ships. At 20 o'clock he returned to Peterhof.

Did a great ride on horseback through Nastolovo. I read it long before dinner. In the evening at about 11 1/2 we saw a big fire in Kronstadt and heard six or seven shots. It turned out that a mine sighting station was on fire and 20 minutes disappeared, but, thank God, none of the people [was] injured. We went to bed under a heavy impression.

*June 17th. Thursday.*

The air was greenhouse, eight rains had passed in the whole day. After breakfast I received Abaza. Alix rolled in the chair. I read until 8 o'clock. Militsa and Stana spent the evening with us.

*June 18th. Friday.*

The same uncertain weather.

Walked in the rain in the morning. Received Witte and Kokovtsov together on the conclusion of a new trade agreement with Germany. Received 10 people. including three yacht commanders. We had breakfast alone. Alix rolled in the chair. I studied all evening.

*19th June. Saturday.*

It was a wonderful summer day without rain. Had three regular reports. Olga and Petya (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/2 I went with Petyusha to the Samson-evsky canal, near which there was a team of a training aeronautical park with new improvements and a pack train. In my presence they did all the manipulation of the balloon inflating, the cat. got up on a leash after an hour and a half of work. Came home at 4 1/2.

All the property I saw for the pack park was donated by the nobleman Maksimovich, an amateur aeronautics.

After lunch we took a ride on my electric boat.

*June 20th. Sunday.*

The morning was wonderful, it was fresher during the day, and in the evening it was foggy from the sea. We were at mass and had breakfast with Andrey (dezh.). I walked for a long time. I read a lot. I chose images from Alix for the troops going to the Far East. Andrey was having lunch. We spent the evening at home.

*June 21st. Monday.*

It was a great warm day.

I went to Tsarskoe Selo for the feast of Cuirassier. The parade was brilliant in horse ranks. I had breakfast in the carriage. Returned to 2 o'clock. Received the report of D. Alexey and then Pratasov. There is a regiment in our pool in front of the house. by admin. Tabulevich showed and explained the device of his invention of a boat with a boiler without an engine. The model of such a vessel was sailing on water. Amazing thought!

Alix rolled in the chair. We met Uncle Misha. After lunch we had a great ride on an electric boat.

*June 22nd. Tuesday.*

In the morning I had before the reports: Lomen, Benckendorff and Kopytkin on orders for a new trip to review the troops. We had breakfast alone. Ksenia and Sandro stopped by from the village of Misha. Alix rolled around Alexandria for a long time. We met Minnie and George by the sea. We spent the evening at home.

*June 23rd. Wednesday.*

We got up with desperate weather - the rain poured as if from a bucket and the wind blew in squalls. At 10 o'clock I went to Oranienbaum by train. D. Vladimir and his superiors were waiting for me at the station. We all settled on trolleys and drove along the branch line built by the 1st railway. battalion [th], but not yet completed. In the estate of gr. Zubov was transferred to a troika and drove further along the highway along the sea for twelve miles to a battery built by the 18th engineer battalion near the coast. After examining it, we climbed the mountain, where a large fort for 24 crepe was built secretly behind a pine forest. guns L.-GV. Sapper battalion and units of the 23rd division. The work is very difficult!

Took breakfast from a sapper in their tent in the village. Big Izhora. From there, in a troika, again to Rambov and on "Dagmar" we moved to "Alexandria".

We weighed anchor at 3 o'clock and went to Sestroretsk along a very winding channel between the northern batteries. The wind was getting fresh, the wave was getting bigger, it was getting late and I decided to postpone this trip until another time. Therefore, we turned back. We were rolled very hard until we passed the Obruchev fort. I returned to Peterhof at 6 o'clock. Orlov dined with us (dezh.).

*June 24th. Thursday.*

It was a good clear day with the same wind as yesterday. Had two reports. Breakfast gr. Sheremetev (dezh.). For a long time Alix rolled in the chair. At the end of the walk, the wheel deteriorated and stopped turning. Had to send for another chair.

Aunt Marusya arrived for tea.

At 6 1/2 I went to Gatchina. Dined at Mom's; in the line drove back to the station. Came back with Minnie, she went out in Strelna. Was at home at 11 o'clock. for evening tea. The night was calm and warm.

*June 25th. Friday.*

By morning, the same wind blew out again. After the walk, I accepted two regular reports and 6 presenting ones. We had breakfast alone. He also accepted the book. IM Obolensky, who was already appointed Governor-General of Finland. Alix rolled in the chair. At 5 o'clock. Aunt Olga arrived with Minnie and Christopher. In the morning she arrived in St. Petersburg to see Comrade Sani. I read a lot. We dined and spent the last evening together.

*June 26th. Saturday.*

In the morning Alix rode in a chair. Received two reports and sat with her until the time of departure. At one o'clock in the afternoon he said goodbye to the dear little wife and went on a **trip** with Misha . The satellites are almost all the same - Olsufiev instead of Hesse, and without Dmitry Sheremetev.

It was cold.

*June 27th. Sunday.*

At 8 o'clock. morning arrived in Kolomna. There was a small parade on the field almost at the station itself. Introduced themselves: 5th and 6th Vost.-Sib. engineer battalions and the 5th mortar artillery regiment.

The crowd behaved violently, climbed everywhere and got in the way. At 9 o'clock. went on. Uncle Sergei got on a train in Moscow. The weather was warm and windy. At 5 o'clock. arrived in Morshansk. After listening to the prayer service in the cathedral, Misha went out of town to a beautiful forest, in front of which there was a parade. The two reserve mobilized brigades were splendidly represented here. Regiments: 219th Infantry. Yukhnovsky, 220th Epifansky, 287th Tarusa and 288th Kulikovsky. Straightening, alignment, silence in the ranks and ceremonies. the march were amazing - it was a joy to watch. We parted with D. Sergei and drove on. AS Dolgoruky dined with us until the next. station.

*June 28th. Monday.*

At 8 o'clock. arrived in Penza to the place of the parade. It was attended by regiments: 213rd Orovaysky, 216th Insarsky, 281st Dryssky and 284th Chembarsky. They introduced themselves perfectly, despite the poor condition of the soil, softened by the rains. After visiting the cathedral, we returned to the station and continued on our way. Kosych and other Kazan authorities are traveling with us. It got very hot in the carriages. In Kuznetsk there was a meeting from the Saratov province. At 5 1/4 we arrived in Syzran (Simb. Province). Dust from the crowd is healthy! The 26th and 28th art were presented magnificently. brigades that came from the Vilna district. Having examined the warehouse of things for the troops at the station, we went further. We crossed the Volga on foot across the bridge. The evening was very warm.

*June 29th. Tuesday.*

Today was a rest, because we were driving for a whole Day and there were no reviews. -At some stations, at the stops, deputations were introduced. In Ufa, there was a larger meeting and with honor, a guard from the 243rd infantry. Zlatoustovsky p. Immediately saw 7 soldiers and a sailor wounded at Yalu, a cat. came back. In the

afternoon, the ascent to the Urals began. We passed remarkably beautiful places, cat. watched from the back of the train. The weather was warm, but rainy.

*June 30th. Wednesday.*

At night they stood a little higher than the mountains. Chrysostom and in the morning saw a well-known post against the windows with the inscription: Europe - Asia. At 8 1/4 we drove up to the station. After the meeting, we went to the parade, to the cat. excellent regiments presented themselves: 214th Mokshansk and 282nd Chernoyarsk. The location was very beautiful - mountains around the parade grounds. The rain has passed and even the sun has appeared. Having driven into the cathedral near the factory, we returned to the station, where they examined the weapons and items manufactured at the factory. At 10 1/2 we left Zlatoust - I was very pleased with this place. After breakfast I sat with Misha in the back car for a long time. We admired the beauty of the road in the sunlight. When we came down from the mountains, we got into two showers. We drove through Ufa at 7 1/2; bonfires burned on the mountain in front of the houses, and the entire population stood along the railroad. roads.

*1st of July. Thursday.*

At 10 o'clock. arrived in Samara. After the meeting, he went on horseback from the station. The parade was attended by: 215th infantry. Buzuluk and 283rd Bugulma regiments, 3rd spare art. brigade, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th East Siberian mountain batteries. All introduced themselves perfectly. After the cathedral, couples visited. "Novik", adapted for the transportation of the sick and wounded, and the local community of Kras. Cr. The order was exemplary. We left at breakfast hour. At two stations I saw echelons of the Orovaysky regiment from Penza. It was nice to see them again. The weather was sunny and windy. We crossed over again on foot over the bridge over the Volga. In the evening, at the intermediate stations, I saw two batteries of the 10th artillery. brigades going to Syzran for mobilization.

Couriers often began to come to meet with the papers, the cat. I have overcome with success.

*2nd July. Friday.*

We woke up on a wonderful hot morning. At 10 1/2 we arrived in Tambov. Uncle Sergei was at the station; in the hall of the 1st class. there was a meeting. After visiting the cathedral, we drove to an excellent parade field, where we introduced ourselves: the 217th infantry. Kromsky, 218th Borisoglebsky, 285th Mtsensky and 286th Kirsanovsky, as well as two marching squadrons of Nezhinsky and Chernigov. drag. regiments. I found all the parts in perfect order. Between the lower ranks I saw many acquaintances from those who served in the Consolidated Guard Battalion; a lot also from my Moscow regiment. At one o'clock we boarded the train from the platform into the field and left in a healthy heat. It was a wonderful day.

At 4 1/2 there was a small meeting at the station. Alexander Nevskaya from some districts of the Ryazan province. I read in my spare time. They drove through Moscow at one in the morning; there they said goodbye to D. Sergei.

*3rd of July. Saturday.*

A joyful day of returning to the bosom of your family. I accepted Sakharov's report. The day was also very hot; in the carriages it was 23 °. He parted with Misha in Tosna and arrived at **Peterhof** at 5 o'clock right for tea. I found Alix and the children in good health. After dinner, I rode my wife around Alexandria on the balcony. He returned from the trip with a joyful feeling from everything he had seen and with tender thanks to the Lord God for all His mercies.

*4th of July. Sunday.*

I slept well and got up at 9 o'clock. It was a hot day with a gusty warm wind. The water rose a lot.

We went with the children to mass. Orlov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Alix drove in a chair for a long time. I dabbled in the river, along the cat. walked with bare feet. I read for a long time in the evening. We dined on the balcony. We made another short walk.

*July 5th. Monday.*

The morning was rainy. After taking a walk, he accepted the report of D. Alexei. He and Nicky were having breakfast; the latter came from Tsarskoe, where he lives with Elena. Alix rolled in a chair; the rain has passed, but it has become cooler. He said goodbye to his little wife and children and at 6 o'clock. went on a **trip** again . In Kolpino village Vladimir joined, and in Tosna Misha, who arrived by rail. dor. motor. After dinner they played cards.

*6th July. Tuesday.*

It rained all night, but by 7 o'clock. in the morning he passed and the weather cleared up. At 8 o'clock. arrived in the town of Staraya Russa. After visiting the cathedral, Misha rode out of town, where the 86th infantry introduced himself. Wilmanstrand Regiment. Moved to a narrow-gauge train; here we had breakfast. At 12 1/2 we arrived in Novgorod. After the meeting, a parade took place on the square: the 85th Vyborg and 87th Neyshlotsky regiments. I also examined the divisional and corps convoys. He visited the ancient St. Sophia Cathedral in the Kremlin and left Novgorod at 2 1/2. At 5 o'clock I arrived at Chudovo, two versts from the train station. d. inspected the 88th Petrovsky regiment and the 1st Sapper battalion.

I was very pleased with all the shows, and especially with the look of the people. Comparing everything that I saw during the two last trips, I must admit that I was most impressed by the reserve divisions in Morshansk and Tambov!

At 6 1/2 we left Chudovo, had dinner and arrived at **Peterhof** at 9 1/2.

Mom moved from Gatchina today, found her at Alix's. Decently tired and went to bed with pleasure.

*July 7th. Wednesday.*

While walking, I went to Mom, where I found all the children. Then he took gr. Lamzdorf with a report and 6 presenting. Anastasia and Cecile had breakfast.

Alix rolled in an armchair and took a walk with Mama, Ksenia and Misha; then Georgiy and Minnie joined us.

We drank tea and dined together.

The weather was gray and windy.

*July 8th. Thursday.*

The morning was rainy. Had two reports. Comrade Marusia had breakfast. We went on a visit to Anastasia, saw D. Misha. We returned home by 4 o'clock; walked alone.

I read a lot. I went kayaking with Misha. After dinner I went with Alix to the Cottage.

The capture by our volunteers of two British and German steamers in the Red Sea is causing a tremendous commotion in Europe.

*July 9th. Friday.*

In the morning everyone, with the exception of Alix, went to the city for N. N. Obruchev's funeral. Having learned that the procession had not arrived at the Lavra, we stayed on the train at our pavilion. Mama examined the new ambulance train, the commandant of which is the regiment. Erekhovich, suited him inside Aprak - very practical and good.

At 12 1/4 I went with Mama to the funeral service, and then to the Marble Palace. We had breakfast at Aunt Olga's. At 2 1/2 we went with Misha, Olga, Minnie and Georgy on the "Alexandria" to Peterhof. It was blowing hard. After tea I accepted Kokovtsov's report. In the evening we went - Alix in an armchair - into the Cottage.

*July 10th. Saturday.*

It was a good day. In the morning I went to Mom. Had three reports. We had breakfast alone. I also took Lobko. Catal Alix for a long time, met with Mom and continued the walk together. After tea, they took Abaza. Milica and Stana, the cat, dined. spent the evening with us.

*July 11th. Sunday.*

In the morning Olga received gifts on the occasion of her birthday. At 11 o'clock. with her and Tatyana I went to mass. The Farm had a great breakfast. Took gr. Lamzdorf on the question of the ships we captured in the Red Sea. Alix rolled in a chair and rode the Gatchinka out to sea. The weather was great, the sea finally calmed down. At 7 1/2 went to Olga and Petya, they had a family dinner. At 10 o'clock. went for a ride. At tea, as usual, I read aloud Krasnov's interesting articles in Rus. People with disabilities".

*July 12th. Monday.*

The same wonderful day. After walking and visiting Mom, I accepted the report of D. Alexei and Prince. Golitsyn, who came from the Caucasus. During the day, Alix rode for a long time, rode a kayak in the sea. We dined on the balcony. In the evening, the sky was covered with clouds and a warm rain began to fall.

*July 13th. Tuesday.*

In the morning the weather cleared up. Had two reports. Petyusha, who had just arrived from Nikolasha from Pershin \*, had breakfast. Alix rolled for a long time. Tinkering with the dogs by the sea. Mom, Ksenia and Sandro dined with us and sat until 10 3/4.

\* The estate was led. book Nikolai Nikolaevich in the Tula province.

*July 14th. Wednesday.*

The weather was bad, strong wind and rain. The morning was busy. After breakfast at the Farm, a meeting was held on the issue of railway construction for the next year. Alix rolled in a chair and walked with Mom. We drank tea at her place. We returned home at 6 o'clock. I read until 8 o'clock. We dined together. Milica, Stana, Petyusha and Yuri spent the evening with us.

The night was moonlit.

*July 15th. Thursday.*

In the morning, P.P. Hesse brought the grave news of the murder of Plehve, thrown by a bomb, in St. Petersburg against Warsaw. Station [III](#). Death was instantaneous. In addition to him, his coachman was killed and seven people were wounded, including the commander of my company, the Semyonovsky regiment cap. Tsvetsinsky - it's hard. In the person of kind Plehve, I lost my friend and irreplaceable minister, ext. e. The Lord strictly visits us with His wrath. In such a short time, to lose two so devoted and useful servants!

That's what His holy will is!

Aunt Marusya was having breakfast.

Received Muravyov, with the details of this disgusting incident. Walked with Mom. Ride with Misha in the sea. We dined on the balcony - the evening was wonderful.

*July 16th. Friday.*

The weather was wonderful. We had breakfast alone. At 2 1/2 we went to the military field, where the Novocherkassk and Tsaritsyn regiments were stationed in combat strength. Mom and the whole family were present. Everything happened in the same order; ceremony. march, blessing with icons and farewell to officers and lower ranks. Returning home, Alix rolled. D. Vladimir drank tea with us. After dinner Milica, Petusha and Stana spent the evening with us.

*July 17th. Saturday.*

Gray cool day. I had three reports before breakfast, and after that I received gr. Kutaisov. We went for a walk, met Mom, a cat. looking for mushrooms. I did a lot. We dined together in my office. By evening, the sky cleared.

*July 18th. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock. morning went to Petersburg with Mama and others and from the station to Min's house. Ext. D. on the Fontanka for the funeral service for Plehve. The whole sad situation reminded me of Sipyagin's funeral there. At the station, Mama said goodbye to the sisters of mercy, the cat. go to war. We had breakfast on the way back. Walked with Alix and then rode together in a boat to a white buoy. The weather was perfect, the sea was like a mirror. After tea I read a lot. I went in a kayak with Misha. After lunch we went for a walk.

*19th July. Monday.*

News came from Kuropatkin that gr. Keller, commander of the Eastern Division, is killed in action. Had two reports - D. Alexei and Muravyov. Mom had breakfast with us. We walked for a long time together. The weather was wonderful. In the evening Milica, Petyusha and Stana were with us.

*20th July. Tuesday.*

It was a lovely day.

Orlov (dezh.) Had breakfast.

At 2 1/2 on the military field, he made a farewell review to the Samara and Caspian regiments leaving the other day on a campaign, which presented themselves in a brilliant form. We returned home about 4 o'clock. Walked. I studied until 8 o'clock. We dined on the balcony. At 9 1/4 we went on an electric boat to the "Princess", taking with them Anastasia, Cecile and Christopher. Mom and others dined there. The balalaika players of the team played excellently. We returned together on a perfect evening.

*July 21st. Wednesday.*

The same weather. I had a report by Muravyov, then by Witte, who had returned from Germany, where he had been sent to negotiate a trade agreement.



Nicky and Elena had breakfast with us. We saw their daughters. We went to Sergievka to see Comrade Marusa. I did a lot. After lunch we had some time with Mama. Milica and Stana spent part of the evening with us.

*July 22nd. Thursday.*

Celebrating the name day of Mom and the many birthday girls of the family was not difficult this year. I went to her with the children, then to mass; there were a lot of people in the church and therefore it was hot. We had breakfast at the Farm, while the choir of the Guards crew played. Walked for a long time with Alix. It was really hot. We dined with Mom in a tent by the net in a crowded society.

*July 23rd. Friday.*

Nice warm day but strong wind. After Khilkov's report, he said goodbye to him, as he was leaving for Baikal again. We had breakfast alone. Took Abaza. Alix rolled for a long time; met Mom. I read until 8 o'clock. Petyusha and Stana spent the evening with us.

*July 24th. Saturday.*

The day was fine and quiet. At 10 o'clock. In the morning I set off from the Military Pier on "Bunchuk" to the cruiser of the customs flotilla "Condor". Examined him; it's brand new with 15 knots. Returned home to the lectures. We had breakfast: Comrades Marusia and Nikolasha. Took Obolensky, Finnish, cat. goes there to take office. Help him, Lord!

We walked and drank tea with Mom. After reading, I went for a ride in kayaks with Misha, and reached the buoy. Kotya Obolensky (dezh.) Dined. Did a nice ride on the electric boat.

*July 25th. Sunday.*

Hot stuffy day. I went with the children to mass. I had breakfast at the Farm. Walked alone, Alix stayed at home because of the heat. We drank tea on the balcony. The thunderstorm has passed. One thunderclap alarmed everyone, before that it looked like a strong explosion. After lunch we went for a drive and stopped by Mom for an hour.

*July 26th. Monday.*

The morning was gray and warm. Had reports: D. Alexei, Ermolov and Sakharov. We had breakfast alone. It rained all day. I stayed at home and studied on the lower balcony next to Alix. We went to Mom's, drank tea with Ksenia, Sandro, Niki and Elena. I read until 8 o'clock. After lunch, Militsa, Stana, Nikolasha, Petyusha and Yuri came to us.

*July 27th. Tuesday.*

The weather was not good, it was pouring and it was blowing hard. We had breakfast alone. We walked with Mom and looked for mushrooms. About 6 hours. began to explain. I did a lot and finished old, more or less stale cases. After lunch we rode towards Mikhailovsky.

*July 28th. Wednesday.*

The weather has improved. In the morning I received a telegram from Stessel from Port Arthur about the successful repulse of the Japanese assault on our forward positions. After breakfast, we walked for a long time together. We met Mom and Olga, a cat. rode a two-wheeled vehicle. I went in a kayak, and Misha in "Gatchinka". In the evening we did a good ride in a wheelchair.

*July 29th. Thursday.*

In the morning it was raining, by 12 o'clock the weather improved. Comrade Marusia had breakfast.

We walked for a long time, visited Xenia's Farm and drank teas with Mom. Ride a little bike. We dined and spent the evening together.

Received the news of the departure of the squadron from Port Arthur to Vladivostok. Help them, Lord, in a good hour.

*July 30th. Friday.*

An unforgettable great day for us, on a cat. so clearly the grace of God has visited us. In 1 1/4 days Alix **had a son, a** cat. at prayer they named him **Alexei**. Everything happened remarkably soon - for me at least. In the morning I visited Mama, as always, then I received the report of Kokovtsov and the wounded at Wafangou art. officer Klepikov and went to Alix to have breakfast. She was already upstairs and half an hour later this happy event happened. There are no words to be able to thank God enough for the consolation sent down to us in this time of difficult trials!

Dear Alix felt very well. Mom arrived at 2 o'clock and sat with me for a long time, until the first date with her new grandson. At 5 o'clock. went to the prayer service with the children, to the cat. the whole family gathered. He wrote a lot of telegrams. Misha came from the camp; he claims that he has submitted "his resignation" [\[12\]](#) . Dined in the bedroom.

*July 31st. Saturday.*

Alix slept a little, but she and the little one felt good. In the morning I went to see Mom, then there were the usual reports. I had breakfast with children and Petya. I was disheartened by the mass of cases and telegrams. I walked alone, got caught in a thunderstorm, defended myself in the Cottage and returned home after 5 o'clock. I read until lunchtime. At 7 o'clock. Milica and Stana visited Alix.

*1st August. Sunday.*

Alix slept well. In the morning there was a thick fog, the water was very high. I went with three older children to mass. Had breakfast at the Farm; finally with our music. Returning home, I sat with v. Vladimir, then there was Fredericks with a report, and then I, together with Heyden and Prince. Orlov sorted out the telegrams for an hour, after which he went to air out. In the evening it started to rain. I read and wrote, wrote endlessly right to the point of stupor.

*2nd August. Monday.*

Today was a great day. Had two reports and a small reception. I had breakfast with Olga and Tatiana. Studied and then walked. I went for a bit of a kayak ride. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined in the bedroom and spent the evening with Alix; answered the telegrams.

*3rd August. Tuesday.*

The weather was warm. Alix felt very well, and little Alexei too. A surprisingly calm child, almost never cries. Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.) Had breakfast.

Telegrams begin to wane. I walked for a long time, then I met Mom and looked for mushrooms with her. I read a lot until 8 o'clock. I dined in the bedroom. Milica and Stana spent the evening with us.

*4th August. Wednesday.*

The day was warm and gray. The morning was very busy, the commanders of the guards units, including 12 people, immediately ran over. thanks for the enrollment of little Alexei in the lists. There were two reports and received four more submissions. Heyden (dezh.) Had breakfast.

About 3 hours. it began to rain until evening. Walked a little. Mom and Minnie were drinking tea at Alix's. I read for a long time. We spent the evening together.

*5th August. Thursday.*

On the occasion of the birthday of the Austrian Emperor, there was a breakfast in the Grand Palace, for a cat. I went with Mom. There were several heavy showers, but by evening the weather had completely cleared up. After reading, I rode the Gatchinka well to the buoy. I dined in my bedroom and spent the evening together.

*6th August. Friday.*

At 11 1/4 I went with Mama and part of the family to Krasnoe. The weather was bleak, it rained and blew. The Transfiguration holiday was nevertheless a success. The parade of the regiment and all the artillery of the Guards was brilliant; soil also, but away from water. Having traveled around all the canteens of the lower ranks and decently loaded with vodka, I drove to the officers' meeting. Had a great breakfast here with many guests. At 3 1/2 he went to Misha's barrack and went with him to Krasnoe, and from there, disguised, to the races. They passed safely. I returned to Peterhof at 7 o'clock. Alix and the little one had a good day. I studied only until lunchtime.

*7th August. Saturday.*

At 10 1/4 I went to Krasnoe. Drove to Mom and with her went to the Military Field for a review of military schools. The weather was fine, but the wind blew, tearing everyone's caps off. At about one o'clock, Mama returned to the house, where he had breakfast with the others. At 2 1/2 I left for Peterhof. After taking the gene. Sobolev, the commander of the 6th Siberian Corps, and Fredericks' report went for a walk. Studied until 8 o'clock. Spent the evening with Alix.

*August 8th. Sunday.*

A strong SW was blowing with periodic showers. I was at mass with the children and then had breakfast with them. Uncle Misha came to see me. Walked. At 5.20 I went with a small part of my family to Krasnoe Selo. At the station there was a guard of honor from my Cuirassier regiment and a deputation of peasants. The detour of the camp and the dawn went well in terms of the weather. At 8 1/2 we sat down to dine with Mom. I arrived at Peterhof with the same train at 11 o'clock.

*August 9th. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock. morning went to Krasnoe. Having stopped by Mom, I went with her to the Military Field. The view of the troops was brilliant; the weather improved and the sun shone from the beginning of the detour of the troops. At the end of the passage, the cadets were promoted to officers. Then they had breakfast on a roller. A little earlier than 4 o'clock I returned to Peterhof. Received the report of D. Alexei.

D. Sergei and Ella came from Ilyinsky. I did a lot of work after lunch.

*August 10th. Tuesday.*

In the morning I went to the station in German naval uniform to meet Heinrich and Louis of Battenberg. With Misha he brought them to Mom, and then they were taken to their apartments. Had the usual reports. In addition to both of them, we had breakfast: D. Sergei, Ella, Maria, Dmitry, Olga and Tatiana. Alix got up for the first time and lay on

the couch for half a day. I was in hustle and bustle due to many small matters and all kinds of orders, cat. had to be given for tomorrow. Walked from 4 o'clock. The weather was excellent. I read a lot in the evening.

*11th August. Wednesday.*

A significant day of the baptism of our dear son. The morning was clear and warm. Up to 9 1/2, in front of the house on the road by the sea, there were golden carriages and a platoon of Convoy, Gusar and Atamantsev. At five to ten, the procession started. Half an hour later I went to the Cottage. I saw Mama Christian, who had just arrived on behalf of Apap. With Misha I went to the Grand Palace. **The christening** began at 11 o'clock. Then I found out that little Alexey behaved very calmly.

Olga, Tatiana and Irina with other children were at the exit for the first time and stood the whole long service perfectly. The main recipients were Mama and D. Aleksey.

After mass, diplomats had to be received and then there was a big breakfast. Only at 3 1/4 did I come home and congratulate darling Alix on her christening. The weather turned bad and it started raining. Alix saw many people lying on the couch. Spent the rest of the day at home. In the evening Milica and Stana sat with us.

*August 12th. Thursday.*

The day was gray and rainy. Was very busy in the morning. Breakfast: D. Sergei, Ella, Maria and Dmitry. I walked with Mom and looked for mushrooms with her. Anastasia came to say goodbye to Alix.

Dined with Heinrich and Louis. They took turns sitting at Alix's.

*August 13th. Friday.*

The morning was warm and quiet - very busy for me. We had breakfast: Comrades Marusya, Stana and Yuri and Petya (dezh.). Took up to 3 o'clock. The weather turned bad, it immediately blew out and it started to rain. Walked a little.

Nicky and Elena were sitting at Alix's. I read until 8 o'clock. Uncle Sergei, Ella, Heinrich and Louis dined and spent the evening with us. About 11 a.m. went to the station to see them off.

*August 14th. Saturday.*

The weather was cold, windy and gray. He said goodbye to Mama and had two reports. It was hard to part with dear Alix and little Alexei. At one o'clock in the afternoon I went on a **trip to the Don** with Misha, Nikolasha and the same companions. I read all day to my heart's content.

*August 15th. Sunday.*

I got up when we were passing Ryazan. The day was wonderful, sunny. The further south we drove, the hotter it got. In Kozlov there was a meeting in front of Voronezh as well.

*August 16th. Monday.*

It was hot at night, and in the morning it reached 25 ° in the carriages. At 10 o'clock. arrived at the Cossack Camp near Novochoerkassk. On the platform there was a meeting from the Don army, the nobility and the merchant class. He got on a horse and rode to the 4th Don division and the 3rd Don kaz lined up right there. division. I missed them twice and blessed the parts with icons while saying goodbye. The Cossacks introduced themselves as fine fellows on excellent horses, they made the best impression on me.

At 12 o'clock. left. The division lined up along the path; many Cossacks galloped alongside the train and very dexterously jiggled. Maksimovich drove to the border of the region, the cat. we moved at 7 o'clock. During the day in the shade it was 28 °, what is the difference with the pace. here at the same time. There were a lot of people at the stations along the way, such friendly, cheerful people. By the evening it got a little cooler and we came to our senses.

*August 17th. Tuesday.*

In the morning it was still 20 ° in the carriages, but much easier than yesterday. I read a lot and for a long time. Some papers have arrived. At 5 o'clock. drove up to Moscow. I saw D. Sergei for 1/4 hour. By the evening it became completely cool. At st. Spirovo met Olga, Comrade Eugenia and Petya on the way to Ramon \* .

\* The estate of the Dukes of Oldenburg in the Voronezh province.

*August 18th. Wednesday.*

At 9 o'clock. in the morning, in cool weather, I returned to **Peterhof**. With great joy I saw Alix and little Alexei. Mom found all the daughters. Had a report and a little reception. Orlov (dezh.) Had breakfast. I walked for a long time and looked for mushrooms with Mom. The weather has cleared up. I read a lot. Dined in the bedroom.

*19th August. Thursday.*

Important news came from Kuropatkin about the final concentration of the entire Manchurian army near Liaoyang and about a serious battle that our troops fought yesterday in a fortified position south and east of this city.

Boris came from there, sent by Kuropatkin to bring congratulations on behalf of the army on the birth of Alexei.

He had breakfast with me and told a lot of interesting things about the war. I rode on horseback. The weather was not bad. Mom was sitting at Alix's before tea. I walked with Misha along the sea, looking for ducks, there were very few of them. He only shot at them once.

In the evening I read Alix aloud.

*20th August. Friday.*

It was a good day, it was 12 ° in the shade. After the lecture, he received many at the Farm, including deputations from the Alexandria and 51st Lithuanian regiments. Had breakfast with the two seniors. I also received Gripenberg. Walked. I read for a long time.

*August 21st. Saturday.*

In the morning I received a telegram from Kuropatkin that the Japanese in large forces had bypassed our left flank to the northeast. from Liaoyang and at the same time attacked a position near the city. He ordered to clear it and retreat to the north.

Hard and unexpected!

Had three reports. After breakfast one more - Pratasova.

Walked. I read until 8 o'clock.

In the evening Milica and Stana sat with Alix.

*August 22nd. Sunday.*

The morning was calm, cold and foggy. I went to mass with three daughters. We had breakfast on the farm inside. I walked and rode in a kayak. Mom was at Alix's. Was reading. The mood was very gloomy under the influence of yesterday's news.

*August 23rd. Monday.*

The day was excellent, quiet and warm. At one o'clock I went with Mama and others on the Alexandria to Kronstadt. We entered the harbor and visited the cruiser **Oleg**, which was docked, the cruiser **Zhemchug**, and Bron. **"Eagle"**. Then the ships of the 2nd squadron of the Pacific Ocean and the Baltic Sea, which were standing in two lines on the Great Road, bypassed them. Having visited the **"Polar Star"**, we went back and stopped at the "Princess", on the cat. Mom was driving. I returned home at 6 o'clock. I read it until lunchtime. Alix sat on the balcony a lot during the day.

*August 24th. Tuesday.*

The morning was warm, but blew out of the sea. Was very busy before and after breakfast. I made a good ride with Misha to Strelina.

Today the news of the army is more reassuring - all the troops retreated from Liaoyang and approached Mukden, almost not disturbed by the Japanese. There was no final information on the number of wounded; yesterday Kuropatkin reported about 12 thousand people.

*August 25th. Wednesday.*

A wonderful quiet day. There was a pretty big reception in the morning. I saw Mirsky and offered him the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Had breakfast with the kids. At 2 o'clock a meeting was held at the Farm on the forthcoming voyage of Rozhdestvensky's squadron. We got up at 4 o'clock. Alix accepted him and showed him little Alexei. After that, for the first time [time], Alix went down and the two of us went for a drive. Dined in the bedroom. We said goodbye to Christopher, who is leaving for Greece.

*August 26th. Thursday.*

At 9 1/4 he went to Kronstadt with Misha, Cyril (dezh.) And Sandro. It was a summer day, the sea was like a mirror. Visited the battleships: **"Book. Suvorov"**, **"Imp. Alexander III"**, **"Borodino"** and cr. **"Adm. Nakhimov"**. On "Suvorov" he is holding his flag 3. P. Rozhdestvensky. I had breakfast on "Alexandria" and after a short rest I continued to inspect the ships, visiting the battleships **"Navarin"**, **"Sisoy Veliky"** and **"Oslyabya"** (Felkerzam's flag) and cruise. "Diamond" (Enquist flag). From the big roadstead I went to the harbor and examined the transport. **"Kamchatka"** with equipped workshops for the needs of the squadron. I returned to Peterhof at 5 1/2, very pleased with the day spent and the wonderful weather. I was with Mom. After lunch, Milica and Stana came to Alix.

*August 27th. Friday.*

The weather was even warmer than yesterday. Alix had her first breakfast in the dining room. Boris was on duty. Received Nikolasha. I went to Uncle Misha, from where he returned with Misha on his motor. Ride Alix in the chair. Uncle Misha stopped by to say goodbye to us; he goes abroad on Sunday. Was reading. I managed to go kayaking; the evening was wonderful.

*August 28th. Saturday.*

The morning was gray, but by noon the weather cleared up and became hot. Was very busy until one o'clock. Alix had breakfast with us, that is, with me, Olga and Tatiana. Made a nice walk with Misha and Minnie on horseback to Sergievka. It was 14 ° in the shade with a warm south wind. About 7 o'clock. went kayaking with Misha. In the evening I read Alix aloud.

*August 29th. Sunday.*

I went to mass with the children at 9 3/4, because after it I went with Mama and Misha to the "Princess". Now we took off and went to Kronstadt. We had breakfast on the way. Having passed the entrance barrels, we saw the 2nd squadron of the Pacific Ocean under the flag of Rozhdestvensky, leaving for Revel. They overtook her, passing through the middle of both columns. Having caught up with the lead ships, they raised the standard Mama and the whole squadron made a salute. A very solemn and beautiful picture. Having added speed, the squadrons were out of order and turned back. It was at the height of Krasnaya Gorka. Approaching Kronstadt, we met a squadron under the Birilyov flag, made up of ships of training detachments, and also going out to sea. Came to the Peterhof roadstead at 3 1/2 and drank tea on the "Princess". We waited out the downpour, after the cat. cleared up and we went ashore, extremely pleased with the successful expedition.

I read a lot. The evening was spent as usual.

*August 30th. Monday.*

At 10 1/2 he went with Mama and others on the Alexandria to Petersburg and from the pier to Tsaritsyn Meadow. There was a church parade of L.-Gv. Pavlovsky and 198 Alexander Nevsky regiments. After the parade, we took off as a group with the officers and went to the barracks. We examined the church, collection and museum. At 2 o'clock we went to the yacht. We had breakfast on the way back. The weather was warm, gray and quiet. It started raining in the evening. I read Alix aloud.

*August 31st. Tuesday.*

In the morning George the Greek arrived, saw him at Mom's. The weather was bad, cold and rainy. We had breakfast with the children. Alix rolled in the chair. George was drinking tea with us. I talked to him about Cretan affairs. I spent the evening with Petyusha; told him about my desire to appoint him Gen. Inspection. Ing. parts. Milica and Stan were with Alix.

*1st September. Wednesday.*

A real autumn day: 7 ° with rain and strong wind. I was, as always, with Mom, I found Aunt Olga with her. Took quite a lot of introductions. We had breakfast alone. For the first time, the fireplace had to be lit. I stayed at home, offended by the weather. Mom, etc. Olga visited Alix. I studied until 8 o'clock and read aloud all evening.

*2nd September. Thursday.*

A very cold day with the same wind. Had only two reports. After breakfast we went out for a walk early. We met Mom, Misha and George. At 7 o'clock I took a ride with both of them in Misha's car. In the evening I read Alix aloud.

*3rd September. Friday.*

The day was mostly sunny. After breakfast we walked and met Mom, Minnie and George. I read a lot. Dined in the bedroom. In the evening Petyusha was with me, and Militsa was with Alix.

*4th September. Saturday.*

The day was even colder. At 11 1/4, Sergey, Sakharov and Altfater gathered at my place; I expressed to them my decision to appoint Sergei as inspector of all artillery due to the absence of D. Misha. After breakfast, we walked together. George stayed with me almost until lunchtime. In the evening I went to see Mama on Misha's motor. I read Alix aloud.

*September 5th. Sunday.*

The day has come clear, sunny and quiet. At 10 1/2 I went with the children to mass. Having changed into a full dress at the Farm, he went with Misha for Mama to the Cadet parade ground. **The cavalry guards** stood in the equestrian order in cuirass and perfectly presented themselves when passing at a walk and gallop. We had breakfast at the Grand Palace. The rooms were cold. At 3 1/2 I returned home and immediately went with Alix to say goodbye to Mom, the cat. left for Ramon. Did a nice walk and went back for tea. At 6 o'clock. I had Sergei. I studied and wrote, and after dinner I read Alix aloud.

*September 6th. Monday.*

It got warmer - it got to 9 ° in the shade. Uncle Alexei had breakfast with us. We walked together. Ksenia and Sandro drank teas with us. After reading the papers, he rode bicycles with Misha. In the evening I read aloud.

*7th September. Tuesday.*

Had a great day, it got to 11 ° in the shade! Mom from Ramon writes that the weather is cold there. After breakfast, we walked together, then I did a good horse ride. The evening was so quiet and the sunset was beautiful that I could not resist and went to sea in a kayak. I dined in my bedroom and read aloud as usual.

*September 8th. Wednesday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to mass with the children. We had breakfast alone. Alix and I were very worried about little Alexei's bleeding, which continued intermittently until the evening from the umbilical cord! \* I had to write out Korovin and surgeon Fedorov; about 7 hours. they put on a bandage. The little one was surprisingly calm and cheerful! How hard it is to experience such moments of anxiety!

It was a splendid day.

\* The first manifestation of the fatal illness in the heir (hemophilia).

*September 9th. Thursday.*

In the morning there was blood on the bandage again; from 12 noon until the evening there was nothing. The little one spent the day calmly, almost did not cry and soothed us with his healthy appearance!

At 10 o'clock. the consecration of the church of L.Tv began. Dragoon regiment in its new location. Around 12 noon. the service ended, after the parade on foot, I went to the arena, where breakfast was prepared. Having drunk the regiment's health, I returned home at 12 1/2 o'clock. Stana had breakfast; she leaves for Crimea tomorrow. Walked with Alix, then another one. It was foggy all day. Dined in the bedroom. I read it in the evening.

*September 10th. Friday.*

Alexei did not show blood all day today; the painful concern lightened my heart. Had three reports and a reception. After breakfast Nikolasha came to see me. We walked together. The weather was not cold, but gray; the wind blew, driving all the water into the sea. In the evening I read aloud.



*September 11th. Saturday.*

Thank God, dear Alexei has stopped bleeding for two days already. So it brightened my soul! The day was quiet and quite warm. Breakfast: Misha, George, Minnie, George and children. We walked together; went for a ride in a kayak. I read until 8 o'clock. I dined and spent the evening in my bedroom.

*September 12th. Sunday.*

It was a wonderful day, the sun was hot like summer. I went with Alix and the children to mass. Ksenia and Sandro had breakfast with us. We rode together and then walked for a long time. On the occasion of the wonderful weather, Alexei was also taken out for a drive. After tea I went to sea in a kayak. I did a lot. I read it aloud.

*September 13th. Monday.*

Same summer day, 15 ° in the shade. After the report, among others, he received a new aide-de-camp, cap. 1 p. Dabich, the former commander of the Thunderbolt and badly wounded in the battle on August 1 in the Korea Strait. Uncle Alexei was having breakfast. I also took Klado, also from Vladivostok. We rode and walked. At 6 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil. After lunch we went to the Cottage, Mom returned from Ramon at 9 o'clock.

*September 14th. Tuesday.*

The same wonderful summer day. We all went to mass. We had breakfast on the farm, on the balcony. Prince Mirsky also, on the occasion of the inauguration of M.V.D.

We walked and rode on Misha's motor. We dined at Mom's. The evening was spent at home; read aloud.

*September 15th. Wednesday.*

Summer weather continued. In the morning I received the general-majors of the suite and the aides-de-camp, a cat. returned from the mobilization of the districts of the Odessa district. At one o'clock, Alix and the children bid farewell to the road and set off with Misha on a **trip** to the south. We are going in the same line-up. We walked at some stations.

*September 16th. Thursday.*

It was cold at night and therefore slept well. The day was wonderful and clear. In the morning in Baranovich and in the evening in Rovno there were deputations. I read all day; contrived to write to darling Alix on the go. We drove through Polesie, all the good forests and swamps. Sukhomlinov and Kleigels accompanied for some time and dined with us.

*September 17th. Friday.*

Woke up at 8 1/2 on a lovely morning but pretty cool. I read it all morning. We had breakfast at 12 1/2.

At 2 o'clock we arrived at the platform nine miles to Odessa. He got on a horse and rode to the troops of the 15th Infantry Division, which was facing the railway. dor. Having traveled around and skipped these wonderful parts, he said goodbye to them and blessed them with icons. The review was attended by: 57th infantry. Modlinsky, 58th Pragsky, 59th Lublinsky, 60th Zamostsky regiments and 12th Sapper battalion. At the platform were built: the Odessa cadet corps and the Odessa cadet school. I got on the train and after 20 minutes. arrived in Odessa. A big meeting, a guard of honor from the 16th Infantry Regiment. The welcome in the city was amazing, so was the order. After visiting the cathedral, we drove along the boulevard and returned to the station at about 6 o'clock. We saw a glimpse of the Black Sea. We had lunch on the go and at about 9 o'clock we stopped for the night at the **Novo-Savitskaya** station . Did a nice walk on the canvas.

*September 18th. Saturday.*

A splendid sunny day. At 9 o'clock we set off and after half an hour, having passed Tiraspol, we stopped. On the platform there was a guard of honor from the Astrakhan dragoons and the deputation. I immediately got on a horse and went to the 14th Infantry Division and its wagon train, the 53rd Volynsky, 54th Minsky, 55th Podolsky and 56th Zhytomyrs regiments presented themselves magnificently. Upon departure, they managed to stand along the road, it was nice to see them again. After breakfast at the station. Razdelnaya got off the train Kaulbars and com. 8th building Soap. It got hot again in the carriages. At st. Zhmerynka had a meeting from the Podolsk nobility and the province at the huge new station. The night was moonlit.

*19th September. Sunday.*

I slept well and for a very long time. In the morning there was a meeting at the Luninets station. At 3 o'clock in Baranovichi I saw the railway battalions and the 3rd reserve, manned up to military strength. There were also deputations in Lida and Vilna.

Approaching the house, he received papers, a cat. I had to read all day. The weather was excellent, it was quite warm in the carriages. We drove well, but on Varshavskaya (railway) it shook more than on others.

*20th September. Monday.*

I slept well. It started raining near Gatchina, with which we arrived at **Peterhof** at 12 1/2 o'clock. It is a great joy to be with dear Alix and children again. Our "son" has grown by eye and is healthy, thank God. Misha and D. Aleksey had breakfast. He had a report. We walked together; the weather cleared up again. I read until 8 o'clock. I dined in my bedroom and read Alix aloud.

*September 21st. Tuesday.*

The day was sunny with a wind from the sea and 9 ° C. In the morning I took a walk and received two reports. Misha had breakfast. Alix rolled in the chair. We visited Milica. We drank tea with Misha, after which he left for Ramon. I studied for a long time before and after lunch. I read Alix aloud a little. From Port Arthur I received a telegram from Stoessel about the successfully repulsed 4-day assault on the Japanese, with huge losses for them.

*September 22nd. Wednesday.*

It was a gray, cold day. After the walk I had the first report of the book. Svyatopolk-Mirsky. We had breakfast: he, Elena Milashevich and Rudnev (dezh.). We rode together near Ozerkov and in the English Park and then took a walk. I read and wrote until lunchtime. It started raining in the evening.

*September 23rd. Thursday.*

Gray but warm weather with a southerly wind. Walked in the morning as always. There was a small reception. Sergei arrived from the artillery detour. He and Drenteln (dezh.) Had breakfast. We walked together. Fitted for. Tsarskoe Selo. I read and wrote until lunchtime. We spent the evening as usual, Alix in bed with the "little treasure" \*, and I reading aloud.

\* Home nickname of the heir Alexei Nikolaevich.

*September 24th. Friday.*

The day was very warm, sometimes it rained. Walked a little. Reception dragged on for an hour. Orlov (dezh.) Had breakfast. We rode together and then drove to Milica. In the evening the sun came out and so beautifully illuminated the yellowed trees. I studied until 8 o'clock. I finally prepared for my departure.

*September 25th. Saturday.*

The morning was gray. By 11 o'clock. freshened up, the water rose and it began to rain. For the last time I took a walk in dear Alexandria; then accepted the usual three reports. The four of us had breakfast and at 2 1/2 left for Tsarskoe Selo. Uncle Vladimir visited us before leaving for Berlin for treatment for eczema on the face. After tea, about 6 hours. the little "treasure" was taken back to the railroad. road. Unfolded and practiced until 8 o'clock. We dined together. About 10 1/2 went to the station for a **trip to Revel** to say goodbye to the squadron of Z. P. Rozhstvensky. In addition to the usual companions, they went with us: D. Aleksey, Princess Golitsyna, Avelan and Lomen.

## Started in Revel on the "Standart"

*September 26th. Sunday.*

Woke up on a sunny morning. **Revel** looked beautiful when we drove up to him at 9 o'clock. At the station, all the authorities and deputations were greeted, they got on a small train and drove to the "**Standart**", **which** was in the port. It was nice to get on my cute yacht. At 10 o'clock. Mass was served. We had breakfast at 12 o'clock. Went at 3 o'clock for vapors. boat on: "**Oslyabya**", "**Eagle**", "**Borodino**", "**Suvorov**" and "**Imp. Alexander III**". From the penultimate one looked at the explosions of counter-mines. A fresh NW was blowing and therefore the wave was large in the roadstead and it was difficult to pester. By evening it was quiet. At 8 o'clock there was lunch for all the admirals and commanders of the ships of the 2nd Pacific Squadron, which was beautifully standing in several columns in the roadstead. We talked to them on deck, the night was clear but cool.

A small "treasure" was placed in the cabins of Mama.

*September 27th. Monday.*

It was a splendid day, the sun warmed like a summer. At 9 o'clock. went to say goodbye to the courts. Visited nine destroyers in the port.

On the roadstead - "**Sysoy Velikiy**" and "**Svetlana**". By 11 1/4 he returned to the yacht. We had breakfast at 12 o'clock. and then went from Alix to **Suvorov and Imp. Alexander III**". From there she returned to the Shtandart, and I continued bypassing the ships. Visited: "Almaz", "**Aurora**", "**Pearl**", "**Dmitry Donskoy**", "**Navarin**", "Adm. **Nakhimov**". He returned to the yacht at 4 o'clock and immediately set off with Alix for Revel. Driving through the narrow streets and visiting the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and "Domkirche" \* reminded me very much of my stay there two years ago. We returned at 5 1/2 o'clock.

Parts of the teams of the cruiser "Izumrud" and the transports "Irtys" and "Anadyr" were lined up next to the yacht on the embankment. After tea I received the report of Dr. Alexei. At 7 1/4 o'clock. got off the Shtandart and took a small train to the station. Here all the Estonian ladies introduced themselves to Alix. At 8 1/4 they left Revel and immediately sat down to dinner.

\* Dome Cathedral.

*September 28th. Tuesday.*

In the morning we stood for more than three hours at the Volosovo station. We arrived at 10 o'clock in **Tsarskoe Selo on a** wonderful sunny day. I took a walk. Took the usual reports. Kirill (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/2 we went

for a drive around Babolov. We visited comrades Mikhen, Elena and Niki. Returning home, I went for a walk. The greenery is well preserved in the park. I did it for a long time. I dined in the bedroom, as the little "treasure" was sleeping on the bed in Alix's arms.

*September 29th. Wednesday.*

Nice clear day. After the walk there was a report and a reception. We had breakfast: Comrade Mikhen, Elena and Niki. They showed him their rooms. I walked with the dogs for a long time. Today, after many weeks of hesitation, Alix, strongly supported by me and the princess. Golitsyna, finally decided to fire the Englishwoman - the nanny of Miss Yeager's children, which was announced to her by Maria Mikhailovna!

Before that there were many fuss and ordeals.

*September 30th. Thursday.*

It was a great warm day. Walked in the morning. Had three reports. After breakfast he received the priest Izraztsov, the cat. built a Russian church in Buenos Aires. Did a great horseback ride to Pavlovsk. Alix rode with her younger daughters. Today English. the nanny went to her homeland.

*1st October. Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos.*

The weather was gray and cool. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. Andrey (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received Mirsky, walked and at 6 o'clock. received Kokovtsov. I read a lot. Dined in the bedroom.

The offensive of our troops to Liaoyang was stopped by the Japanese; our army withdrew a little back. Our losses are apparently large.

*2nd October. Saturday.*

The day was clear and very warm. Had three reports. Breakfast: E.A. Naryshkina, P.V. Zhukovsky and Rudnev (dezh.). Did a nice horseback ride from Nika to Pavlovsk. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined in the bedroom.

Today, at about noon, the 2nd Pacific Squadron left Libau for a long, arduous voyage. Bless her path, Lord, let her come whole to her destination and there to fulfill her difficult task for the good and benefit of Russia! \*

\* Further in the manuscript there is a cross.

*3rd October. Sunday.*

The morning was clear. We went to mass and had breakfast with all the children. I watched Tkachenko's paintings in the round hall. We walked together and rolled Alix in a chair. I did a lot. Dinner: Comrade Mikhen, Elena, Niki, Kirill and Boris. We spent the evening with them and drank tea.

*4th October. Monday.*

I received a report from Kuropatkin that during a successful assault on a hill occupied by the Japanese, 11 of their guns and a machine gun were taken.

Received the report of D. Alexei. At 12 o'clock. on the ground in front of the palace there was a church parade to Convoy on the occasion of his holiday. How many years I was not present at this!

Uncle Alexei had breakfast. Received several: General Velichko, who had arrived from the Manchurian army, Rydzevsky, appointed comrade Min-ra V.D. and head of the police. I rode on horseback with Nicky. The weather was fine and warm. I read until 8 o'clock. We spent the evening together.

*October 5th. Tuesday.*

The first day is the name day of our "treasure". At 10 o'clock. accepted Sakharov's report. I went late to mass with Anastasia. Alix was already there with the others. They accepted the deputation of my Moscow regiment, cat. brought the icon to Alexei. Maksimovich had breakfast. Accepted Prince. Shirinsky-Shikhmatov, who came from the army, where he had been authorized by the Red Cross since the beginning of the war.

Walked, the weather was rainy, but warm. We have received many congratulatory telegrams. Milica drank tea with us.

*6th October. Wednesday.*

The day was quiet, good. After the lecture, there was a great reception. Orlov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked for a long time, killed three crows. I studied and wrote, and after dinner I read Alix aloud.

*7th October. Thursday.*

At 9 o'clock. went hunting for Gatchina in the Elisabeth dacha. Familiar circles in the round-ups in 1895 went with me. G.S. Golitsyn, Hesse, Hirsch. The weather was excellent, quiet, without the sun. We had breakfast in a new house. Total killed: 490. **By me: 10 black grouse, hazel grouse, partridge, 2 hare and 45 white hares, waldsh | nep |, in total - 60.** I really enjoyed this [day] spent in the fresh air. He returned to Tsarskoe at 6 1/4. I accepted Budberg's report and read it until 8:00.

I received word from Skachek that the squadron had safely passed from Kattegat.

*October 8th. Friday.*

The weather was cold and rainy. After the reports, he accepted and said goodbye to Gripenberg, who was leaving for the east to command the 2nd Manchurian Army. Boris (dezh.) Had breakfast. He also received the Tver Governor, Prince. Shirinsky-Shikhmatov. Walked. I studied until 8 o'clock. In the evening I read Alix aloud.

*October 9th. Saturday.*

Cold gray day. Walked in the morning. Had two reports. Sergey had breakfast. Received Mirsky. We said goodbye to Niki and Elena, who are leaving for Greece. I studied and read a lot. We spent the evening together.

*October 10th. Sunday.*

The day was quiet, gray, but good. We went to mass and had breakfast alone. We walked together, then Alix returned home, and I continued my walk and killed five crows. After reading, I was sorting out papers from Peterhof. In the evening he received the book. Shirinsky, who asked to leave Tver. Regretfully agreed.

I decided to appoint Kuropatkin as commander-in-chief in the Far East with the release of Alekseev from this duty, but leaving him as governor.

It took a lot of internal struggle for me to come to this decision.

*October 11th. Monday.*

About 9 o'clock. went to St. Petersburg and directly to the "Alexandria". With comrade Olga and d. Alexei we went to Kronstadt. It was cold, quiet and foggy, the sun came out in the evening. We arrived at the harbor at 11 o'clock. and went to the cruiser "**Oleg**". Having said goodbye and admonishing the officers and the crew, we moved to the auxiliary cruiser "Ural" from the purchased steamers.

They walked around it and were amazed at its size and spaciousness of its premises. At one o'clock in the afternoon we went back to Petersburg. We were accompanied by a new "Alexandria" and two high-speed newly lined up escorts "Scout" and "Patrol". We arrived at Tsarskoe at 3 1/2 hours. I walked and did a lot.

*October 12th. Tuesday.*

Agency telegrams are filled with details of the shelling by our squadron of fishing vessels at Doggerbank in the German Sea [\[13\]](#). England is very worried, the newspapers are thundering! It's a shame not to have accurate information.

Walked in front of the reports. After breakfast I took the book for a long time. Obolensky - Finl. gen.-lips. - Spent the evening together.

*October 13th. Wednesday.*

He received quite a few of those who introduced themselves, as well as a deputation of the 89th White Sea Regiment, which presented a fold-out to Alexei. Boris (dezh.) Had breakfast. It was snowing, cat. then turned into rain. Walked. I read a lot.

*October 14th. Thursday.*

At 7 1/2 I went hunting with almost the same ones. U. Yegerskaya Sloboda got off the train and went to Tuganitsy. The raid was very successful, a lot of feathers flew. The weather was gray, calm and pleasant. Total killed: 210. By me: 11 black grouse, with [gray] partridge, woodcock, hazel grouse, 3 hare and 10 white hares; only 27.

During the third corral at No. I received a telegram from Rozhdestvensky about the arrival in Vigo with a detachment of battleships. Returned to Tsarskoe at 6 1/2. I had to read a lot.

*October 15th. Friday.*

At 12 o'clock. I had a short meeting with D. Alexei, Lamsdorf and Avelan about England's audacious behavior and the measures to be taken. D. Alexey had breakfast with us. I rode with Alix, the weather was mild. Then he took a walk. In the evening I read and wrote.

*October 16th. Saturday.*

Yesterday we sent to England a proposal to transfer the consideration of cases of shooting in the German Sea [to the jurisdiction of] the Hague court - had an effect. Our lousy enemies immediately reduced their arrogance and agreed. Comrades Vera and Andrey (dezh.) Had breakfast. It was raining and it was very warm. Walked. I did a lot. After dinner we spent the evening together.

*October 17th. Sunday.*

Already the 16th anniversary since the time of God's mercy shown to us during the train wreck.

We were at mass with children. After the service, they said goodbye to the lower ranks leaving the service from Svodn. guard. baht. Breakfast: E.A. Naryshkina and Rudnev (dezh.). Then the wing-adjut was introduced. gr. Lamsdorf, on the occasion of my appointment, will be with me. 2 to 3 hours. accepted English. Ambassador Hardinge on the latest misunderstanding. I spoke to him hard. Ride with Alix. The weather was wonderful, clear, almost freezing.

Walked some more. In the evening I read aloud.

*October 18th. Monday.*

Had two usual reports. We had breakfast: D. Alexey, T. Mikhen and Solovoy (dezh.). We rode together in Pavlovsk. Walked alone. The weather was good and not cold. I read a lot. Sonia Den had dinner; She now lives with us after her husband left with the 2nd Pacific Squadron.

*19th October. Tuesday.*

The day was very busy. Breakfast: Misha, Olga, Petya, who returned from Ramon, and Sonya D [en].

We said goodbye to the crew of 9 people of the submarine "Som", which will soon be sent to Vladivostok by rail. dor. with leith. book Trubetskoy and Den [ohm] are both from "Shtandart".

Adopted a joint report on the affairs of Finland, Prince. Obolensky and Ershtrem. Walked for half an hour. We dined together. I read it aloud.

*20th October. Wednesday.*

Mom came from Denmark; in her train we got to the city. Were in the fortress at the funeral mass for the unforgettable Pope. 10 years have already passed, rather flew by since the day of his sorrowful death! How difficult it has become, how difficult it has become! But the Lord is merciful, after the trials sent down by Him, calm times will come !!! We returned to Tsarskoe at one o'clock. Received Muravyov and Kaulbars; the latter leaves for the D. East to command the future 3rd Manchuria. army. Walked. The day was glorious, clear and quiet. I studied until 8 o'clock.

*October 21st. Thursday.*

I woke up at 7 o'clock. on a clear frosty morning and with snow. At 8 o'clock. went on a raid near Peterhof. We took pens from the railroad. dor. to Maryino, where they were buried in a swamp. We had breakfast at the village of Olyino in a tent, and from there we walked in corrals across the road from Babigon to Nastolovo. The weather turned gray and a fresh breeze began to blow. In 6 1/2 he returned to Tsarskoe. Total killed: 511. **By me: 6 pheasants, 5 black grouses, an owl, 3 hares and 35 white hares - total: 50.**

I worked hard. We dined and spent the evening together.

*October 22nd. Friday.*

Was very busy all morning and from two o'clock to 3 1/2. I went to Gatchina for tea. Sat at home with Mom. Until 8 o'clock. Alix arrived. The five of us dined. Olga showed us a small tame wolf. At 10 o'clock. left for Tsarskoe.

*October 23rd. Saturday.*

In the morning I managed to take a walk. The weather was clear. Had three reports. After breakfast he received Clado, who had returned from Vigo, straight from Rozhdestvensky; he was on the Suvorov on the famous night of

the attack by unknown destroyers in the German Sea. Militsa, Nikolasha and Petyusha had dinner and spent [an evening with us].

*October 24th. Sunday.*

It began to melt. We went to mass. Sonia Den, with whom we walked, had breakfast. It was snowing all the time during the walk. After tea I read a lot. We spent the evening together.

*October 25th. Monday.*

Clear frosty day. Had three reports that ended on time. Breakfast: D. Alexey and Nikolay. I walked for a long time. I did a lot. We dined and spent the evening together.

*October 26th. Tuesday.*

It was a nice sunny day. Walked and received the report of gr. Lamsdorf. At 12 1/2 he said goodbye to dear Alix and the children and went on a **trip**. In Gatchina, Misha got on the train: He read all the time, as always, on the railway. For Pskov at the station. Cherskaya there were deputations from the zemstvo and peasants of the Pskov district. After dinner I played bezique.

*October 27th. Wednesday.*

Snow is not visible in the morning; a real storm was blowing. I read it all morning. During breakfast we drove through Warsaw. At 2 1/2 we arrived in Lowicz. I went to the platform, where there were several deputations; immediately got on a horse and rode off to the troops. The review was attended by: 1st and 2nd rifle brigades with their artillery divisions and parks. All were wearing Siberian hats. The shooters introduced themselves brilliantly, despite the desperate weather - cold, rain and wind. After blessing the troops with the icons and saying goodbye to them, he got on the train and drove back. Stood part of the night in the morning at the station. Augustovo.

*October 28th. Thursday.*

About 9 o'clock. adopted several sisters of the Krasnostok nunnery, a cat. brought the image. We moved on; at 10 o'clock. arrived in Suwalki. On the platform there was a guard of honor from the 4th drag. Pskov regiment, deputations and Prussians: commander of the 1st corps. von der Goltz and Chief President of Prov. East Prussia - f [he] Moltke, for greetings on behalf of Wilhelm. On the square between the barracks there was a magnificent view: the 5th rifle brigade, the 16th engineer battalion, the 45th art. brig. and 5th page art. division. From there we went in carriages to the city and visited the church. On the way there were trellises - Pskov, Kurlyandsky and Pavlogradsky drags. and 2nd Don Kaz. shelves.

At 12 1/4 we got on the train and drove on. We had breakfast with the Germans. They got off the train for Warsaw. f. Our train spent the night at the station. **Tourmont**. It got cold and it started to snow.

*October 29th. Friday.*

Until 9 o'clock. received at this station many nobles of the Kovno province and a deputation of peasants. At 10 o'clock, having passed Dvinsk, we stopped in a field. On the platform is the usual meeting from the city and county and a guard of honor from the 1st Reserve Artillery Brigade. We went in a carriage through a beautiful forest and then the 25th Infantry camp. div., who introduced herself at the show. It was attended by: 97th Liflyandsky, 98th Yuryevsky, 99th Ivangorod and 100th Ostrovsky infantry. regiments, company Vost.-Sib. siege artilleryman. shelf and 25th art. brigade with a flying park. It was snowing, but the sun was warming and therefore it was warmer than yesterday. I found the troops in excellent condition, the horses are good. On both sides of the road were people from



the reserve battalions of the same regiments. At one o'clock in the afternoon we returned to the train and drove on along the Rigo-Orlovskaya railway. dor. I slept in the afternoon. We stopped for the night at the station. **Sirofino.**

*October 30th. Saturday.*

In the morning it was snowing heavily and melting slightly. Before reaching Vitebsk, on the platform there was a meeting from the city and county and a guard of honor from the 49th drag. Arkhangelsk regiment. Immediately got on a horse and rode to the place of the parade of the 41st Infantry. divisions. The 161st Alexandropol, 162nd Akhaltsykh, 163rd Lankaran and 164th Zakatala regiments presented themselves perfectly. After blessing them and saying goodbye to them, he returned to the train. At 12 1/4 we set off on our way back. In Dvinsk we met with Sergei, a cat. rode with us to the next. station and dined on the train.

*October 31st. Sunday.*

At 9 1/2 I arrived at **Tsarskoe Selo** in a gray frosty weather. I found Alix and the children in good health. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast alone with the children. I understood and read a lot. Walked, it was nice to stretch my legs. We dined and spent the evening together.

*1st November. Monday.*

After reading the morning papers, I went for a walk. Accepted reports by D. Alexey and Ermolov. Together with Alix he said goodbye and blessed the officers and submarine crews: "Field marsh. gr. Sheremetev", "Kasatka", "Dolphin" and "Skat" sent to Vladivostok. After breakfast there was a report by Mirsky. Walked. I read a lot before lunch.

*2nd November. Tuesday.*

EI Alekseev, who had recently arrived from Harbin, had breakfast with us. At 4 1/4 I went to Gatchina for tea. I sat with Mom for a long time. Alix came to dinner with Sonya D [en]. We returned to Tsarskoe at 10 3/4. The toboggan run is well established.

*3rd November. Wednesday.*

Olga is 9 years old, a very big girl. For me, the day was not a holiday. Before breakfast and after, until 3 1/2, everyone received introductions. Alix and her children went to mass. Breakfast: Sonya D [en] and Orlov (dezh.). We spent the evening as usual.

*4th November. Thursday.*

At 7 1/4 went to the railway. dor. to Krasnoe Selo, from there with other hunters who arrived from the city, to Ropsha. The hunt was around Glyadin. At first the wind blew very strongly, the frost was slight. We had breakfast in a teahouse. Total killed: 670. **By me: 4 pheasants, 2 black grouse, 9 gray. partridges, 7 hares and 25 white hares - total: 47 pieces.** We returned through Kipen to Krasnoe; was at home at 6 1/2. Received Budberg with a report.

*5th November. Friday.*

The thaw has begun. In addition to the reports, I had two receptions before and after breakfast. Walked for a long time: about 6 hours. was present at the bath of the three youngest children. I read until 8 o'clock.

*6th November. Saturday.*

There was a thaw with the wind. At 12 o'clock. went to the exercirhouse with Misha; Mom and Alix are the same. The Hussar holiday was quite a success - the regiment presented itself especially brilliantly. After toasts at the lower ranks, everyone gathered in the "duty room" for breakfast with the regimental ladies, offered by Engalychev. Appointed Knyazhevich as an aide-de-camp. We returned home at about 3 o'clock. Mom left for Gatchina. The evening was spent as usual.

*7th November. Sunday.*

The day was sunny, melting. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. Chakrabon had breakfast. Received a wing-adjut, Count Lamzdorf, who arrived on a mission from Wilhelm. Walked with Alix. I read for a long time.

*November 8th. Monday.*

After a morning walk I accepted three reports. Breakfast: D. Alexey and Solovoy (dezh.). Walked and killed a crow. Princess MV Baryatinskaya, who came here for some time from Italy, drank tea with us. I did a lot.

*November 9th. Tuesday.*

The day was sunny. After breakfast, the two of us went to the arena, in which the newly formed machine-gun companies were lined up for the 2nd and 6th Vost.-Sib. rifle divisions. All accessories are on the packs. He blessed them and took leave of them. Walked. Dinner: Militsa, Nikolasha and Petyusha.

*November 10th. Wednesday.*

After the lecture, I had a rather big reception. We had breakfast alone. At 4 o'clock I went to Gatchina. Drank tea with Mom. Alix arrived for dinner. Came back at 10 1/2.

*November 11th. Thursday.*

Got up at 8 o'clock. and, having finished the morning papers, went to Peterhof. The hunt took place in the Znamensky pheasant; took part: Comrade Mikhen, D. Alexey, Petyusha and Gall. The weather was very pleasant, calm, gray thaw. The hunt began at 10 1/2 and ended at 3 o'clock, with an hour's break for breakfast in the hunt's house.

**Killed 144 pheasants;** in total killed: 522. pheasants 506, hares 16. Returned to Tsarskoe at 4 o'clock. Milica drank tea with us. I accepted Mirsky's report.

*November 12th. Friday.*

In the morning I was very busy, Alec and Kostya arrived. After the reports, he received the general. Kakhanov, new teams, the troops of the Odessa military. district and Gadon, who recently received the Preobrazhensky regiment. Breakfast: Sergey and Dmitry (dezh.). There was also Budberg's report. It was foggy, melting. Walked to tea.

*November 13th. Saturday.*

In the morning there were two reports. At an hour from 1/4 I went to the city to consecrate the Suvorov Museum. After the prayer service, he examined in detail all the halls, well arranged and sufficiently filled for opening. At 4 o'clock he returned to Tsarskoe.

Uncle Sergei and Ella came from Moscow. At 7 o'clock. together with them we went to Gatchina and dined with Mama, etc. Olga. Came back at 10 1/2.

*November 14th. Sunday.*

Birthday dear Mom and the tenth anniversary of our wedding! At 10 1/4 we went to Gatchina. Lunch, congratulations and breakfast in the White Hall. We sat with Mom for a long time and returned to Tsarskoe at 3 1/2 hours. They received a deputation from the Ulan regiment on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the appointment of Alix as chief and two officers and a command from the submarine "Sturgeon", sent to the Far East.

At tea, the children arranged a surprise and performed the Dragonfly and the Ant fable in their faces and in proper costumes. In the evening, I received gr. Lamsdorf.

*November 15th. Monday.*

We ate breakfast in a large company: v. Vladimir, who had just returned from Berlin, comrade Mikhen, v. Alexei, v. Sergei, Ella and Boris (dezh.). Walked with him \*. After tea I read a lot. Four of us dined.

\* From the words "with him" the arrow points to the words: "d. Sergei".

*November 16th. Tuesday.*

The frost intensified to 10 °, it was a clear day. After the walk, I examined the company of my rifle battalion in new Siberian hats. Then there were reports. Walked with D. Sergei for more than an hour. I read for a long time. Four of us dined. Photographers were considered. albums in my new office.

*November 17th. Wednesday.*

Had a huge welcome before breakfast and after, 45 pax total. Then he took another book. Obolensky and Ershtrem for Finland. Walked with D. Sergei. I read it until lunchtime. In the evening we watched various scenes of the Ghana cinema.

*November 18th. Thursday.*

The frost reached 16 ° at night, slightly decreased during the day. Accepted only the book. G.S. Golitsyn and Budberg. At 12 1/2 I went to the new Moscow-Wind. Pisces. yellow dor. to our hunting places. At the crossing behind the first station, I got into a sleigh and drove straight to the circle. We took one large paddock, very successful in terms of the result. **I killed two** good **moose** on the spot, Dimka Golitsyn a big bull. He returned to Tsarskoe at exactly 4 o'clock. After tea he received Mirsky. I worked hard all evening.

*19th November. Friday.*

After accepting the report, he went to the 2nd rifle battalion to consecrate the church. After the ceremony. march had breakfast at the new officers' meeting. When he returned, he received the French ambassador Bompar and the Romanian Rosetti. At 4 1/4 I went to Gatchina. I sat with Mom until 7 o'clock. I read. Alix and Ella arrived for dinner. We returned home at 10 1/2 o'clock.

*20th November. Saturday.*

The thaw has come. After three reports, hastily changed clothes, set off on a new rail. the road to the Tsarskoslavian forest on elk. Misha was waiting for me there. They [moose] left the circle and had to return empty-handed. But still I got some fresh air. The four of us had dinner and spent the evening.

*November 21st. Sunday.*

We were at mass and had breakfast with D. Sergei and Ella. Olga spent the day in bed with heat. Walked. Received two requests for dismissal from office at once - from Muravyov and Mirsky. The second made me very angry! Was reading. The evening was spent by four of us.

*November 22nd. Monday.*

Had the usual reports. Uncle Alexei was having breakfast. Received Mirsky, with whom he explained [\[14\]](#). At 4 1/4 I went to Gatchina to congratulate Mama on Misha's birthday. I talked to her for a long time. Alix and Ella arrived for dinner. We returned together to Tsarskoe. The thaw has begun.

*November 23rd. Tuesday.*

Thaw with the wind and the darkness is terrifying. Yuri Trubetskoy, who came from the war and brought me letters and details from Kuropatkin, had breakfast.

It was interesting to listen to him. Received from Alix the Italian ambassador, Gen. Morra di Lavriano, cat. leaves. Walked with D. Sergei. I read a lot. We said goodbye to him and Ella after dinner.

*November 24th. Wednesday.*

I took it all morning. At 12 1/2 I went hunting in the Tsarskoslavian forest. The weather was bad, it was blowing and sleet was falling. **I killed a moose** with good antlers, but only 4 tines. Returned home at 4 o'clock. Uncle Vladimir and Aunt Mikhen drank tea with us. I studied long and hard the whole evening.

*November 25th. Thursday.*

It began to freeze, the day was clear. After the reports, the two received the extraordinary Persian embassy, headed by Riza Khan. He brought letters from the Shah, a necklace for Alix and his portrait, showered with diamonds - for our "treasure".

Princess Gagarina and Andrey (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked. We dined and spent the evening alone.

*November 26th. Friday.*

At 9 3/4 we went to the city. Mom came to Zimny from Anichkov, where she spent the night. About 11 1/4 bypassed the troops and retired. The St. George Hall was more crowded than in previous years thanks to the presence of the teams "Varyag" and "Koreyets". We returned by one o'clock to Malakhitovaya, where we had breakfast. I went around the tables of the lower ranks below. Took the gene. Frese - Vilensky general-lips. and teams, troops; then Lamzdorf. Mom drank tea with us. At 6 o'clock. lunch began in the Nikolaev hall. We finished the conversation at 8 1/2. An hour later, Mom took us on her train to Tsarskoye.

*November 27th. Saturday.*

The morning was busy. EI Alekseev, with whom I talked for a long time, had breakfast. Walked. Dinner: Nikolasha, Petyusha and Stan.

*November 28th. Sunday.*

Were at mass. Breakfast: new maid of honor bar. Buxgewden and Heiden (dezh.). Walked for a long time. It got warmer, it was very windy. I studied for a long time. Dined: Princess Obolenskaya, Kotya Obolensky and Heyden.

*November 29th. Monday.*

Received D. Aleksey together with Lamsdorf on the coal supply of our squadron with German steamships. Later he accepted Taneyev's report. At 2 1/2, the Swedish envoy, gr. Guildenstolpe on the occasion of his recall. Walked for a long time. The weather was mild and it was snowing. We dined together, read aloud.

*November 30th. Tuesday.*

After the usual reports, he went on a moose hunt. We took two circles, but did not have to shoot, because the bulls broke through back, only the cows came out on the line. The weather was wonderful, calm, clear thaw. I returned home at 5 o'clock. I accepted Mirsky's report. I did a lot in the evening.

*1st December. Wednesday.*

Had a great welcome. Ksenia and Sandro, who returned from Crimea yesterday, had breakfast. We visited together a new sanatorium on Pavlovskoe highway, in a cat. placed several wounded officers and lower ranks. She makes a very good impression. Walked from 4 hours. The weather was warm. We spent the evening together.

*2nd December. Thursday.*

Walked a little. At 11 o'clock. in the new office I had a meeting about the measures that should be taken to end the turmoil of recent months <sup>[15]</sup>. Misha (dezh.) Had breakfast, cat. was also present. The meeting lasted from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2.

Aunt Olga came to say goodbye to tea before leaving for Greece, Minnie and George also drank tea. Dined: Misha, Militsa and Sonya Den. I was still studying in the evening.

*3rd December. Friday.*

Had the usual two lectures and a small welcome. Sergey, who had returned from a trip to Samara, had breakfast. Walked. The weather was mild. We dined and spent the evening together.

*4th December. Saturday.*

The morning was busy, so I didn't have time to walk. Breakfast: Olga, Petya and Rudnev (dezh.). Together they took two officers and eight lower ranks of the Zaamur Border Guard District. Three knights of St. George and several wounded. They came here to get new mining tools. Walked. I read a lot. Milica dined and spent the evening.

*December 5th. Sunday.*

A gray day with a strong thaw. Were at mass. For breakfast came: D. Sergei, Ella, Maria and Dmitry, also Andrey (dezh.). We received a deputation from the Ural army, which brought an icon for our "treasure" and money at Alix's disposal for the needs of the wounded. Walked with D. Sergei. We drank tea with v. Vladimir. Mom, Ksenia, Misha, Olga, Sandro and Petya came to dinner and spent the evening with us. Received gifts.

*December 6th. Monday.*

For the first time after a long series of years he spent my name day in Tsarskoe Selo. In the morning he received two deputations - from the shooters Imp. fam. and L.-Gv. Volyn regiment. After congratulations from people and gardeners, we went to Mom. At 11 o'clock. drove off to mass; had breakfast in the mirror gallery. Walked with D. Sergei in the moonlight and strong ice. It was freezing. He answered a lot of telegrams. Dined: D. Sergei, Ella, Maria and Dmitry.

*December 7th. Tuesday.*

The day was clear. At 10 1/2, the two of us went to the Exercirhouse, where I said goodbye and blessed the 1st Pontoon Battalion on the march. We returned at 11 o'clock. to the reports. Ella and all the children had breakfast. We also said goodbye to the crew of the Sturgeon submarine, which is leaving for Vladivostok. Walked. I did it for a long time. The four of us dined and spent the evening.

*December 8th. Wednesday.*

In the morning I took a walk with D. Sergei. At 11 o'clock. I have started the second meeting - a continuation of the first. In addition to the same, there were: uncles - Vladimir, Alexey, Sergey, Fredericks and a bar. Nolde. The draft message and decree to the Senate was read and discussed, while the edition was changed. Break was taken for breakfast. Then they sat from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2. Walked in the dark. The three of us had dinner, since Ella left for Moscow.

*December 9th. Thursday.*

Not a particularly busy morning. Andrey (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked. The frost began to increase. At 4 1/4 he went to Gatchina. I drank tea with Mom and stayed with her until almost 8 o'clock. Alix arrived for dinner. We returned with D. Sergei, Maria and Dmitry to Tsarskoe at 10 1/2.

*December 10th. Friday.*

In the morning I took a walk with D. Sergei. Had two reports. After breakfast he received Trepov, the Moscow chief of police; asked to leave. I read a lot before and after dinner.

*December 11th. Saturday.*

Received three reports before breakfast and two after. Breakfast: Maria, Dmitry and Trubetskoy (dezh.). After tea, he received Witte at D. Sergei on the issue of the decree and some changes in it [\[16\]](#) . The three of us dined.

*December 12th. Sunday.*

It was a quiet day at -10 ° C. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. Ella returned from Moscow in the morning. We had breakfast as a family. We said goodbye to Schlit-ter, who is returning to the regiment from the consolidated battle. Walked with D. Sergei. I read and wrote. Four of us dined.

*December 13th. Monday.*

The cold increased and reached 15 °. Been busy all morning. We had breakfast at half past one: v. Aleksey and everyone else. I went for a walk after Pratasov's report. In the evening he received Mirsky. Misha arrived for dinner. At 9 1/2 he said goodbye to D. Sergei, Ella, Maria and Dmitry, they went to Moscow. We spent the evening together.

*December 14th. Tuesday.*

The frost was kept at 16 °, while the wind was blowing. Olga and Petya (dezh.) Had breakfast. After the report Taneyev took a walk. At 4 1/4 I went with them to Gatchina. I sat with Mom from tea to 8 o'clock. Alix arrived for dinner. At 10 1/2 we returned to Tsarskoe.

*December 15th. Wednesday.*

Today it immediately warmed up, reached zero and then it began to freeze; there was a blizzard. After the report, he received about 40 of those who presented themselves. Walked. Uncle Vladimir and Comrade Mikhlen drank tea. We dined alone. Disassembled vases from a porcelain factory.

*December 16th. Thursday.*

A desperate wind blew at 12 degrees below zero. Received by: Dubasov, Budberg and Rimsky-Korsakov. We had breakfast alone with the children. Walked a little. Fitted for a new trip. After tea he said goodbye to the children and went with Alix to the station. Mom arrived from the city and took my **train** to Gatchina. Misha is going with me; the rest of the satellites are the same as before, except for Meindorf and Trubetskoy.

*December 17th. Friday.*

I woke up near Vilna. It was 10 degrees below zero. I read all day. In the evening, approaching Rivne, a thaw began and it started to rain. It immediately became warm in the carriages. Played with Meindorf [th] in four hands.

*December 18th. Saturday.*

*In the morning*, much less snow was already visible, it became 2 ° C. We had breakfast at 12 1/2 o'clock and an hour and a half later arrived in Birzula. After a short meeting, I sat down on Rogneda and went to the troops stationed in the field half a verst. Participated in the review: a wonderful 4th rifle with her artillery. division, and a park, 1/2 squadron of the 4th field gendarme, esc., two machine-gun companies and the 5th battalion of the Vladivostok crepe. art. He blessed them and admonished them on the campaign. The weather was very pleasant. We left back at 4 o'clock. We spent the night at the station. **Yaroshenka.**

*19th December. Sunday.*

At night, the frost reached 14 ° with a strong wind. The train arrived at 10 o'clock. to the platform near Zhmerinka. I sat on Troska and rode to the troops stationed in the frozen field. In the ranks were: the 3rd rifle brigade with its art. division, 5th sapper battalion., 2nd Vost.-Sib. telegraph. baht., 2nd and 3rd Vost.-Sib. pontoon batt., 3rd battalion Vost.-Sib. siege art. shelf and horse-mountain art. division. The weather was awful to see. My fingers on my left hand were nearly frozen. Forgiven and blessed all parts in an hour and a half. Misha felt sick from the cold, but he soon left.

It was nice to get on the train. After breakfast at the station. Kazatin inside the station was a big meeting from the Kiev province. At st. Shepetivka had a small reception. Then Kleigels came out. There were snow drifts ahead of us, preparing to get stuck. It was 18 ° frost at night.

*December 20th. Monday.*

By 10 o'clock. the train approached the familiar Baranovichi station. Due to the severe frost, I canceled the inspection in the field and ordered the troops to be brought to the station. There I watched in turn: the 117th infantry. Yaroslavsky and 118 infantry. Shuisky regiments, 2nd engineer, 2nd railway and 3rd reserve railway battalions. The train moved to another station, where the 16th art was standing on foot. brigade with its own park. Having said goodbye to her, we drove further along Moscow-Brest, train station. d. to Minsk, from where we turned to Bobruisk, before reaching which we stopped for the night at the **station Osipovichi**. It was quiet and frost-20 °.

*December 21st. Tuesday.*

At night, I received amazing news from Stoessel about the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese due to the enormous losses and morbidity among the garrison and the complete exhaustion of the shells! It was hard and

painful, although it was foreseen, but I wanted to believe that the army would help out the fortress. The defenders are all heroes and have done more than one might expect. That is what the will of God means!

At 10 o'clock. drove up to the station. Berezina; on the railway. the 157th Infantry was lined up along the tracks. Imeretian and 158th infantry. Kutaisi regiments with a machine-gun company. The kind of people was great. From there, the train went to the Bobruisk station, where the 2nd brigade of the 40th division - the regiments of the 159th Guria and 160th Abkhazian regiments, looked in the same way. They introduced themselves even better. Received several deputations and at 12 1/2 set off in the direction of Minsk. The weather was clear, 10 ° frost, but with wind. We stopped for the night at the **Mikhanovichi** station . In the evening a storm blew.

*December 22nd. Wednesday.*

By 10 o'clock. the train approached Minsk. The 119th infantry was lined up at the station. Kolomna regiment, opposite its 120th infantry. Serpukhov regiment and 30th artillery. brigade, also a machine-gun company. The weather was mild but windy. The troops introduced themselves perfectly. Having blessed them and letting them pass, I entered the station, where the deputations, as well as representatives from the fire brigade and educational institutions, were standing. We left at exactly 12 o'clock. At st. Zalesye and Bezdany (Warsaw Zh. D.) Received several more deputations. I read all my free time.

*December 23rd. Thursday.*

At 10 o'clock. arrived safely home in Tsarskoe Selo. I was happy to see dear Alix and the children healthy. It could not do without reports. We had breakfast alone. I took a walk with pleasure, the weather was mild. I read a lot.

*December 24th. Friday.*

In the morning he received Petyusha. At 11 1/2 we went to Vespers. We had breakfast alone. At 3 o'clock there was a tree of children upstairs. Accepted the report of Selskiy and then fl.-ad. Zhivkovich on mobilization in the Yekaterinoslav province. At 5.45 we went to Gatchina. After the all-night vigil, the tree was downstairs for everyone.

We dined late. Returning at 10.45 to Tsarskoe, they arranged their **Christmas tree** in Alix's cornfield room.

*December 25th. Nativity.*

The frost increased to 18 °. We were at mass and at the prayer service. We returned home at 12.45. We had breakfast in the village of Vladimir and comrade Mikhen with their sons. At 2 1/4 we went to the arena for the Konvoy and consolidated battalion Christmas tree. Misha and Olga were present, as well as all four daughters. The distribution of gifts ended very soon. I took a walk. I read a lot. We dined and spent the evening together.

*December 26th. Sunday.*

Cold clear day. Were at mass. After breakfast we went to the arena for the second stage Christmas tree. Walked. At 6 o'clock. received Mirsky. Was reading.

*December 27th. Monday.*

In the morning it was 8 ° frost with a strong wind, in the afternoon it was already melting. I didn't have time to walk. There were the usual talks. Uncle Alexei was having breakfast, he also received Taneev and Witte. Alix, while riding the ice rink with the children from the mountain, overturned and hurt herself on the lower back. I read and studied for a long time.

*December 28th. Tuesday.*



The thaw lasted until evening. At 12 1/2, the Metropolitan glorified Christ with the brethren of the Alexander Nevsky Lavra. He had breakfast with us. Took gr. Benckendorff from London. Didn't walk long. After tea he took Abaza. We dined together.

*December 29th. Wednesday.*

The severe frost began again. After the lecture, there was a great reception. We had breakfast with the children. At 4 o'clock. went to the hospital for the wounded and sick officers and lower [ranks] who had returned from the war. A Christmas tree was arranged for them, as well as for the sisters and all the employees. At 8 o'clock we dined with Boris with his parents. Were at home at 10 1/2.

*December 30th. Thursday.*

I didn't have time to walk in the morning. There were three reports. He strenuously read and signed all kinds of decrees. At 4.15 I went to Gatchina. I drank tea and sat with Mom until almost 8 o'clock. Alix arrived for dinner. We returned to Tsarskoe at 10 1/2 o'clock.

*December 31st. Friday.*

The frost increased, there was a blizzard.

After breakfast, we went to St. Sophia Cathedral for a memorial service for those killed and perished in Port Arthur. At 4 o'clock we were at the Christmas tree in the local infirmary. Was reading. At 7 o'clock we went to Gatchina right for the New Year's prayer service. Dined with Mom. At 10 1/2 we returned to Tsarskoe Selo.

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*1st January 1905*

May God bless the new year, may He grant Russia a victorious end to the war, lasting peace and a quiet and silent life!

We went at 11 o'clock. to mass. Then we had breakfast: ladies, book. A. S. Dolgoruky and Dm. Sheremetev (dezh.). I accepted Sakharov's report. I took a walk. I answered telegrams. We dined and spent the evening together. We are very glad to stay for the winter in our native Tsarskoe Selo.

*2nd January. Sunday.*

Clear frosty day. We were at mass and had breakfast in the old way in a round hall with everyone. I walked for a long time. At 4 1/2 there was an officer's tree there. Children were present, even a "treasure"; it behaved very well. We dined together.

*3rd January. Monday.*

The morning was busy, I didn't have time to walk. Breakfast: D. Alexei and D. Sergei, who arrived today from Moscow on the occasion of his leaving the governor-general and his appointment as commander-in-chief of the troops of Moscow. military env. Made a nice walk with him. After dinner he went back. They received the chieftain Krasnova, the cat. came from Manchuria; he told us a lot of interesting things about the war. In "Rus. disabled," he writes articles about her.

*4th January. Tuesday.*

The morning was busy again. Leith had breakfast. Roschakovsky, former commander of mines. "Decisive". Received Epanchin and Poretsky, who returned from the last mobilization - and Prince. Obolensky, the Finnish general. -lips. Went out for a walk at 4 1/4. After tea over Mirsky's report, I had a big conversation with him. Dined Solova (dezh.).

*January 5th. Wednesday.*

Started taking from 10 1/4. At 11 1/2 we went to Vespers with the consecration of the water; stood at the bottom. Boris (dezh.) Had breakfast. For a long time I accepted the introductory people. Walked.

After tea there was Abaza. I read for a long time in the evening.

*January 6th. Thursday.*

Until 9 o'clock. went to the city. The day was gray and quiet at -8 ° C. We changed clothes in our Winter Palace. At 10 1/2 I went to the halls to greet the troops. Until 11 a.m. set off for the church. The service lasted an hour and a half. We went out to Jordan in a coat. During the salute, one of the guns of my 1st cavalry battery fired buckshot from the Vasiliev [sky] island. and doused with it the area closest to Jordan and part of the palace. One policeman was wounded. Several bullets were found on the platform; the banner of the Marine Corps was pierced.

After breakfast, ambassadors and envoys were received in the Golden Drawing Room. At 4 o'clock we left for Tsarskoe. I took a walk. I did. We dined together and went to bed early.

*January 7th. Friday.*

The weather was calm, sunny with wonderful frost on the trees. In the morning I had a meeting with D. Alexei and some ministers on the case of the Argentine and Chilean courts [III](#). He had breakfast with us. He hosted nine people.

Let's go together to venerate the icon of the Sign of the Mother of God. I read a lot. We spent the evening together.

*January 8th. Saturday.*

Clear frosty day. There were many cases and reports. Fredericks had breakfast. Walked for a long time. All factories and factories have been on strike in St. Petersburg since yesterday. Troops were called from the surrounding area to reinforce the garrison. The workers have been calm so far. Their number is determined at 120,000 hours. At the head of the workers' union is some priest - the socialist Gapon. Mirsky came in the evening to report on the measures taken.

*January 9th. Sunday.*

Tough day! In St. Petersburg, there were serious riots as a result of the desire of the workers to reach the Winter Palace. The troops had to shoot in different parts of the city, there were many killed and wounded. Lord, how painful and hard it is! Mom came to us from the city right for mass. We had breakfast with everyone. Walked with Misha. Mom stayed with us for the night.

*January 10th. Monday.*

There were no special incidents in the city today. There were reports. Uncle Alexei had breakfast. Received a deputation of the Ural Cossacks who arrived with caviar. Walked. We drank tea at Mom's. To unite actions to end the riots in St. Petersburg, he decided to appoint a general-m. Trepov as the Governor-General of the capital and the province. In the evening I had a conference on this matter with him, Mirsky and Hesse.

Dabich dined (dej.).

*January 11th. Tuesday.*

During the day, there were no special disturbances in the city. Had the usual reports. After breakfast he took over the rear adm. Nebogatov, appointed commander of the additional detachment of the Pacific Ocean squadron. Walked. It was a cold gray day. I did a lot. We all spent the evening together, reading aloud.

*January 12th. Wednesday.*

The day passed relatively calmly, there were attempts at several factories to get to work. After the report was received by 20 people. presenting themselves. Later he received Kokovtsov and Linder, the new Minister of Art. Finnish.

*January 13th. Thursday.*

Was very busy all morning and after breakfast until 4 o'clock. Didn't walk for long. The weather was mild and it was snowing. We drank tea with Mom on the other side. I dined with Trubetskoy (dezh.). Mama and Alix read aloud.

*January 14th. Friday.*

I had both reports, and I received Witte with Kokovtsev on a work question. We had breakfast in the rotunda with the German embassy on the occasion of Wilhelm's birthday. Walked. The weather was gray and pleasant. Misha returned from Gatchina; Olga and Petya are from the city. We dined with them and Rudnev (dezh.). I had a long conversation with Petya.

*January 15th. Saturday.*

The city is completely quiet. Had three reports. Breakfast: Ksenia, Sandro and P. V. Zhukovsky. The new Italian Ambassador Meregali was received. Walked. Uncle Vladimir came to tea. Then I had Sergei. He stayed to dine with us.

*January 16th. Sunday.*

In the morning he received Fullon, who had been dismissed from his position as mayor. We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. Walked after sleigh rides with Alix, Misha and Olga. There was a blizzard. I did a lot. We had dinner and the evening was spent by the five of us.

*January 17th. Monday.*

In the morning I was at Mom's as usual. Had two reports. Uncle Alexei had breakfast. Received a new Swedish envoy gr. Wrangel. Walked, it was cold and windy. I did a lot. After dinner, Trepov received a long report.

*January 18th. Tuesday.*

Had two reports. Lots of things to do and all kinds of fuss. Walked. Dined: Misha, Ksenia, Olga and Petya. They played eight hands. I read it in the evening.

*January 19th. Wednesday.*

Tiring day.

After the lecture, there was a great reception. Breakfast: Georgy and Minnie. Took three wounded niz. rank., which gave the insignia of the Military. orders. Then he accepted a deputation of workers from large factories and factories of St. Petersburg, to whom he said a few words about the recent riots [\[2\]](#).

Received Bulygin, cat. assigned min. int. cases. Didn't take a long walk. Before tea he took Sakharov: later Witte and Gerbel. In the evening I had to read for a long time; from all this he finally weakened his head.

*January 20th. Thursday.*

Today it was more free. Had Budberg's report and received Manu-khin, the new mine manager. justice.

Breakfast: Misha, Olga, Tinkhen with his daughter Albert, both Benckendorff brothers and Prince. Shervashidze. Walked. It was clear and frost-15 °. I read a lot. Dined: Ksenia, Petya and Olga.

*January 21st. Friday.*

There were two reports and a small reception, including 5 workers of the expedition of procurement of the State. papers, the only institution that continued to work all this time. Breakfast: M-elle de l'Escaille and Prince. Khilkov. I also took Lobko. Walked. The weather was calm and frosty.

*January 22nd. Saturday.*

We got up earlier. After reading the papers, as always, I went with Alix to Mom until 11 o'clock. Received three reports. Breakfast: Olga, Minnie, Petya

(dezh.) and gr. Kutuzov. Walked. It was clear and cold. I did a lot. The same and also Ksenia, Georgy and Sandro and Misha dined.

*January 23rd. Sunday.*

We went to mass and had breakfast with everyone. Walked and enjoyed the weather. We drank tea at Mom's. I read it with success. Dined: Misha, Olga, Petya and Drenteln (dezh.). We parted early.

*January 24th. Monday.*

Received three reports, the last one was Pratasova. Breakfast: d. Alexey, gr. Gendrikov and Mirsky. We visited the hospital with Mama and saw many newly arrived wounded. Came back at 4 1/2. I didn't have time to walk. Trepov took up to 7 1/2 hours from 6 hours. Dined M-elle de l'Escaille. I studied for a long time.

*January 25th. Tuesday.*

There was a thaw in clear weather. Sakharov did not show up for the report, so he managed to take a good walk until 12 o'clock. Breakfast: M-elle de l'Escaille and Count. Heyden. Walked around and killed three crows. I did it with success. Dinner: Misha, Ksenia, Olga, Petya, Yusupovs, Vasilchikovs, Benkendorfs and gr. Totleben (dezh.). The guests stayed with us until 10 1/2 hours.

*January 26th. Wednesday.*

Received the first report of Manukhin, then 21 people. Breakfast: Georgy, Minnie, M-elle de l'Escaille and Skrydlov, who returned from Vladivostok. At 2 1/2 we received 7 soldiers who had lost their legs in battles. He awarded four of them with St. George's Crosses. Walked for a long time, the weather was mild. At 6 o'clock. received Bulygin. Was reading. Dinner S. Dolgoruky (dezh.).

*January 27th. Thursday.*

After the report, Budberg received Muravyov, who had been appointed ambassador to Italy. Walked around before breakfast. At 2 1/2 he took gr. Leo Tolstoy is a son [\[3\]](#). Walked and killed a crow. Studied until 7 o'clock. Accepted Trepov. Dined: Misha, Ksenia, Olga, Petya and Zelena (dezh.).

*January 28th. Friday.*

The day has been pretty busy. Breakfast: Paleny, Trubetskoy, Boris (dezh.) And Prince. Vasilchikov. Had a long conversation with him. Walked, there was a thaw. Dined: Vorontsovs, Shervashidze (both), Orlovs, A.A.Olenina, Gendrikov and Boris. We sat until 10 o'clock.

*January 29th. Saturday.*

Had three usual reports. Breakfast: Andrey (dezh.) And M-elle de l'Escaille. Witte also took over. Walked with Andrey; it was warm and windy. They drank tea in a large society. Dined: Misha, Ksenia, Olga, Minnie, Georgy, Sandro, Petya and Andrey.

*January 30th. Sunday.*

In the morning we were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. I walked for a long time. The frost began to be felt. I read a lot. Dined: Orlov (dezh.), M-elle de l'Escaille and E. S. Ozerova.

*January 31st. Monday.*

We got up late. It snowed all day. Had three reports. Breakfast: D. Alexey and M-elle de l'Esc [aille]. I talked for a long time with Putyatin. Walked. Dined: Misha, Olga, Petya, Georges with his wife, Prince. Golitsyna, Katya Golitsyna, Maya Pushkina, Mikh. Micah. Golitsyn, Engalychev with his wife, Ekaterina. Serg. Ozerova, Nilov and Gadon. We sat together until 10 1/2 hours.

*1st February. Tuesday.*

The morning was busy. Dabich (dezh.) Had breakfast. Took Taneev up to 3 1/2 hours. There was a blizzard during the walk. I read a lot. Xenia was having lunch.

*2nd February. Wednesday.*

At 10 o'clock. went to mass. He took a lot and for a long time, including 10 wounded officers. Rudnev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked. The weather was clear and cold. I read and studied until I had a headache. The three of us dined with Mom.

*3rd February. Thursday.*

From 11 o'clock until one o'clock I had the Council of Ministers. The issue of the timeliness of the promulgation of the manifesto regarding the war, turmoil and the convocation of local elected representatives was discussed. It was decided to replace it with a rescript addressed to M.VD. After breakfast, the meeting lasted until 4 o'clock. Walked, melted away. Was reading. Dined: book. A. D. Obolensky with his wife, prince. Baryatinskaya, Maksimovich, Shipov, Frederiks, Ferzen and his wife, Count. Heiden, Platon Obolensky, E. N. Obolenskaya, S. N. Evreinov, Prince. Vyazemsky and Kira Naryshkin (dezh.). Ksenia also.

*4th February. Friday.*

At 10 o'clock. In the morning, Prince Friedrich-Leopold arrived, going to war to be with our army. He had breakfast and dinner with us and left in the evening back to Berlin. A terrible atrocity happened in Moscow: at the Nikolsky Gate, Uncle Sergei, riding in a carriage, was killed by an abandoned bomb, and the coachman was mortally wounded [\[4\]](#).

Unhappy Ella, bless and help her, Lord!

*February 5th. Saturday.*

At 10 1/2 a memorial service for Uncle Sergei was served in the corner room. Had three reports. D. Aleksey had breakfast. Walked with Alix and Olga. The weather was warm. After tea he received Bulygin. Was reading. He answered a lot of telegrams from abroad with condolences. We all dined on the spot.

*February 6th. Sunday.*

We were at the funeral mass. We had breakfast with all the children, ours and Xenia. Walked with Misha and Olga. The weather was bad, it was blowing and it was snowing. I did a lot. He said goodbye to Yuri Trubetskoy, who is leaving for Manchuria. We dined as a family.

*7th February. Monday.*

Had two reports. Uncle Alexei had breakfast. Then he received Khilkov. We walked together. Melted away. Our "treasure" has got its first tooth. Nikolay was drinking tea. At 7 1/2, a requiem was served. Dined: Misha, Vladimir, Comrade Mikhen, and Alexei.

*February 8th. Tuesday.*

In the morning, D. Pavel arrived from Paris, whom we had not seen for two since 1/2 years, since his marriage to OV Pistolvors. He stayed with us, and then with Mom until one o'clock and had breakfast with us. He left for Moscow tonight.

Walked. The weather was very warm. At 7 1/2 memorial service. Then we had dinner with E. S. Ozerova and M-elle de l'Escaille. Received by Bulygin.

*February 9th. Wednesday.*

After the report, there was a reception, including several wounded officers. Gripenberg had breakfast. Walked with Olga; the weather was calm and warm. I studied for a long time. At 7 1/2 we went to a memorial service. Dined: Ksenia, Misha, Olga, Sandro and Petya. We spent the evening together.

*February 10th. Thursday.*

Day of the funeral service for dear Uncle Sergei at the Chudov Monastery. At 11 o'clock. in the church of the Grand Palace there was a solemn funeral mass. The whole family had breakfast with us. Received the report of Kokovtsev. Walked with Alix and Olga. Four of us dined.

*February 11th. Friday.*

Day walked a little. From 11 am to 1 pm and from 2 1/2 to 4 pm I had the Council of Ministers. We had breakfast: d. Aleksey, d. Vladimir, Sandro and Kostya, who returned from Moscow in the morning. Walked until 5 1/2, it was a spring day. Sonya Den drank tea with us. The three of us dined with Mom.

*February 12th. Saturday.*

On the occasion of the ninth day, a panikhida was served for Uncle Sergei in the prayer room next to Mama's restroom. I had two reports before breakfast, and then I received Fredericks. Walked from 4 to 5 hours. The weather was gray and frost started again. I read a lot. We dined as a family.

*February 13th. Sunday.*

After mass we went to the station to meet Aunt Marie, who had arrived from Moscow with D. Pavel. She settled with us. We had breakfast together. Walked with Alix and Olga. I read and received Trepov. Dined: Comrade Marie, Misha (dezh.) And D. Pavel.

*February 14th. Monday.*

Had two reports and received Muravyov, who had returned from Moscow. We had breakfast: Comrade Marie, D. Alexey, and D. Pavel. Then he also received Christie and Anichkov (vice-chairman of the Palestinian society) <sup>[5]</sup>. We walked together. Four of us dined.

*February 15th. Tuesday.*

The morning was pretty busy. Aunt Marie had breakfast. Walked alone. It was freezing. Dined: Comrade Marie and D. Pavel.

*February 16th. Wednesday.*

I accepted many. Breakfast: Comrade Marie and Gr. Velepolsky. In the Round Hall, the chiefs of units and Cossacks from the regiments of the Caucasian Kaz. consolidated division, 2nd foot Plastun brigade and two horse kaz. batteries. They leave for the Far East at the end of the month. Great people!

Walked. Everyone from the city arrived for tea. Received by Bulygin. I read a lot all evening.

*February 17th. Thursday.*

Stoessel, the hero of Port Arthur, came and had breakfast with us. We talked a lot with him about the siege. Walked with Olga. Dined: Comrade Marie, Olga and Boris (dezh.).

I did it for a long time. Lord, bless the promulgation of my manifesto tomorrow <sup>[6]</sup>.

*February 18th. Friday.*

I had a meeting of the Council of Ministers. He signed a rescript addressed to Bulygin regarding the development of a method for convening local representatives to participate in the consideration of bills submitted to the State. Advice. May God grant that this important measure will bring benefit and prosperity to Russia. We had breakfast: Comrade Marie, D. Aleksey, Sandro, Derfelden and Dabich (dezh.). Walked, melted. I read a lot. Dined: Comrades Marie, Sandro and Dabich.

*19th February. Saturday.*

Had three regular reports. We had breakfast: Comrades Marie, Ksenia, Olga, Sandro and Petya. Walked and killed 4 crows. The weather is warm, but no sun. Misha dined the same.

*20th February. Sunday.*

Today Petya has been promoted to colonel with the appointment of commander of the 4th Imp. fam. battalion page. After mass we had breakfast with everyone. Walked. The thaw continues. I read a lot. Dined: Comrades Marie, Ksenia, Olga and Sandro. I read it aloud.

*February 21st. Monday.*

After Uncle Alexei's report, I drove to the Grand Palace at 12 o'clock. In the portrait room were gathered midshipmen and engineer-mechanics in the number of 160 people. Congratulated them with officers. Then they were fed breakfast. At 3 o'clock, the 6th battalion of the Vladivostok fortress artillery (formerly the 6th Kronstadt artillery) appeared on our site on the occasion of its departure to its destination. Mom and Alix watched from the entrance. Walked, it was warm.

Upstairs are three daughters: Olga, Marie and Anastasia. Dined: Misha, M-elle de l'Escaille and Rudnev (dezh.). We were engaged in folding paper into envelopes for the wounded and sick of the Alix military ambulance train.

*February 22nd. Tuesday.*

Breakfast: Comrades Marie and Gadon. Received Sukhomlinov. Walked. From 6 to 7 1/2 I had a meeting with the village of Alexei, Avelan and Abaza. Let's go to dinner with Boris. From there, Aunt Marie was escorted to the station - she went to Moscow.

*February 23rd. Wednesday.*

At 12 1/2 we went to meet Erni and his wife Opog. The whole family, ladies and retinue were at the station. The four of us had breakfast with them, and Mom and the family were on the other side. We went with them to the children's half. I walked for a long time, finished my walk with Olga. The day was excellent, sunny, frosty. Was reading. Dined apart from them: Ksenia, Olga and Petya. We spent the evening together at Alix's.

*February 24th. Thursday.*

In the morning I was busy with reports. The five of us had breakfast. Walked. It was freezing, at night it reached 10 °. I read for a long time. The five of us also dined.

*February 25th. Friday.*

Again bad news from the Far East: Kuropatkin let himself be outflanked and already under the pressure of the enemy from three sides was forced to retreat to Telin. Lord, what a failure.

Had a great welcome. In the evening, gifts were packed for the officers and soldiers of the Alix hospital train for Easter.

*February 26th. Saturday.*

A doubly sad day this year. A funeral service was served in the camp church. We had breakfast together. Received reports. I took a walk, it was quite warm.

After tea he received Bulygin. In the evening, everyone packed their presents.

*February 27th. Sunday.*

It rained all day.



We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone on Sunday. The children were almost recovered; the little "treasure" had a violent fever with a cough. Walked. Xenia was having lunch.

*February 28th. Monday.*

We began to fast in the camp church. Erni and his wife went to the city. D. Aleksey had breakfast. Then I had a military meeting on the issue of Kuropatkin [\[2\]](#). Took part: D. Alexey, Nikolasha, Dragomirov, gr. Vorontsov, Frederiks, Hesse, Sukhomlinov, Roop and Komarov. Walked, melted.

*1st March. Tuesday.*

The whole day was in a depressed mood of spirit. In the morning we were at the funeral mass. The Hessian retinue ate breakfast. Received after Sukhomlinov's reports. Walked. I did most of the evening.

*2nd March. Wednesday.*

Sunny, spring day.

In the morning Victoria arrived from Moscow and settled with us. Were at the Presanctified Mass.

Petya received a battalion of riflemen Imp. fam. After receiving the wounded officers, I went for a walk. I was very busy before and after lunch and did not go to the service.

Kuropatkin was replaced and appointed Commander-in-Chief Linevich.

*3rd March. Thursday.*

After the service, we had breakfast together. Tatiana fell ill, while others recovered. Received Budberg, Linder and Volkov - the Moscow mayor. Walked for a long time. At 11 o'clock. evenings Erni and Opog left, we took them to the station.

*4th of March. Friday.*

Were at the Presanctified Mass. After breakfast, he received 10 wounded officers. I walked for a long time. It was a splendid day. About 10 1/4 took Victoria to the station and said goodbye to her. They confessed in the bedroom. Yanyshv drank tea with us.

*5th March. Saturday.*

In the morning we were rewarded with the Holy Communion. Mysteries of Christ in the marching church. Drank tea at Mom's; then Alix, Misha, Olga and I did a nice walk. The weather was as wonderful as yesterday.

I received Sakharov before breakfast, after Fredericks. Walked again; I didn't want to go home. At 7 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil.

*6th March. Sunday.*

We went to mass and had breakfast with everyone. Walked with Alix, and then continued the walk alone. The weather was gray and calm. We drank tea with Mama and the Kutuzovs. I read until 8 o'clock. Four of us dined with Xenia.

*March 7. Monday.*

It was a wonderful day. In the morning I managed to take a walk. Uncle Alexei had breakfast. Received Maksimovich leaving for Warsaw. We walked together. We drank tea at Mom's. Received by Bulygin. Dined: Misha, M-elle de l'Escailles and E. S. Ozerova.

*8th March. Tuesday.*

Gray cold day. Walked in the morning. We had breakfast: D. Vladimir and Dubasov, who was in Paris our delegate to the commission on the Gul-Iskoy incident. Did the walk alone. We drank tea at Mom's. Received Trepov with a long report.

Dined: M-elle de l'Escailles, both Kutuzovs, Raevskaya and Totleben (dezh.). I read for a long time.

*March 9th. Wednesday.*

We got up early, so I managed to clear the table of a lot of papers. I took a walk. After the report, he accepted 23 representatives. Breakfast: Comrades Evgenia, Ksenia, Olga, Petya, Kotya Obolensky and Izvolsky. Walked with Olga. Cold damp day. We drank tea at our place. I did a lot. The same and Misha also dined.

*March 10th. Thursday.*

Walked in the morning. After two reports, he received Sluchevsky, who returned from the war and brought a lot of interesting information. He and Comrade Eugene had breakfast. Walked for a long time; the weather was wonderful. Received Trepov. He and Solovoy (dezh.) Dined with us.

*March 11th. Friday.*

Clear cold day. With reports were: Richter and Prince. Khilkov. I took it. Aunt Marie, who had come from Moscow to live a little at the village of Vladimir, had breakfast.

I walked for a long time. I did a lot. Dined for four with M-elle de l'Escailles.

*March 12th. Saturday.*

The weather was gray. Had the usual three reports. Breakfast: Olga, Petya and Rudnev (dezh.). Walked. After tea, as usual, I went to the nursery to say goodbye to the children. The little "treasure" got better and became cute endlessly. Dined: Ksenia, Misha, Olga, Sandro and Rudnev. Misha and Sandro played billiards, and I sat at my place until tea.

*March 13th. Sunday.*

We went to mass and had breakfast with everyone. Took Sabler. Walked with Alix, Misha and Olga. He worked and poked in the garden on Children's Island. Aunt Michen drank tea with us. We went to Mom, where we said goodbye to Comrade Marie.

Dined: Ksenia, Misha, Olga, and Sandro.

*March 14th. Monday.*

Had three reports. Uncle Alexei had breakfast. They received the American Ambassador McCormick, the cat. transferred to Paris. He walked and continued his work in the snow. Accepted Nikolasha's report. Four of us dined with Misha.

*March 15th. Tuesday.*

On the occasion of the fortieth day of Uncle Sergei's death, we attended the funeral mass. Breakfast: gr. Vorontsov, gr. Kutuzov and Dmitry Sher [emetev] (dezh.). Accepted Obolensky's report on Finland.

Walked; the weather was bad, and it was snowing heavily. We drank tea at Mom's. Dined: M-elle de l'Escailles and Dmitry, with whom I played well at billiards.

*March 16th. Wednesday.*

Had a very large reception - 44 people. Breakfast: Ksenia, Olga and Prince Vyazemsky, com. "Princess". I had a meeting on the issue of conscription in Finland, it was attended by: Frisch, Sakharov, Kokovtsov, Prince. Obolensky and Linder. I worked in the garden, the weather was excellent. Received by Bulygin. Dined: Ksenia, Misha, Olga, Petya, M-elle de l'Escailles and Obolensky (dezh.). I read it in the evening.

*March 17th. Thursday.*

The morning was quite free, only two talks. We had breakfast alone with the children. Walked, killed two crows. The weather was gray and damp. We drank tea at Mom's. I read a lot. E. S. Ozerova was having lunch. I read aloud the amusing notes of the sailor Korostovtsev in 1805. We went to bed early.

*March 18th. Friday.*

We got up early, as Alix went to Kolpino to meet Ella. They arrived at 11 1/4 with Maria and Dmitry. Walked before. Took it for a very long time. After breakfast we went to the memorial service for the village of Sergei in the camp church. The weather was warm. I walked with both of them and worked with Dmitry in the garden. We all dined and spent the evening together.

*19th March. Saturday.*

I took a walk. Had three usual reports. We had breakfast as a family. Walked with Misha (dezh.), Maria and Dmitry, then worked with them in the snow on the island.

At 7 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil with the worship of the Cross in the camp church. After lunch I studied.

*20th March. Sunday.*

The dinner was in the same place. We had breakfast with all the children. Walked with Maria and Dmitry; continued to work with them in the snow. It was a good day. We drank tea at Mom's. I read until 8 o'clock. Uncle Alexei also dined. We spent the evening together.

*March 21st. Monday.*

The day was sunny and cool. Had three reports. D. Aleksey had breakfast. Took gr. Vorontsov. Walked with Dmitry. I read for a long time. The four of us dined with Ella.

*March 22nd. Tuesday.*

At 10 o'clock. Heinrich and Irene arrived, met and brought them to their place: We had breakfast with them and with the children. Walked and worked in the snow with him and Dmitry. I read a lot. We dined and sat together in the evening.

*March 23rd. Wednesday.*

Gray windy day. Had a great welcome to many returning from Port Arthur and the wounded. I was half an hour late for breakfast. Walked with Heinrich, showed him the Chinese theater; worked together on Children's Island. In the evening after dinner he received Bulygin and Trepov together.

*March 24th. Thursday.*

Cold day. After the morning walk I had three reports. During the day I took a walk with Heinrich and worked with him and Dmitry. At 7 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil. I read for a long time in the evening.

*March 25th. Friday.*

The first time I had to spend the day of the Annunciation without a parade

Horse Guards. At 10 o'clock. went to mass.

I read and accepted the educator Dmitry - Laiming. We had breakfast at one o'clock. Walked and worked. A lot of snow fell.

I did a lot; after dinner he received Bulygin.

*March 26th. Saturday.*

Nice sunny day. Had three reports. The breakfast in honor of Apap's birth was quite crowded. Walked with Henry and worked with him and Dmitry. We drank tea at our place. In the evening, telegrams arrived with the news that Rozhdestvensky's squadron had passed the Strait of Malacca past Singapore. No one expected that she would go exactly this way! Lord, help our sailors!

At 10 1/4 we went to see Heinrich to the station - he went back to Kiel. Irene stayed with us.

*March 27th. Sunday.*

We went to mass in the camp church. We had breakfast as a family with children. Walked and worked alone. The weather was warm and it snowed at times. I read a lot. Dined: Comrade Mikhen, D. Vladimir and D. Alexey. We sat together all evening.

*March 28th. Monday.*

Nice clear day. Took quite a lot. After breakfast, we examined interesting things found last year by the Archaeological Commission in the south of Russia. Walked and worked with Dmitry. Before dinner I received Goremykin, I did a lot.

*March 29th. Tuesday.*

Great warm day. In the morning I examined the plans of the fortresses from 10 1/2 to 12 1/2 hours. Petyusha was present, and the gene gave explanations, as always. Vernander. After breakfast I had a report from gr. Vorontsov. Walked and worked with Dmitry. I did a lot before and after lunch.

*March 30th. Wednesday.*

The same clear day. Had a fairly large reception until 1/2 of the 2nd. Among others, Kostya was having breakfast. New American Ambassador Meyer was received. Walked with Dmitry. The water rose very much in the pond. Received Trepov. I did a lot.

*March 31st. Thursday.*

A warm day, a friendly thaw began. Had reports: Kokovtseva, pr. Khilkov and Budberg. The second had breakfast with us; he went to the Far East today to inspect the railways. I also took Linder. Walked and worked with Dmitry. I read it before and after lunch.

*1st April. Friday.*

Received 20 wounded officers in the morning. Dabich (dezh.) Had breakfast with us. Walked with Irene, Maria and Dmitry. Then I worked with him. The day was warm, but gray. We drank tea at Mom's. In the evening he received Bulygin.

*2nd April. Saturday.*

There were the usual three reports. Rudnev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received 30 people. wounded lower ranks with their arms and legs taken away. To those who did not have, I gave the St. George's crosses.

Walked with Dmitry. The weather was warm. I did a lot.

*3rd April. Sunday.*

We were at mass in the marching church. After breakfast he received Dimka Golitsyn. I walked for a long time with Dmitry. D. Aleksey dined with us. I studied for a long time in the evening.

*4th April. Monday.*

During all these days, the weather is excellent in the mornings, and in the afternoon the sky is covered with clouds - today it was snowing again. Had three reports and received three. D. Aleksey had breakfast. Walked with Dmitry. We drank tea at Mom's. I read all evening.

*5th April. Tuesday.*

D. Vladimir had breakfast. At 2 1/2 we went to the arena of the Hussar regiment, where the newly formed 1st separate Vost.-Sib. telegraph company. Outside, on the Sofia parade ground, the operation of wireless telegraphy with Krasnoe Selo was shown. Returned home at 3 1/2. Walked with Dmitry. I worked hard all evening.

*6th April. Wednesday.*

Birthday of Maria P [avlovna]. At 10 o'clock there was mass for her, I did not go. The reception was small. After breakfast he received Pratasov. Walked with Mom and Dmitry. The weather was excellent.

*April 7th. Thursday.*

The first real spring day. Had three reports before breakfast; took Nikolasha after. Walked and worked with Dmitry on the ice. From 6 to 7 1/2 I had Kulomzin. I worked hard all evening.

*April 8th. Friday.*

Today is the eleventh anniversary of our engagement. Had a great reception - 40 people, including 23 wounded officers. Walked and worked on ice. The weather was warm. Received by Bulygin. After lunch I studied.

*April 9th. Saturday.*

In the morning, the usual three reports.

After breakfast we went with Misha and Dmitry to the Grand Palace for the production of additional class cadets Mikhailovsky and Konstantinovsky art. schools. Received officers of the serf department of. art. schools. I went to see Petya, the cat. lies. We walked together. The weather was warm. I worked hard all evening.

*April 10th. Sunday.*

In the morning it was raining, which then turned into sleet. We were at Mass, had breakfast in a large company, because Ksenia and Sandro with their children moved here to live. Walked with Ella. Took the gene. Kozlova, cat. will be appointed interim Moscow governor-general. I read it before and after lunch.

*April 11th. Monday.*

The fog stood all day. They began to fast. Uncle Alexey had breakfast with us. Walked with Marie and Dmitry. He graduated from reading cases before the service. We dined together.

*April 12th. Tuesday.*

The weather improved and the sun came out. Took from 10 o'clock to 11 1/2 o'clock. Cyril arrived at mass. Walked and worked on ice. I read until 7 o'clock. Uncle Vladimir was at the evening service and dined with us. Irene was escorted to the station - she left for Kiel.

*April 13th. Wednesday.*

It got warmer. The morning was busy until 11 1/2. After breakfast I took gr. Vorontsov and two foreign officers who returned from the army. Walked and worked for a long time with Dmitry on the ice. I read until 7 o'clock. After the common prayer, confessions were made in the prayer room between Mama's rooms. We drank tea with her with Yanyshv.

*April 14th. Great fours.*

In the morning we all received Holy Communion together. The "little treasure" behaved like a church. We made a general walk. The weather was wonderful, the sun was really hot. I read until one o'clock. Uncle Alexey had breakfast with us. He worked with Dmitry on an island in the snow. The 12 Gospel service lasted an hour and a half. We went to bed early.

*April 15th. Heel is great.*

Spring weather. Walked a little. At 12 o'clock they were taking out the shroud. After breakfast, the two of them received the woman-surgeon Princess Gedroyts, who had returned from Manchuria, and then separately - 12 wounded officers.

He worked with Dmitry on the ice as before. I studied in the evening.

*April 16th. Great Saturday.*

Wonderful warm day, Was busy from 10 o'clock. until the service itself. After breakfast I went for a walk with Dmitry and then picked ice with him for a long time. I was finishing my business before lunch.

On the occasion of the unsealing of the altars at the Rogozhskoye cemetery [\[8\] he](#) sent Dimka Golitsyn to be present in Moscow.

*April 17th. Bright Resurrection of Christ.*

We got up at about 10 o'clock on a hot morning. Christ took part in an hour with almost 600 people. We had breakfast in due time. It was raining. I walked for a long time and chopped the ice with Dmitry. The weather was perfect. Was reading. At 7 1/2 went to Vespers.

*April 18th. Monday.*

From the very morning it was scorching like July. At 10 1/2 we went to mass. Breakfast: D. Vladimir, T. Mikhen and Kirill. By 2 o'clock. went to the Grand Palace. The christianity took place with the retinue, the military commanders and the military. study. wound up. In a large gallery with all the lower. ranks. Total 960 people. Returning home, I went for a walk with Dmitry. While working on the ice, he failed and successfully got out on his own. There was a whirlwind with rain, after which the weather improved. I read until 7 1/2. Ride a bike. After lunch, Ella left for Moscow.

*19th April. Tuesday.*

It rained all morning. At 10 1/2 I watched four horse-machine gun squads of the Guards cavalry going to war. Had both reports. Christ consulted with the Old Believers. At 3 o'clock we went to the infirmary for the wounded; Mom and Alix passed out eggs. After reading, I took a walk. Dined with Olga and Petit with guests. Remained until 11 o'clock.

*April 20th. Wednesday.*

Today the heat has reached 19 ° in the shade. Grace was full, and I went out for a walk twice before breakfast. Had only one report. Ella returned from Moscow. I opened navigation on ponds with Dmitry - we rode in a boat and kayaks and finished off the last remnants of ice.

We walked from 3 to 5 1/2. We drank tea at Mom's. In the evening there was a strong cooling rain. Received Trepov. After dinner I read at home.

Appointed Dmitry as the chief of L.-GV. 2nd Infantry Battalion.

*April 21st. Thursday.*

The morning was gray and cool. At 12 o'clock. came to the parade of shooters with Dmitry. After bypassing the units, he announced the appointment of Dmitry to the 2nd battalion. The riflemen and Cossacks of the Don battery presented themselves in a brilliant manner. Then there was breakfast at the Palace. I went kayaking with Dmitry after the walk. Dm. Sheremetev (dezh.).

*April 22nd. Friday.*

At one o'clock in the morning I went to Gatchina for my current. **Killed five wood grouses, The** weather was wonderful. I returned home at 5 o'clock. Slept until 10 o'clock. I took it. At 12 o'clock. went to the Grand Palace, on the site of which the production of pages and cadets for officers took place.

We had breakfast gr. Vorontsov and Dabich (dezh.). They took together 23 wounded and amputated soldiers.

Walked and rode with Dmitry on the ponds. It got cold. Uncle Pavel came from Paris. We drank tea at Mom's. Was reading. We dined together, and so did D. Aleksey.

*April 23rd. Saturday.*

Name day dear Alix. In the morning, the usual congratulations. At 11 o'clock. mass in the Great Courtyard, and family breakfast in our Round Hall. I rode in kayaks with Misha and Dmitry. It was clear and warmer during the day. We drank tea at Mom's. I read until 8 o'clock. I dined the same as yesterday.

*April 24th. Sunday.*

The day was good, cloudless. We went to mass in the camp church. At 2 1/4 I went with Ksenia and Sandro in his big car along Volkonsky; highway. Accidentally drove to Peterhof, rode in the Lower Park and came back at 4 1/4. It took an hour and a half to go. The walk came out fun and successful. Ride with Dmitry in kayaks. I read a lot. We dined together, studied in the evening.

*April 25th. Monday.*

Wonderful weather. Walked in the morning. Had three reports - the last one by Goremykina. D. Aleksey had breakfast. I rode for a long time with Misha and Dmitry in kayaks. Was reading. After lunch we all drove around Tsarskoe Selo in Sandro's motor.

*April 26th. Tuesday.*

At 12 1/4 he went hunting in the Kovshovsky forest. The night was wonderful and warm. **Killed 2 wood grouses.** He returned to Tsarskoe by 5 o'clock. The day was hot. After breakfast, a good thunderstorm passed.

They escorted dear Mama, Ksenia, Misha and Olga to the station - they moved to live in Gatchina. He took a walk in the life-giving rain and went kayaking with Dmitry. Was reading. We dined in a small company with D. Pavel and his children.

*April 27th. Wednesday.*

It was foggy in the morning, and the day was gray and rather cool. Had a great welcome. Breakfast: K.P. Pobedonostsev and Dzhunkovsky (dezh.). Walked with Dmitry and went kayaking with him. After tea we said goodbye to D. Pavel, cat. leaves for Paris. I read a lot. The five of us dined.

*April 28th. Thursday.*

The day was gray. Had three reports. After breakfast I walked as usual with Dmitry and went kayaking. It got colder and it started to rain. I did a lot before lunch. At 9 1/2 Ella said goodbye to us and went to Moscow. The children stayed with us. Received by Bulygin.

*April 29th. Friday.*

A memorable day for Otsu. The morning was busy: I read until 11 o'clock. and accepted introducing themselves until one o'clock. N.N. Lomen had breakfast.

Walked and rode with Dmitry on the ponds. The weather was cool. I studied until lunchtime. I played billiards with Dmitry.



*April 30th. Saturday.*

Nice warm day. Fredericks had breakfast. At 3 o'clock I went with Dmitry to his battalion. A short prayer service was served in the church, then we went around all the companies, the dining room and the infirmary. In the officers' meeting they drank tea and listened to the balalaika players.

After filming a group and saying goodbye to the officers, they returned home with a scandal, the cat. continued to the Oryol Gate. I took a walk. Misha came from Gatchina to visit. Dined at 8 1/2.

*1st May. Sunday*

In the first hour I went to my little current, where I **killed 2 wood grouses**. The night was very warm and it was raining. Came home at 4 1/2. I went to bed in the study. At 11 o'clock. drove to Mass at the Grand Palace. Ella returned from Moscow. We had breakfast with everyone on Sunday. It rained all day. Walked with Dmitry. He read until 8 o'clock. Drenteln had lunch (dezh.). Played billiards with him.

*May 2nd. Monday.*

Again the weather became warm and clear. Walked in the morning. Had three reports. D. Aleksey had breakfast. I walked with Dmitry and rode kayaks with him for a long time. Received Witte and Heyden. I read until 8 1/2. The evening was spent on

custom.

*3rd May. Tuesday.*

It was a wonderful day. Breakfast: Princess Gagarina and Count Palen. Walked and skated with Dmitry. At 7 o'clock. we all went together to Gatchina. We dined at Mom's. Alix and Ella returned to Tsarskoe. I played billiards with Misha and sat with Mom until 11 1/2.

*4th May. Wednesday.*

At 12 1/2 I went with Misha on his motor to Motchinsky current, where they arrived very soon. The morning was clear and cool. **He killed three wood grouses**. He returned to Tsarskoe by 5 o'clock. I slept on the couch in the study. After the report, I received many of those who introduced themselves.

Solova (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Spent two hours outdoors with Dmitry. It was a splendid day. I read it endlessly.

*May 5th. Thursday.*

Walked in the morning. After the first report he received Metropolitan Anthony. We had breakfast: he, Kotya Obolensky, Menguen and Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.). The weather was warm and excellent. I read a lot. Mom and others came to dinner from Gatchina. In the evening we alternated playing billiards with Dmitry Sher [emetev], the professor of this game.

*May 6th. Friday.*

I am 37 years old. It was a wonderful day. From 9 1/2 I began to accept congratulations. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast and talked in a large gallery. Returned home at 2 1/2. Sat down for telegram [s]. Walked and rode with Dmitry in kayaks. We drank tea at Mom's. I read and wrote until 8. After lunch, Mom and Misha left for Gatchina, and the five of us went for a ride.

*May 7th. Saturday.*

In the morning I took a walk in perfect weather. Had three reports. Breakfast: Ella and Nikolasha. It became cold at once, the sky became clouded, and it began to rain, which lasted until 7 o'clock. Walked alone, because Maria and Dmitry went to Gatchina. Received Bulygin, cat. dined with us. Misha brought them from Gatchina and left immediately.

*May 8th. Sunday.*

The day was cold and gray.

At 11 o'clock. went to mass and tomorrow [kali] with everyone. Took the maritime report. Walked with Dmitry for the last time. Killed the cat. After tea he received Prince Khilkov, a cat. just returned from a trip to the Far East. After dinner, we said goodbye to Ella and the children and escorted them to the station. Returning home, he studied.

*May 9th. Monday.*

We set off on a clear cool morning at 11 o'clock. to Gatchina. There was a parade of Cuirassiers on the site in a horse formation with the participation of a platoon of the Pskov Dragoon Regiment. We had breakfast in the White Hall. We walked and rolled on the lake. We drank tea with Mom at 5 1/2. At 8 o'clock. went to dinner in the Cuirassier regiment. This celebrated the 25th anniversary of the patronage of Mom and my enrollment in the lists. The dinner was fun and simple. After seeing the entire meeting, we left at 10.20 and returned to Tsarskoe Selo with Petya.

*May 10th. Tuesday.*

In the morning I took it from 10 am to 1 pm. Breakfast: book. Obolenskaya and Zelenoi (dezh.). The day was gray, cold, from 4 o'clock. it started raining before

evenings. We walked together. Played upstairs with the kids before tea. Kostya and Mavra's little daughter, Natalia, died today. Received Fredericks on this occasion. I read until 8 o'clock. We dined together in the new office. We played billiards for a long time.

*May 11th. Wednesday.*

The weather began to improve, although it remained cool. I took a walk. Had a great reception lasting until 1 3/4. Breakfast: book. A.S.Dolgoruky and Dabich (dezh.). I walked and rode in a kayak. Dined: Olga, Petya and Dabich. They played billiards.

*May 12th. Thursday.*

The day was clear and pleasant. At 11 o'clock. went to the Sofiysky parade ground, where he inspected the 27th and 28th Don Cossack regiments, who had arrived for service in the summer in St. Petersburg. As the preferential shelves, they presented themselves perfectly. Returned home at 12 1/4 on horseback. The widow of Kondratenko \* had breakfast. I walked and rode in a kayak. Uncle Vladimir was drinking tea. Ella has arrived. Received Trepov. After lunch, they took her to the station - she returned to Moscow again.

\* Kondratenko R.I., a general, one of the organizers of the defense of Port Arthur, died on December 2, 1904.

*May 13th. Friday.*

It was a wonderful day. After the walk I had three reports: kn. Khilkov, Saburova and gr. A.P. Ignatieva. Breakfast: Andrey (dezh.) And Chakrabon. Walked with the first one and rode in a kayak. Aunt Michen drank tea with us. Dined at 8 1/2 and then went for a ride together.

*May 14th. Saturday.*

The ninth anniversary of this momentous event for both of us. At 10 o'clock. went to the prayer service. Then he had three reports. Breakfast gr. Heiden (dezh.). Lobko also accepted. We walked and rode in a boat. The weather was wonderful, cloudless. After tea I studied for a long time. Dined at 8 o'clock and went for a drive.

*May 15th. Sunday.*

It was a splendid morning. We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. By 2 o'clock Sandro arrived on his motor. At 2 1/4 we got into it and exactly an hour later we arrived at the Finnish house outside Gatchina. Mom and others came there. Had a very nice picnic despite the warm rain. By 5 o'clock. the weather has improved. Made a great hike on foot. The lunch was delicious from dishes prepared only by amateurs. At 9 3/4 Sandro took us to the Baltic station. We arrived home at 11 o'clock.

*May 16th. Monday.*

After three reports, 30 wounded and amputated soldiers were received together. Breakfast: D. Alexey and Kirill (dezh.). I rode on horseback, walked and rode in a kayak. Today, the most contradictory news and information about the battle between our squadron and the Japanese fleet began to arrive - everything about our losses and complete silence about their damage. Such ignorance is terribly oppressive!

Olga, Petya and Kirill were having dinner. I went to Pavlovsk with them.

*May 17th. Tuesday.*

Heavy and contradictory news continued to arrive regarding the unsuccessful battle in the Tsushima Strait. Had three reports. We walked together. The weather was wonderful and hot. We drank tea and dined on the balcony. In the evening, I received Bulygin and Trenev for a long time.

*May 18th. Wednesday*

Wonderful weather. After the report, he received 90 officers who had graduated from the Mikhailovskaya art. academy and officers. art. school. Sergey had breakfast. Misha came to say goodbye, because in the evening he is leaving for Berlin for the wedding of the Crown Prince and Cecile. Did a nice ride on horseback. My heart is heavy, painful, sad. We dined on the balcony and rode in Pavlovsk.

*19th May. Thursday.*

Now the terrible news of the death of almost the entire squadron in a two-day battle has finally been confirmed. Rozhdestvensky himself was taken prisoner!

It was a wonderful day, which added even more sadness to my soul. Had three reports. Petyusha had breakfast. I rode on horseback. Dined: Olga, Petya, Voronov - com. Primor. drag. regiment and his wife.

*May 20th. Friday.*

It was really hot. In the morning we heard thunder in the distance. Received many. E.A. Naryshkina had breakfast. Received Trepov. I walked and rode in a kayak. At 7 o'clock. the three of us went with Petya to Gatchina. We dined and rode together in the Menagerie. Back at 11.

*May 21st. Saturday.*

Been busy all morning. Fredericks had breakfast. Walked with Alix in the warm rain. Later the weather improved, went for a ride on the pond. We dined together. For a long time they received the old nobleman Paskhalov.

*May 22nd. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock there was a funeral mass, and then a memorial service for those killed and perished in the war.

Uncle Vladimir, Andrey and Petya (dezh.) Had breakfast with us. We walked for a long time and went in a kayak and a boat. We dined and rode with Olga and Petya.

*May 23rd. Monday.*

Nice warm day. Had three reports. D. Aleksey had breakfast. I rode a new gray horse, which I liked very much. After tea and all evening I read for a long time.

*May 24th. Tuesday.*

From 11 o'clock. until 1 1/2 I had a military conference. Breakfast: Ella, Vladimir and Alexei. Accepted Lamzdorf's report. Ride a horse. We drank tea like all these days on the balcony. The weather was wonderful. At 8 o'clock. Mom came from Gatchina. Dined and spent the evening together. I played with Dmitry Sher [emetev] (dezh.) At billiards.

*May 25th. Wednesday.*

Dear Alix, 33 years have passed. The weather was excellent. We were at Mass in the Grand Palace and had breakfast with the family. Received the American Ambassador Meyer with instructions from Roosevelt [\[9\]](#).

I walked and rode in a kayak. After tea, Mom was escorted to the station. After lunch, Ella was taken there.

*May 26th. Thursday. Ascension.*

We did not go to the Uhlan holiday in Peterhof. I received reports before and after mass. We had breakfast: Princess Obolenskaya and Kotya. Misha and Nikolay returned from Berlin and were with us at 2 1/2. We walked together. In the evening, they received Guchkov, Moscow's authorized representative for the Red Cross, who had come on leave from the army. He told a lot of interesting things.

*May 27th. Friday.*

It was a cold day. Had a great welcome. Breakfast gr. Velepolsky. They received together the Right Reverend Eulogius, Bishop of Kholmok. Walked; went kayaking. I read a lot. Dined at 8 1/2 o'clock. In the evening we had Rukavishnikov, the former Moscow mayor.

*May 28th. Saturday.*

A clear and crisp day. In the morning Alec showed up from abroad. Fredericks had breakfast. At 2 1/2 we went to the consecration of the newly built building of the school for nannies. After the prayer service, we examined all the

premises from top to bottom. Very cozy, practical and no luxury. The head of the school is Rauchfus, and our architect Danini built it. There were quite a few ladies present. We returned after 4 and took a walk. After tea he received Goremykin and Lamsdorf. I rode a bike and killed 2 crows. I studied in the evening.

*May 29th. Sunday.*

The birth of Tatiana; she is 8 years old. We went to mass and had breakfast with everyone. We walked, went in a kayak. The weather was warm. I read a lot. I killed a crow. Dined at 8 1/2.

*May 30th. Monday.*

Today, after the report, Uncle Alexei announced that he wanted to leave now. In view of the seriousness of his arguments, I agreed. It hurts and hard for him, poor! Was busy until almost 4 o'clock. Walked. The weather was excellent. Petya was having lunch. The three of us rode.

*May 31st. Tuesday.*

It was a great warm day. Walked for a very short time. Before the reports of Avelan, Ozerov and Heyden. We had breakfast alone. The shift teams of the Cossacks leaving and arriving in the Convoy were presented at the site. Made a nice ride to Pavlovsk on horseback. After tea he received Bulygin. In the evening we rode together.

*1st June. Wednesday.*

A very hot day. Had a huge welcome. We sat down to breakfast at 1 1/2. At 2 1/2 we went to Gatchina. We went on a modest picnic in the Menagerie. The table was set and food was prepared right in the forest. During lunchtime, it rained heavily. Walked with Komarov. We returned to the palace at 10 o'clock, and to Tsarskoe at 11 o'clock.

*2nd June. Thursday.*

Hot stuffy day. We had breakfast alone. Walked. At 3 1/2 we went to the hospital for the wounded and spent two and a half hours in it. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with us. I read a lot. After dinner, old Paskhalov, the cat, was again received. stayed with us until 12 o'clock.

*3rd June. Friday.*

The heat continued. Had the second huge reception - the Nikolaev Academy general. headquarters and the Military Legal, headed by Andrei Vladimirovich) - only 85 people.

Breakfast: Olga, Georgy and Petya (dezh.). Walked in the rain. Fitted. I read until 8 o'clock. After lunch we stopped at Hesse's with Olga and Petya and rode on a wonderful evening.

*4th June. Saturday.*

A perfect day at 20 ° in the shade. In the morning I took a walk for the last time. Had three reports. At 2 1/2 we left the dear Tsarskoe. Were exhausted from the heat in the car. A usual meeting in **Peterhof** for lancers and sailors. It was nice to see the sea and enter our house, where there are so many memories for both of us! Having figured it out, I went for a walk. Everything is in order, clean and tidy; the greens are very good, but still not as thick as in Tsarskoye. Studied until 7 1/2. I rode in a kayak for a short time. We dined on the balcony and took a walk in a wheelchair.

*June 5th. Trinity Day.*

I slept badly because of the stuffiness. The heat was huge. At 11 o'clock we went to mass and had breakfast at the Farm. It rained until 4 o'clock, after which he took a walk. Ride in a kayak before lunch. Nikolasha and Andrei (dezh.) Dined.

Two thunderstorms passed over the sea; the lightning was remarkably beautiful

and lightning. I studied in the evening.

*June 6th. Whit Monday.*

Striking heat - 23 ° in the shade. After the reports, he received 14 zemstvo and city leaders from the recent congress in Moscow [\[10\]](#). We had breakfast alone. During the day they dabbled with children in the sea, they floundered and fiddled in the water. Then for the first time I swam in the sea at 14 1/4 ° - low temperature, but refreshing. We drank tea under an umbrella. Received Alekseev and Taneev. After dinner we sat on the balcony; again from the southwest came one thunderstorm after another with spectacular lightning.

*June 7th. Tuesday.*

It was hot all day. Alix left for Tsarskoe in the motor boat. Orlova to visit the school of nannies and the hospital. Uncle Alexei came to Arrow and had breakfast with me and the children. Received Chukhnin, chap. commander of the Black Sea Fleet. 3 1/2 to 5 did a great ride; drenched in sweat and rain. Alix returned safely to tea. After lunch we rode in Own and Sergievka. A fresh W blew out, the heat subsided, and we began to breathe.

*June 8th. Wednesday.*

A wonderful day - 17 ° in the shade with a moderating wind. Received at the Farm. Uncle Vladimir and Andrey had breakfast with us. Received Kulomzin and Linder. We walked together. After tea there was a report by Bulygin. Elena and Sonya dined with us. In the evening we rode for a short time.

*June 9th. Thursday.*

The morning was busy. After two reports, he received 63 Engineer officers at the Grand Palace. acad. and quartermaster, courses. A. N. Naryshkina, who had returned from Chelyabinsk, was having breakfast.

At 3 o'clock we went on the Orlov motor to Gatchina through Krasnoe. We arrived at 20 minutes. We visited Uncle Misha. Drank tea with Mom in the garden. We rode together on the lake. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. At 10 o'clock we drove back through Kipen and Ropsha and did it in an hour and a half. The weather was wonderful.

*June 10th. Friday.*

Great day, but cooler. After reports gr. Selsky and Khilkov went to the Farm, where he received them. We had breakfast alone with the children. Alix walked with them in the water. Walked. After lunch we went for a drive. I studied in the evening.

*June 11th. Saturday.*

The usual three reports. Breakfast: D. Vladimir, Nikolay and Sergey. About 3 hours. went to Oranienbaum on the Orlov motor. I watched two machine-gun companies formed for the 22nd and 37th infantry. divisions. Then he moved to the Shooting Range. schools, where he was present when shooting at different distances and at various targets from 16 machine guns at a time. They also showed shooting from a machine gun. Danish system. Having said goodbye to both companies and admonishing them on the march, he returned home at 5 1/2. Dined Dmitry Sher [emetev] (dezh.). Made the walk a wonderful evening.

*June 12th. Sunday.*

It was a splendid day. At 10 o'clock we went to the consecration of the new court church near Olgin Island. The interior is very beautiful. Mom came to mass. The service ended at 12 o'clock. Everyone ate breakfast with us. Then Mama returned with everyone to Gatchina. We walked for a long time together and even walked into the sea. Nikolasha dined. I talked to him until 10 3/4, after which Alix and I rode a little.

*June 13th. Monday.*

A very warm day with strong winds. Had three reports. I had breakfast alone with the children, because Alix went to Tsarskoe to the school of nannies and the hospital. I rode a new horse of the Mitya plant. At 5 o'clock. Alix also returned on the motor. I received Goremykin and read for a long time. After lunch we rode at Babigon's.

*June 14th. Tuesday.*

A wonderful day. Today Mary is 6 years old. Was busy until breakfast, Alix went with the children to the prayer service. At 3 o'clock we went to Ropsha with a small picnic. Alix with the children and AA Olenina in the first car, me with Sonya Den in the second with Orlov. We walked around the park, examined the palace and drank tea on the terrace. The air was wonderful and the greenery was especially thick. The children enjoyed themselves completely. We returned to Alexandria at 6 1/2 hours. I read for a long time. I went in a kayak and swam in the sea - in the water at 19 °. After lunch, we rode together.

*June 15th. Wednesday.*

A hot, quiet day. Alix and I took a very long time at the Farm and were an hour late for breakfast. Uncle Alexei was expecting him with the children in the garden. Did a great kayak ride. Aunt Olga came for tea. Swam in the sea. After lunch we went for a drive.

Received overwhelming news from Odessa that the crew of the battleship Prince Potemkin-Tavrishesky, which had arrived there, rebelled, interrupted the officers and took possession of the ship, threatening unrest in the city. I just can't believe it!

*June 16th. Thursday.*

In the morning he received on this occasion Avelan and Chukhnin, who immediately sent back to the Black Sea. Andrei (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. It rained for half a day. I slept in the afternoon, then took a walk. I read for a long time. In the evening we rode together.

*June 17th. Friday.*

An unusually busy day from 10 o'clock. until one o'clock and then until 4 o'clock. It was foggy and it was raining. Walked. I read intensively until 8 o'clock. Orlov dined. We rode a little.

*June 18th. Saturday.*

It was a gray day. Misha arrived for breakfast. Received two leaders of St. Petersburg. and Moscow [nobility] and then gr. A.P. Ignatieva. Walked with Misha. Aunt Evgenia arrived for tea. He read hard until 8 o'clock. Dined Prince. Orlov (dezh.). Have a ride. Olga and Petya stopped by for tea.

*19th June. Sunday.*

The weather was clear and fine again. At 11 o'clock. drove to mass and then had breakfast at the farm. We walked together. At 4 o'clock we went to see Aunt Evgenia and Alec. They had tea on the balcony. Olga, Petya (dezh.) And Elena were also there. I studied for a long time. After dinner we took a walk - the evening was wonderful.

*June 20th. Monday.*

The devil knows what is happening in the Black Sea Fleet. Three days ago, the team of "George the Victorious" joined the "Potemkin", but soon came to their senses, asked the commander and officers to return and, repenting, betrayed 67 instigators. "Potemkin" found himself today in front of Constanta in Romania. There were also riots on the Prut, which were stopped after the arrival of transport to Sevastopol. If only we could keep the rest of the squadron commands in obedience! For that it will be necessary to severely punish the chiefs and cruelly rebels.

After breakfast I walked and swam in the sea before tea. Took Abaza. Ride in the evening. It was hot.

*June 21st. Tuesday.*

Wonderful weather. Received Sakharov for the last [time], since he is leaving the military. min-in. Rediger was appointed in his place, and Palitsyn was appointed chief of the general staff.

Alix left for Tsarskoe. Breakfast gr. Heiden (dezh.). Took at the Farm Sen. Naryshkina, gr. Bobrinsky, Kireev, Pavel Sheremetev, others and several peasants with statements from the "Union of Russian people" - in contrast to the zemstvo and city leaders. I rode on horseback. Alix is back at 5 1/4. Received Taneyev and read. Swam in the sea. Dined at 8 1/2 with Heiden. We took a walk in the evening.

*June 22nd. Wednesday.*

Great day with strong warm winds. Took on the farm up to 1 1/2. After breakfast, having finished everything we needed, we set off on Orlov's motor through Ropsha and Kipen to Gatchina, where we arrived at about 25 minutes. We visited the village of Misha. We drank tea and dined in the garden. Catal Alix and Olga in "Dart" - on the lake. Returned on request. dor. at 11 o'clock.

*June 23rd. Thursday.*

It was a great warm day. Yesterday "Prince Potemkin" came to Feodosia, and today to Yalta, where the squadron left, after returning to Sevastopol with "George the Victorious". God would give that this difficult and shameful story would end as soon as possible. Received Rediger and Palitsyn, then Nikolasha. He had breakfast with us. Did a nice ride on horseback. He returned at 5 1/4 just with the beginning of the rain. Was engaged before and after lunch, the cat. took place on the balcony.

*June 24th. Friday.*

The day was clear with a strong wind; the water has arrived. He accepted the permanent ranks of the new Council of State Defense, of which Nikolasha was appointed chairman. Then, on the farm, they took 27 wounded lower. rank., arrived from the Mariinsky orphanage. Dzhunkovsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 3 o'clock we set off on the Orlov motor through Oranienbaum along the highway past the new battery at 15 versts. We walked on the seashore in a beautiful pine forest. On the way back, we drank tea at Tinghen's in the Chinese pavilion and examined the house of Peter III. Came back at 6 1/2. Orlov-ulan dined. We walked and drank tea with Olga and Petya.

*June 25th. Saturday.*

"Prince Potemkin" came back to Constanta, where the team surrendered to the Romanian authorities and moved ashore.



Between the reports received Engalychev, the cat. watched the mobilization in Tsarskoye Selo district. Sergey, who had returned from a detour of the fortresses, had breakfast.

For the first time after a long time we played lawn-tennis with officers. After tea I read and studied the whole evening.

*June 26th. Sunday.*

A gray day with a strong wind.

We got up late. At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast at the Farm. Uncle Vladimir came from Tsarskoe for this. Received Birilyov upon his return from Vladivostok. Announced to him about his forthcoming appointment as minister of the sea. Played tennis from 4 to 5 1/2 - better than yesterday. I did a lot.

*June 27th. Monday.*

Breakfast: Andrey (dezh.), Chagin and Durnovo. It was interesting to listen to the last two, since they are directly from Vladivostok and the first participants in the Tsushima battle who came here. Then he received Muravyov from Rome. At 4 o'clock we went to the officers' meeting of the Ulan regiment. We spent two and a half hours there in a very pleasant way. Nothing cheers me up like a visit to a military unit, but I don't know how to find time for this! Andrey dined with us. We rode.

*June 28th. Tuesday.*

Day of the death of dear George. At 10 1/2 we were at a memorial service. Alix went to Tsarskoe. Breakfast: general adjutant. Meindorf and Dmitry Sher (emetev) (dezh.). I talked for a long time with the first about the Muk-den battles. Walked a little. Kostya and Elizabeth, who had arrived from the village, had dinner. Have a ride.

*June 29th. Wednesday.*

The weather improved and the wind died down. After the lecture, I had quite

great reception at the Farm. Chagin (dezh.) Had breakfast. We played tennis well. I read a lot. Sonia D [en), Orlov and Chagin dined. The three of us went with her to Olga and Petya, to congratulate him on his name day. We found a rather large society. We sat there until 11 o'clock. and then returned home.

*June 30th. Thursday.*

At 9 1/4 he set off on horseback along the Ropsha highway, and Alix in a two-wheeled carriage led the lancers, who were moving to the camp. We let the regiment on the right through three at a time and then returned home. Obolensky (dezh.) Had breakfast. We played tennis. After tea he received Trepov, who had almost sat up until 8 o'clock. We dined with Olga and Petit. I studied in the evening.

*1st of July. Friday.*

The morning was warm and good. Bulygin had breakfast. Took Witte, cat. goes to Washington authorized to conduct peace negotiations with Japan. Walked in the rain. Milica and Stana drank teas with us. They returned yesterday from Crimea. Took Abaza. I read until 8 o'clock. We dined together in the reception area. We spent the evening at home.

*2nd July. Saturday.*

The weather has improved. There were the usual three reports. Boris, who had returned from vacation abroad, had breakfast. I went to see N.N. Lomen, who is sick. We didn't play tennis for long. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. At 8 o'clock. went to Znamenka for dinner. Then Stana arrived. We stayed there until 11 1/2.

*3rd of July. Sunday.*

Great warm day. We were at mass and had breakfast at the Farm. 2 1/2 to 5 hours played tennis. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with us. I did it for a long time. After lunch we had a good ride.

*4th of July. Monday.*

In the morning Zarnitsa came with Anastasia. She stopped by us and then went to Gatchina. Was very busy until one o'clock. Alix went to Tsarskoe Selo. Resin (dezh.) Had breakfast. I rode on horseback. It was a wonderful day. The children were swimming in the sea in front of the house. Ride in a kayak. We dined on the balcony.

*July 5th. Tuesday.*

From 4 o'clock. in the morning until 10 o'clock. it was pouring rain. Then the weather turned sunny and warm. Between reports, Witte received and said goodbye to him.

Derfelden, who had returned from mobilization in the Volyn province, had breakfast. At 3 1/2 we went to Sergievka, where we visited Yuri and Stan. We returned home for tea. Was reading. After lunch, we took a ride in an electric boat for the first time and got caught in the warm rain of a single cloud. I studied for a long time.

*6th July. Wednesday.*

It was a wonderful day. Had a great welcome at the farm. Knya-zhevich (dezh.) Had breakfast. I also accepted the joint report of Obolensky and Linder. We took a walk. Received from Wilhelm an offer to see him now; Bjork offered him. We dined on the balcony. We rode an electric boat. I studied for a long time in the evening.

*July 7th. Thursday.*

It rained during the night, and stopped by one o'clock in the afternoon. Breakfast: Misha

and Chagin (dezh.). We played tennis with success, although it was very hot. After tea I read for a long time. We dined on the balcony. Have a ride. Olga and Petya stopped by in the evening.

*July 8th. Friday.*

The heat is healthy today. In the morning there were various reports. Breakfast: Bulygin and Prince. Orlov (dezh.). I read until 3 1/2 hours. Alix walked with the children in the water; then we walked together. I had time to swim in the sea before lunchtime. At 9 o'clock. Olga and Sonya arrived. I wanted to ride them on electric. boat, but due to a thunderstorm, the trip had to be canceled.

*July 9th. Saturday.*

The heat was healthy. In the morning I was very busy until one o'clock Uncle Alexei had breakfast. Received 10 wounded from George's orphanage. We did not play tennis for long, as a thunderstorm was approaching, the downpour was very heavy. Aunt Marusya arrived for tea. I read a lot. I swam until lunchtime. I also studied in the evening.

*July 10th. Sunday.*

We got up at 9 o'clock. [with] hot weather with dark clouds. After an early Mass farewell to dear Alix and the children on the farm and went to , Misha on the "Alexandria" in Kronstadt. Exactly at one o'clock he left on the **"Polar Star"** in Bjork, where he arrived at 4 o'clock. We anchored at the stop. Ravitsa. There were two thunderstorms with a heavy downpour, but the temperature is very pleasant. From 7 o'clock. expected the arrival of "Hohenzollern", cat. late by two from 1/2 hour. He came up during our late dinner. Wilhelm arrived on the yacht in excellent spirits and stayed for a while. Then he took Misha and me to his place and fed him a late dinner. We returned to "Polyarnaya" only at 2 o'clock.

*July 11th. Monday.*

I slept through the hoisting of the flag and got up at 9 1/4. The weather was sunny, hot, with fresh SO. At 10 o'clock Wilhelm arrived for coffee. We talked until 12 o'clock and the three of us went to Germany with Misha. cruise. **"Berlin"**. I examined him. Showed art. teaching.

Drove Wilhelm to him and returned to the "Polyarnaya". There was half an hour of rest. At 2 o'clock we had a great breakfast. We listened to the music of Gvar. Eq. and talked all the time while standing up to 4 1/2. He said goodbye to Wilhelm with great cordiality. Filmed at 5 o'clock. at the same time Verkomotaly walked together to the lighthouse; then they parted. Misha went on a new mine cruise. "Ukraine", cat. surpassed Polyarnaya by 17 1/2 knots. go, going 24 knots. progress. Came to Kronsht. great evening at 9 o'clock. On "Alexandria" I arrived at **Peterhof** at 10 o'clock. Alix met us at the sea gate. I returned home under the best impression of the hours spent with Wilhelm!

*July 12th. Tuesday.*

In the morning, life went back to normal. It was joyful to see the children, but not the ministers. Alexander Leuchtenbergsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. We went to Sergievka to visit Aunt Marusya. Came back at 4 1/2 and played tennis. I read for a long time. Dined at 8 1/2 on the balcony. We spent the evening at home.

*July 13th. Wednesday.*

Wonderful warm weather. The morning was busy. After the lecture, a rather large reception at the Farm. We had breakfast alone with the children. Made my love

my horseback ride through Nastolovo and Babigon. I studied until 8 o'clock. We dined on the balcony and took a walk in the evening.

*July 14th. Thursday.*

A great day with a light sea breeze. Was busy until one o'clock. Uncle Vladimir was having breakfast. We played tennis for a long time. Father John came to us and drank tea with us. I read a lot. After lunch we rode by train. boat. I learned the sad news about the death of P.P. Hesse in Kissingen, where he went with his family for treatment.

*July 15th. Friday.*

The same clear day. After the lecture I went with Alix to the Upper Park; near the Grand Palace there was a production of senior cadets of Mikhailovsky and Konstantinovsky art. and Nikolaevsky engineer. schools.

We stopped by to see NN Lomen, who is much better; he met us at the door. We had breakfast with the children.

At 2 1/2 we went to the memorial service for Hesse to the Court Cathedral. I rode on horseback. After tea he took Abaza. In the evening we went for a ride on the electr. boat.

*July 16th. Saturday.*

The day has been pretty busy. After breakfast, the wounded sailors, including 30 people who had returned from Port Arthur and Vladivostok, were received. I returned home, changed my clothes and went to the Babigon hunt. Took part: D. Vladimir, Nikolasha and Petya. I killed **64 ducks**. About 200 in total. Dined on the balcony. In the evening he received Trepov with a report for a long time.

*July 17th. Sunday.*

It was a wonderful day. At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast at the Farm. Uncle Misha and Anastasia came to us. Played tennis from 3 1/4 to 5 o'clock. Uncle Vladimir, Comrade Mikhen, and Comrade Eugene arrived for tea. Andrey (dezh.) Dined. Ride on electr. boat, Andrey on his own. We stopped by Milica, the cat. not quite healthy and, of course, stayed for a very long time.

*July 18th. Monday.*

After the reports, four ship priests were received, who were on Nebogatov's detachment and returned from Japan after the Tsushima battle. Boris (dezh.) Had breakfast. At the Farm, 34 wounded sailors were received, most of them without an arm or a leg. Such good fellows in appearance! I made an unsuccessful visit to Uncle Misha and Anastasia, not finding them at home. I rode in a kayak and saw wounded sailors returning to St. Petersburg on "Onega". After tea I did a lot. We gave Boris a ride on electric. boat. In the evening he worked hard again.

*19th July. Tuesday.*

Memorable day of the glorification of the Monk Seraphim [\[11\]](#). Was busy literally the whole day from 10 o'clock. in the morning. Knyazhevich (dezh.) Had breakfast. Alix left for Tsarskoe.

At 2 o'clock, a prayer service was served in the Merchant Hall of the B. Palace and then in the Conference under my chairman. began consideration of the project of the establishment of the State. Duma. The meeting lasted until almost 7 o'clock. He returned home in a somewhat softened state and immediately went for a walk. Dined at 8 1/2 on the balcony. Was reading. We went to Znamenka and sat down as usual.

*20th July. Wednesday.*

The weather was wonderful. In the morning there were two lectures and a small reception. We had breakfast: Comrade Marusya, Stana and Yuri. I also received Richter. Made a great walk on Troska. A big fire was seen in the canal in front of St. Petersburg \* - an English steamer was burning, loaded with oil and other oils. The smoke rose in a huge black cloud.

In the evening we learned the sad news of the death of Mr. Philippe \*\* exactly on Ilyin's day.

\* St. Petersburg.

\*\* Further in the manuscript there is a cross.

*July 21st. Thursday.*

It was raining in the morning. Breakfast: Petya (dezh.) And gr. A.P. Ignatiev. At 2 o'clock I went to the palace for the second meeting of the Conference, which dragged on until 7 1/2. Mom moved from Gatchina, dined with her aunt Olga and others. I studied at home.

*July 22nd. Friday.*

The day was great with a fresh SW. Let's go to Mom and then to mass. I don't remember that many people in the church. We had breakfast at the Farm. We walked together. We went to Sergievka to see Comrade Marusa. Ella

arrived with Maria and Dmitry. They drank tea with us. I did. We dined at Mom's at 8 1/4. The evening was spent on Znamenka; returned late.

*July 23rd. Saturday.*

Quite a tough day. At 9 o'clock. went to the city. On the platform of our pavilion, lithium according to P.P. Hesse was served and then his coffin was taken out of the carriage. The procession went to the A [lexandro-] N [evskaya] Lavra. Now we returned to Peterhof. Received three reports. Mom had breakfast with us. At 2 1/2 began the third meeting of the Conference in the B. Palace and lasted until 7 1/4. After lunch I drove Alix, Ella, Maria and Dmitry to the train. boat. The evening was wonderful.

*July 24th. Sunday.*

Great day. Were at mass, during which many felt sick because of the heat. After breakfast received P.V. Zhukovsky with the book. Lvov for the School of Sculpture and Art in Moscow. I played tennis with Misha and the officers. We drank tea under a mushroom by the sea. Dined at the net with Mom. We spent the evening on Znamenka.

*July 25th. Monday.*

The heat was striking and the silence of the sea too. After breakfast I went to the Palace for a meeting, the cat. lasted up to 7 hours. When he returned, he rode in a kayak. In the evening [rode] together on an electric boat.

*July 26th. Tuesday.*

There were several thunderstorms during the night. The day was as hot as yesterday. During the walk I went to see Mama. Had three reports. Bid farewell to Ella, Maria and Dmitry; they went with Alix to Tsarskoe and in the evening to Moscow. Bulygin had breakfast. At 2 3/4 I went to the last meeting of the Meeting, in which they completed the consideration of the issue of establishing Gosud. Duma. I returned home at 7 3/4 and immediately went with Alix to Mom for dinner. Then I read it at my place. In the evening we visited Znamenka.

*July 27th. Wednesday.*

It was a great day with a strong SW and cooler than the previous two. The morning was busy. Heyden (dezh.) Had breakfast. Fortunately, he was free during the day - without tiresome meetings. We played tennis. I read a lot. After lunch, I also studied for a long time.

*July 28th. Thursday.*

We got up until 6 o'clock. good morning. We went to Krasnoe Selo on the motor book. Orlova. We were closely followed by: Mom, Ksenia, Olga and Sandro, Misha, Heyden (dezh.) - all in different cars.

Giving **alarm** in the Horse Guards, in Cuirassier Her led. shelf and heads. guardhouse, drove a troika to the big camp. Following along the front line, he gave the alarm in the first five regiments, after which he returned to Krasnoe, sat down on Troska and went to the Military Field. Almost all the troops were already there or were approaching. I greeted them. Having traveled around all the cavalry and horse artillery, he stood in front of the roller, and the passage began. The troops presented themselves brilliantly. By the end of the review, the Izmailovsky regiment approached, which had time to come from the maneuver. We returned to Krasnoe before 11 o'clock. Misha had an early family breakfast. Together we visited the infirmary of comrade Mikhen for the wounded. At 2 o'clock we went to Gatchina in a roundabout way past Tsarskoe. We examined Mama's infirmary for the wounded. Then we went to the barracks of the 23rd art. brig. to send off a new battery leaving for the war. We left Gatchina by rail. dor. and straight from the station in Peterhof to the training ground, where they were also lined up for the campaign: a half-squadron and a hundred field telegraph. Regiment. Ukhin Ulansky regiment formed them and is in

charge of them. He instructed both parts. We were at home at 7 o'clock. Caught the children before bedtime. I worked hard up to 8 1/2. We dined on the balcony. We spent the evening at home happy, but tired.

*July 29th. Friday.*

It rained at night; in the morning the weather improved. At 11 1/4 we went to Krasnoe for a big breakfast for the authorities. Then they examined the military hospital for a long time. We left at 4 o'clock for Peterhof with Mama, etc. Olga. It was pouring rain. After tea, Gosud received. Sec. bar. Ikskul and then got down to business. Dined at 8 1/2. In the evening we visited Znamenka.

*July 30th. Saturday.*

A significant anniversary of the birth of our "little treasure" for us. In the morning they took with him a deputation of the Ataman regiment, a cat. brought him an image. He himself climbed into the arms of the sergeant.

Alexei was given communion during the mass. There were reports. Comrade Marusya had breakfast. At 2 1/2 took 60 people. crippled wounded. We walked together. Anastasia drank tea with us and said goodbye. I read and responded to telegrams. Mom dined with us. I did most of the evening. There was a thunderstorm - it rained for a long time.

*July 31st. Sunday.*

It got cooler. SW was blowing, the water was very high. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast at the Farm. Received Lamsdorf. We played tennis. I did a lot before and after lunch. Alix went to the Stan on Sergievka. We went to bed early.

## Started in Peterhof

*1st August. Monday.*

At 9.20 in the morning, we set off on the engine of Prince. Orlova to Krasnoe Selo - right to the Kavelakht heights. From here we watched the firing of 50 rapid-fire guns according to a specially worked out plan. At the end of the firing, I drove around the artillery units, and then we went to breakfast at the village of Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen. At this time it started to rain heavily.

We drove back through Ropsha and made the whole end in an hour. Received Pobedonostsev, and after tea Birilyov with a long report. Ride on electr. boat, it was fresh. Mom and Christopher dined with us. I studied the whole evening.

*2nd August. Tuesday.*

It was a wonderful day. Had four reports. Alix left for Tsarskoe Selo as usual. Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Did a nice ride on horseback. Received Goremykin and worked until 7 1/2. Ride on the train. boat. After lunch we went to Stanya, who is not well.

*3rd August. Wednesday.*

During the walk I went to see Mama. After the lecture, I received it at the Farm. Breakfast: Zizi Naryshkina, Boris (dezh.) and Zayonchkovsky, who returned for a month from the WAR. He spoke well and a lot. We walked together. We dined at Mom's. It was raining heavily. In the evening Nikolasha came to see me with a report.

*4th August. Thursday.*

It rained at night, ending at 7 o'clock. At 9 1/2 we went on an Orlov motor for a brigade maneuver along the Volkonskoe highway. At Kosrov, the convoy of Derfelden's detachment was overtaken. The maneuver was played out quickly and sensibly; the retreat was given at 11 1/4. Mom also came. After driving around and thanking the troops, he got into the car. We returned home at 12 1/4 - almost from near Tsarskoe Selo. We had breakfast alone. We played tennis. The weather was excellent. At 6 o'clock, received Kokovtsov. Before lunch I rode an electric car. cat. I read the whole evening.

*5th August. Friday.*

It was a great sunny day. In the morning there were reports. At one o'clock there was breakfast in the Grand Palace in honor of the Austrian emperor. He returned at about 3 o'clock and took gr. A.P. Ignatieva. We played tennis. At 6 o'clock, went to the arena of the Ulan regiment for the all-night vigil served in front of the entire Preobrazhensky regiment. After the service, they dined there with the officers under a tent, as if in a bivouac. We left at 9 1/4. Was reading.

*6th August. Saturday.*

The weather was wonderful. The establishment of the State Duma was announced today [\[12\]](#). At 12 o'clock, a magnificent parade of the Preobrazhensky regiment and the 1st battery of **Mikhail Pavlovich** took place on the site in front of the palace. Gadon introduced the regiment remarkably well. I appointed my company commander Obolensky and a regiment. hell. Candle aide-de-camp. We returned home at 3 1/4 and showed little Alexei Gadon and some Preobrazhenets.

I read until 8 o'clock. I went with Misha (dezh.) By surprise to Ulansky Manezh, dined with the officers and spent very pleasant hours with the regimental family.

*7th August. Sunday.*

Returned home at 4 o'clock; Gadon accompanied on horseback. Slept until 10 o'clock. I felt great and cheerful. At 11 o'clock, went to mass, had breakfast at the Farm. We played tennis. After tea I accepted Glazov's report. Andrey (dezh.) Dined. I studied the whole evening. It started to rain.

*August 8th. Monday.*

Great day with occasional showers. Alix left for Tsarskoe. S. Dolgoruky (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received Senator Pestovsky. Walked. At 4 o'clock the duck hunt began at Babigon. They took the three main ponds as corrals. Participants: D. Vladimir, D. Alexey, Nikolasha and Petya. A total of 84 ducks were killed; **I am 18**. Returned home at 6. Dined Prince. Orlov. I studied all evening. Until 8 o'clock, received Bulygin.

*August 9th. Tuesday.*

The morning was sunny. At 9 o'clock, left by car to Kipen and from there through Krasnoe to Kavelakhty. He got on a horse, Alix in a chariot, and went to Kirchoff.

I haven't climbed this mountain for a long time and [not] admired the view. Four regiments of the 1st Guards. kav. divisions occupied it.

Mom arrived in half an hour. By 12 o'clock the maneuver ended for today. A downpour passed from the cat. we took refuge in the dining room of the 4th hundred of the L.-G. Cossack regiment. A small snack was also served there. We returned home at 2 o'clock by motor. After breakfast he received Palitsyn, in the evening Rediger and gr. Lamsdorf. After dinner I read it.

*August 10th. Wednesday.*

At 8 1/4 we went to Krasnoe Selo on motors and stopped at the village of Novaya, where the Urals were stationed. We arrived early, the movement of the units had just begun. There was fog at night after the rain. We went to the hill near Lottu, from where we watched the development of the maneuver. We were in the sector of the position occupied by a rifle brigade, in front was Petya with a battalion. At about 12 1/2, I hung up. A field breakfast was served near the village of Novaya; a mass of officers gathered around the meal. On the way back, we stopped at the location of Semenov, the regiment, where I said goodbye to the high-of. and the privates of all the guards. infantry. parts, cat. sent to the Far East with reserve battalions as instructors and teachers. We returned to Peterhof at 3 1/2 hours. At 4 o'clock he received the American Ambassador Meyer with instructions from Roosevelt. At 6 1/4 I had a report from Manukhin. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined at Mom's. It cooled down.

*11th August. Thursday.*

Spent the morning at home for reports. Breakfast: D. Alexey and Chagin (dezh.). The day was cool but clear. We played tennis with success. I read intensively until 8 o'clock. Orlov dined and spent the evening with us.

*August 12th. Friday.*

After the lecture, I received it at the Farm. Aunt Marusya and Rudnev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked alone. The weather was dull, cold and rainy. I did a lot after tea. Dined: Princess Golitsyna, the new maid of honor Tyutcheva and Rudnev. At 10 o'clock. went to Sergievka, where we sat until one o'clock.

*August 13th. Saturday.*

It's a perfect autumn day. In the morning I had three reports. Balashov had breakfast. The two visited a small private infirmary for the wounded behind a military hospital. The weather was desperate. I read a lot. We dined at Mom's.

*August 14th. Sunday.*

Finally the weather improved.

We were at mass and had breakfast at the Farm. Took gr. Rural. For a long time I played tennis with Andrey (dezh.) And officers. After reading the papers, I took a ride in an electric boat. We dined at Mom's. The evening was calm, clear, but very cold.

*August 15th. Monday.*

Wonderful quiet autumn day.

At 10 o'clock. went to mass.

After the reports, I looked in the garden at the new pack kitchens tested in the Convoy; the food was excellent. Breakfast: Boris (dezh.) And English. Brocklehurst.

Received a large Kyrgyz deputation - at the Farm. Then Alix and I went to the "tuzik" in the sea, moved far from the coast to the electric. boat and reached Zarnitsa. There we drank tea with Mama and others.

Against the background of Peterhof, five white mine cruisers, built with donations from the people, stood out. They came in the afternoon with Sandro from the sea. Returned home at 6 1/4. I read until 8. Boris had lunch. In the evening he received Nikolasha.

*August 16th. Tuesday.*



Rarely a pleasant and successful day.

At 10 o'clock. went to the mine cruiser "Ukraine" and accompanied by four others: "Voiskova", "Trukhmenets", "Emir Bukharsky" and "Finn" - went to Bjork. The weather was wonderful. After passing the Great Road, we made full speed 24 knots and flew there at 12.45. We moved to the "**Polar Star**". We had breakfast with the commanders. At 3 1/4 we went back on the yacht and by 6 o'clock. dropped anchor in Kronstadt. At 7 o'clock we were at home. Mom dined with us and Brocklehurst. I read a lot.

*August 17th. Wednesday.*

At night, a telegram from Witte arrived with the announcement that the peace negotiations had come to an end. The whole day went like a dope after that!

We went to Krasnoe Selo for the Jaeger holiday, which went off perfectly. After breakfast we filmed in a group with officers. The weather was fine, but a strong east wind blew, which drove all the water in the bay. I read for a long time. We dined at Mom's. Nikolasha was sitting with me.

*August 18th. Thursday.*

Today I just started to get used to the idea that peace will be concluded and that this is probably a good thing, because it had to be! I received several congratulatory telegrams on this occasion. Had three reports. Breakfast: Bulygin and Chagin (dezh.).

Alix went to Tsarskoe.

Received Lamsdorf. Walked. The weather was cold with a strong wind; the water rose very much. After tea he received Palitsyn.

Dined together at 8 1/4. I studied the whole evening.

*19th August. Friday.*

The day was clear and cold. From 11 1/4 to 1 1/2 took 42 people, including 19 wounded and others who returned from the war. We had breakfast with the kids late. I took it again. I played tennis for an hour and a half. I read until 8 o'clock. We dined with Mom and Aunt Olga.

*20th August. Saturday.*

Nice cool day.

Had the usual three reports.

Fredericks had breakfast. I went with Misha to the station to meet the Shah of Persia. The honor guard of the Ulan regiment was splendid. The Shah arrived at 3 o'clock. I took him to the Palace under the escort of two platoons. There was a guard of honor from the Horse Grenadier - also wonderful. Mom, Alix and the ladies met Shah. After talking with him a little, we returned home. We walked with the children. Received Trepov. We dined at 8 o'clock with Shah and the little princes - his son and two grandchildren. I did it for a long time.

*August 21st. Sunday.*

Wonderful clear day. At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast at the Farm. Received Maksimovich, who was dismissed from Warsaw. At 3 o'clock we went to the train. boat to inspect mine cruisers: "Voiskovoy",

"Trukhmenets", "Emir of Bukhara" and "Finn". The sea was like a mirror, and the sun was hot. We returned home for tea. At 7 o'clock. there was a great dinner for Shah. We spent the evening at Znamenka.

*August 22nd. Monday.*

Today Shah went to Petersburg; Alix in Tsarskoe on Andrey's motor. Had two reports. Breakfast gr. Totleben (dezh.). I visited Uncle Misha, who is at home with a cold, but looks very good. He leaves the chairmanship in the State. Council. He returned at 4 o'clock and took a walk with the children in the meadow. Alix arrived at 5 o'clock. We dined at the Palace with Shah. The evening was excellent, the two of us walked all over Alexandria.

*August 23rd. Tuesday.*

Cool clear day. Had three reports. After breakfast, three princes came to the children, with whom we went to the net. Together they fiddled a lot there and on the swing. I went to the Palace and talked to Shah about business. Then he walked, and he was taken to the parks.

I read until 7 1/2. At 8 o'clock. there was a family dinner, and then a very successful concert - our orchestra with an opera choir. We returned home at 11 o'clock.

*August 24th. Wednesday.*

It got warmer, but it started raining in the afternoon. The whole family had breakfast with Shah at the Palace. I took him to the station and said goodbye to him. We went on Misha's motor to Mikhailovskoye, where we said goodbye to the village of Misha. Walked alone. I read hard until 7 1/2. We dined on Sergievka near Stana and spent a wonderful evening with her. Besides us there were: Militsa, Nikolasha and Peter.

*August 25th. Thursday.*

The day was warm and lovely. Was busy with reports from 10 o'clock. up to 12 1/2. We had breakfast alone with the children. At 2 1/2 in the Palace began going to the prayer service on the occasion of the conclusion of the peace. I must confess that no joyful mood was felt! Returning home, he went on horseback for a short walk.

Nicky and Elena came and sat with us in the garden until tea. Ride in "Gatchinka" to the buoy. The sea was like a mirror. We dined at Xenia's with guests. I read all evening.

*August 26th. Friday.*

Hot summer day; in the shade it was 16 °. After the lecture, I had a small reception. Boris (dezh.) Had breakfast. Made my favorite horseback ride through Nastolovo and Babigon at two o'clock. I read intensively until 8 o'clock. We dined at Mom's. In the evening the sea was fresher — the water had risen four feet and the surf was real.

*August 27th. Saturday.*

At night, the water began to subside, the wind was strong, but the day was wonderful. Until 11 a.m. said goodbye to Ksenia and Sandro - the lucky ones went to the Crimea. We had breakfast and dinner at Mom's. We played tennis well. I read a lot before lunch.

At 10 o'clock. accompanied Mama, Misha and Christopher to the station - they went to Denmark. We stopped by Olga and Petya, but, without waiting for them, returned to their place.

*August 28th. Sunday.*

It was a wonderful warm day. At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast on the farm. Took Frese. We played tennis with success. After tea I read a lot. We dined with Olga and Petit. We sat with them until 11 1/2 hours.

*August 29th. Monday.*

A very gusty wind blew, at times it rained, and the water began to rise strongly. Breakfast: Derfelden and Kira Naryshkin (dezh.). At 2 1/2, 42 wounded lower ranks were accepted at the Farm. We walked along the sea. We were present when the sailors cleaned the bath. By 5 o'clock. the waves began to roll into our area in front of the house. I had to remove the vases and palms in the barrels. The water completely covered the pier and the pier around the pool, but at 6 o'clock. it began to decline. We dined together; did a lot.

Mom arrived safely in Denmark.

*August 30th. Tuesday.*

The wind blew all day and the water was very high. We went to mass on the occasion of the temple feast of our church. We had breakfast on the balcony. The weather was very warm. After Palitsyn's report, they played tennis. In the evening, I received gr. Lamsdorf. We dined together and then drove off for the evening to Comrade Eugenia.

We listened to Krestyanov - he made great strides in singing. We returned home at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*August 31st. Wednesday.*

It was a lovely sunny day.

Had a great reception after breakfast - 18 wounded officers and 39 lower. ranks. Knyazhevich (dezh.) Had breakfast. We played tennis with passion. After tea I read intensely.

We dined and spent a good evening on Znamenka. It was an amazing moonlit night.

*1st September. Thursday.*

After a short walk I was busy until breakfast. At 2 1/2, 32 lower ranks of the crippled were accepted.

We played tennis. The weather was amazing. After tea, I received an old friend W. Stead. I studied all evening.

*2nd September. Friday.*

The day was half gray and good. Alix went to Tsarskoe. Received Poretsky, Gadon, Orlov, Drozd-Bonyachevsky (dezh.) And Svechin, who returned from the 10th mobilization.

Then there were those who presented themselves and were wounded. D. Vladimir had breakfast. Ride in a kayak, the sea was calm. Walked before Alix arrived. Andrey drank tea with us, who brought Alix on his motor.

Dined: Militsa, Stana, Nikolasha and Petyusha and spent the evening with us.

*3rd September. Saturday.*

We wanted to go to the skerries on the "Polar Star" today, but we had to give it up because of the sudden minimum. In the afternoon it started raining and the weather turned bad. Breakfast: Princess Golitsyna, Tyutcheva and Obolensky (dezh.).

I walked and read a lot. We dined together. The night was clear.

*4th September. Sunday.*

We got up on a good clear morning. At 10 1/2 we went to mass and then to the pier. With all the children went to the "Alexandria" in Kronstadt. We boarded the "**Polar Star**" and weighed anchor during breakfast. They went with us: in front of min. cr. "Ukraine", and in the wake of "Voiskova", "Trukhmenets" and "Arrow". We walked 12 knots; they were holding up perfectly. At 4 o'clock we passed Bjorke, and at 5 1/2 we anchored in **Transund**; where they found a practical detachment as part of the armor. "Glory", "[Emperor] Alexander II", "Memory of Azov" and "Adm [Irala] Kornilov".

The children rejoiced in every possible way and fiddled terribly with the officers and sailors. After the descent I read. Dined at 8.

*September 5th. Monday.*

I slept well. The morning was gray with the same wind. At 9 1/2 we went with the children to a small island, where there is a chapel and a sailors' cemetery. We walked for an hour and a half and returned to the yacht in the wonderful sun. Breakfast: Candidate of Sciences Beklemishev and four commanders of large ships. At 2 1/4 we moved to a large island, where there was an impromptu hunt. We were very amused!

Lieutenants: Take a walk and a bar. Osten-Sacken were the organizers of the raid and the beaters of 125 sailors.

In the first corral **I killed a** grouse, in the second Birilev - a fox and a hare, in the last no one fired, because there was confusion. The sun was just hot. We returned to the yacht at 5 1/2 hours.

After sunset, there was a small fireworks display for the children. After dinner I read it.

*September 6th. Tuesday.*

It was a perfect day. In the morning the sun was 22 °. At 9 1/2 I went with Alix to the armor. "Glory". Returning to the yacht, visited min. cruiser "Abrek", cat. spent 5 years in the Mediterranean.

We had breakfast at 12 1/2 o'clock. At 2, we went on the Dozorny to the eastern end of the bay and sequentially took two islands by a round-up, but without result, although there were several black grouses. When traveling on a six, I rowed with Birilev and officers - hunters. Drank tea on the last island. We returned after lowering the flag. I read it in the evening.

*7th September. Wednesday.*

The morning was great, but very windy. At 9 1/2 we went on the "Strela" to the town of Transund. We went to the pier of the Vyborg mine

company and to her camp, got stronger. artil. and crepe. battalion. After examining the battery of mortars, we boarded a steam boat and walked around the island, where they were hunted for the first time. It was very fresh on a large stretch. After breakfast, the sky began to cloud. We drove to the same island to hunt. We took three corrals. Successfully **killed the blackie**. We returned to the yacht at 5 1/2. All-night vigil was served at 7 o'clock. In the evening I read and wrote.

*September 8th. Thursday.*

The morning was gray and quiet. At 10 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast in a large company with the military and naval authorities.

At 2 o'clock a rowing race of boats of different categories began, and then a sailing race, which ended at about 4 o'clock. heavy rain. It got warmer. I read it until lunchtime.

All the officers who took the prizes dined. My old "Pamyat Azov" distinguished himself by this today, having won the largest number of prizes. We spent the evening in the well-known wardroom.

*September 9th. Friday.*

We spent the morning on a yacht. We had breakfast at 12 1/2 with many officers from the squadron. The weather was fine, but gray. All the generals went to Vyborg, and we went to the same Sonion-sari to hunt. We took three corrals - the result: a hare and a grouse.

I shot unsuccessfully at two very distant black grouses. On the first paddock there was a funny misunderstanding when the sailors appeared on the left flank of the rifle line at right angles. Came back at 5 1/2. Lowering the flag with a ceremony.

Before lunch, there was a fireworks display by miners and artillerymen from Menz-sari. Leith in the evening. bar. Osten-Sacken played cello and leith. Volkov accompanied him.

*September 10th. Saturday.*

The weather was fine, calm.

At 9 1/2 I went to the armor. "Im [erator] Alexander II", cat. after the show, he took off and went to Kronstadt. He made water and combat alarms at the "Memory of Azov" and made a fire alarm at the "Adm [Iral] Kornilov". I was pleased with what I saw. Returned to the yacht at about 12 o'clock. After breakfast, Chagin was sent with mine cruisers: "Ukraine" "Voiskovoy" and "Trukhmenets" to Revel - to go there and back as soon as possible.

At 2 o'clock we set off on the "Scout" to hunt to the eastern islands. The paddocks were in beautiful places. Many black grouses flew. Killed a **woodpecker**. At 7 o'clock. there was an all-night vigil. After lunch I studied for a long time. The night was warm.

*September 11th. Sunday.*

At 9 o'clock. sat in a deuce with Alix and Leith. Lyalin and went round the detachment of our ships. Chagin with mine cruisers returned in the morning at 6 1/2. At 10 o'clock. there was mass; had breakfast at 12 o'clock. The day was excellent and quiet. At 2 1/4 we went to an island that looked like a hat with a beautiful forest. We passed it twice in length with our own paddock. Two hares and a seagull were killed. From there I and Leith. Levshin racked up Alix in a pair to Menz-sari, where they walked and by 5 1/2 returned to the yacht. There was fireworks again before lunchtime. In the evening I read, played different games.

*September 12th. Monday.*

It was a great day. At 10 o'clock. Alix, Anastasia, Levshin and I set off in a two-piece round the Menz-sari. We had breakfast at 12 1/2 and then went to Sonion-sari, where they took four corrals. The raid was lively, as they saw a lot of game. **I killed the big fox**, and Birilev the hare, Osten-Saken a grouse. Drank tea on the island. We returned to the yacht at 5 1/2. Was reading. The evening was spent as usual.

*September 13th. Tuesday.*

A wonderful quiet day. In the morning we rode a deuce with a leith. Fabritsky. We drove in and examined the destroyer "Thundering". At 2 o'clock we went on the "Scout" to the exit from the Transund road and drove to the mainland, where we had a great hunt. **I killed 2 black grouse;** in total killed: 3 black grouse, a fox and three hares. It got colder by the time the sun went down. We returned to the yacht at 6 1/2 o'clock. We were at the all-night vigil. After dinner I read it. Played in blow.

*September 14th. Wednesday.*

The day was good, but cool. At 10 o'clock. there was mass. Then a big breakfast with the superiors. Many steamers came from Vyborg with Russian employees and choirs of music. At 2 o'clock we left Transund and crossed to **Bjork**. We anchored between Kaivitsa and Ravitsa with our entire squadron.

I walked around the car and the stoker of the yacht during the course. From 5 o'clock until the flag was lowered, the Gvard choir played. Crew. I studied for a long time after lunch.

*September 15th. Thursday.*

The morning was sunny and therefore warm. The three of us rode with leith. Volkov in two round all the ships. From a distance I saw the evolutions produced by the new submarine.

We had breakfast at 12 o'clock. We went hunting on the "Dozorny" at the bus stop. Pei-sari. We took three corrals; walked a lot. In total killed: 2 foxes, 3 hares, 4 black grouse, 2 owls and a red-footed fawn. I'm a grouse. Returned to the yacht at 6 1/2. I read and finished everything before lunch.

*September 16th. Friday.*

We got up early. At 9 o'clock. the submarine "Salmon" approached; she dived and went around the yacht. At 10 o'clock. went for min. "Thundering" cat. weighed anchor and went to the exit to the sea. Flew to the stop. Rondo and returned to anchorage in an hour and 5 min. We walked at a speed of 26 knots. There was almost no shaking. We had breakfast at 12 o'clock. We went on the "Scout" to the yesterday's hunting place. They took the same pens, divided in half. Returned home at 6 1/4. Witte arrived on the Strela and stayed to dine with us. I read it in the evening. **I killed a hare.**

*September 17th. Saturday.*

We drove ashore and visited the Kaivistu pick; it was recently built, all of stone, instead of the old wooden one. We also examined the sawmill. We had breakfast at 12 o'clock. After that, we said goodbye to Witte and went on the last round-up - to the island. Bjorke. The locations were excellent, but the hunt was fruitless. The weather turned bad and it started to rain. Returned home at 6 1/4.

At 7 o'clock. there was an all-night vigil. After dinner the evening was spent as usual.

*September 18th. Sunday.*

The barometer from yesterday fell heavily, it began to blow heavily and it was drizzling with rain. The circumstances did not bode well. At 10 o'clock. Mass was served and then breakfast was immediately followed. At 12 o'clock. we weighed anchor and went with our detachment into the sea. Min. "Thundering" overtook us and passed several times under the bow of the yacht. At exactly 3 o'clock we anchored in the small roadstead. We drank tea with all the officers in our dining room and at 4 o'clock left the Polar Star with great sadness. On "Alexandria" they came to **Peterhof**. Trees turned yellow and the leaf fell off. It was windy and damp. It was strange to get into the house again. I read intensely until lunchtime. In the evening Petya arrived for tea.

*19th September. Monday.*

We slept soundly and for a long time. It was raining and it was blowing hard. Walked until 11 o'clock. Life again entered the old rut - reports and receptions began again. Nikolasha had breakfast with us. We walked all over Alexandria. The weather began to clear up, the sun appeared before sunset. Aunt Evgenia drank tea with us. Was reading. The princes dined. Golitsyn and Prince. Obolenskaya.

We spent the evening together.

*20th September. Tuesday.*

The day was very busy. Breakfast: Minnie, Nikolay, George and Andrey (dezh.). At 4 o'clock I just got free and went for a walk with Alix. Blew fresh O; the water was low, it started to rain in the evening. Was reading. Andrey was having lunch. Petyusha, Milica and Stana spent the evening with us.

*September 21st. Wednesday.*

It rained until noon. Had a great welcome at the Farm. Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked. At 6 o'clock. received Prince Khilkov. We dined at Stana on Sergievka.

*September 22nd. Thursday.*

A very busy day - all morning until breakfast. Breakfast: Kostya, Mavra's brother, Mengden and Chagin (dezh.). We stopped by to say goodbye to Lomen, he moves to the city. Received Nikolasha and Witte from 3 1/4 to 4 1/4. I did not walk for long, the weather was excellent. From 6 o'clock to 7 1/2 I had Bulygin. Dined: Birilev, gr. Tolstoy, Chagin, bar. Osten-Saken and Pogulyaev, besides them, A.A.Taneeva. The evening was lively, reminiscent of the past merry time on the "Polar Star".

*September 23rd. Friday.*

In the morning I studied and received reports until 12 1/2. I had breakfast with Tottle-ben (dezh.). Alix went to Tsarskoe to her infirmary. At one o'clock in the afternoon I went with Birilev to Ropsha in a troika. The raid took place in the fields behind the church; it was attended by: D. Vladimir, Nikolasha, Niki, Nikolai Mikhailovich], Sergei and the bar. Fredericks. At first the weather was good, then it started to rain. I killed: **2 pheasants, 21 ser. partridge, 5 hare and 5 white hare.** Total killed: 233.

He returned with Birilev at 6 1/4, when it was completely dark. I read until 8 o'clock. We dined together. I wrote the whole evening.

*September 24th. Saturday.*

It was a wonderful day. The usual reports before breakfast and one after. Tomorrow [Akala] Princess Baryatinskaya. We walked and rowed together on a deuce, remembering Transund. The sea was calm. I studied until 8 o'clock. Dined: Nilov, A. A. Taneyeva, Sollogub with his wife, Filosofov and Volkov - both from the "Polar Star". Again in the evening there was a blowing game up to tea. They parted at 11 3/4.

*September 25th. Sunday.*

After yesterday's wonderful day, today the weather has changed dramatically, it became cold, blew out and it started raining. We were at mass with the children and had breakfast in a small company on the farm in the reception room. Took the wing adjut. gr. Lamzdorf and cap. Nielsen [a] of the Danish fleet. Walked. Received Trepov's report. We dined together. I studied all evening.

*September 26th. Monday.*

The weather continued to be bad. Breakfast: Birilev and Solovoy (dezh.). He accepted five retired Don Cossacks - the eldest was 90 years old, and the youngest was 75 years old!

Walked. I studied until 8 o'clock. Dined: A. A. Taneyeva, Heidel, Chagin, lieutenants: Fabritsky, Levshin and Lyalin from the "Polyarnaya Zvezda". Before tea there was again an intensified blowing game.

*September 27th. Tuesday.*

The morning was very busy [o] until 1/4 o'clock. Breakfast: Boris (dezh.), Chakrabon and the new son of the King of Siamese. The Grand Palace received together the newly appointed Spanish ambassador Ayerba. After that, 40 people were introduced to the farm. injured who have lost legs or arms. Didn't walk long. T. Vera Konstantinovna came to us for tea. Boris was having lunch. We walked together on a cold moonlit evening. Then he studied for a long time.

*September 28th. Wednesday.*

Stood a great sunny day at 8 ° in the shade. After the report was received by 21 people. Breakfast: Sonya with her husband and Dabich (dezh.). Again he received at the Farm - this time 22 wounded officers until 4 o'clock. Walked. I did. I dined with Comrades Eugenia and Alec. I played with him and beat him at billiards. Returned at 12 1/4.

*September 29th. Thursday.*

The weather was even better today; unfortunately, I barely managed to use it for a walk - I was so busy. Nicky and Elena had breakfast.

Took gr. Pratasov and then at the Farm 40 more wounded niz. rank. Ride about an hour in a kayak around the buoy. Dined: Princess Obolenskaya, Rudnev (dezh.), Vsevolozhsky, Minkov, Lang, Grachev and Lepko. The evening was spent as usual, first we talked, then played blowing.

*September 30th. Friday.*

Until 9 o'clock. went hunting for the village of Nizino. From where, between the corrals, they moved closer and closer to the railway - all the time on foot. There was a lot of movement; life-giving air. We had breakfast in a tent near the village of Olino. Finished the roundup at Petersburg. highway near Mikhailovka. Total killed: 421. **I have 43: 5 pheasants, 2 partridges, an owl, 5 hares and 29 white hares**, besides, a goat in half with Sergei. Returning home at 6 o'clock, he received Prince. Khilkov, who also participated in the hunt. I read a lot. Stana dined with us.

*1st October. Saturday.*

The day was gray, it was raining. Walked a little in the morning. A.N. Naryshkina had breakfast. I read a lot. By 5 o'clock. the weather has improved. Dined: book. Baryatinskaya, Mamonov, Ogilvi, com. "Ruff" \*, two mechanics from the "Polar [Star]" and a doctor.

\* The text has a question mark at this point.

*2nd October. Sunday.*

It was a cold, gray day.



We went to mass with the children at 10 1/2. By 12 o'clock. uncle Vladimir brought from the city of Friedrich Leopold, who returned from the Far East. They had breakfast with us. Had a conversation with D. Vladimir about the consequences of the wedding of Cyril and Ducky.

Went out late for a walk. I did a lot. Dined: Petyusha and Stana. Spent the evening with us.

*3rd October. Monday.*

The day was sunny. In the morning there was one report, otherwise he accepted everything. We had breakfast with the children.

Walked. I did a lot. After dinner Birilev arrived; he spent the evening with us.

*4th October. Tuesday.*

I've been busy all morning. At 12 o'clock. went to the Ulansky Manege for the Convoy parade. The Cossacks introduced themselves perfectly. We had breakfast with the officers at the Farm. Accepted the report of gr. Lamsdorf. At 4 o'clock we went to see Elena. We drank tea at her place and examined the rooms. Received Palitsyn. I read it until lunchtime. Then Benckendorff sat with us. We went to bed early.

*October 5th. Wednesday.*

Name days of our "little treasure". The day has been busy. After the report, a lot of congratulators climbed. Because of this, they were late for mass. For breakfast at the Farm came: Friedrich-Leopold, Stana, T. Eugenia, Alec, Elena and others.

Took from 3 hours. up to 4 1/4 of those who appear and are injured. I took a walk. It was cold and quiet. We dined and spent the evening alone.

*6th October. Thursday.*

Nice quiet day. In the morning I had time with all the cases and reports by one o'clock. Breakfast (dezh.) Drenteln. They received Prince Maximilian of Saxony, a Catholic priest and professor of theology.

I walked for a long time. After tea I studied. Stana dined and spent the evening with us.

*7th October. Friday.*

At 8 1/2 in the morning I went with Drenteln to hunt for Nastolovo. The day was cold; it began to snow, which remained lying. Nevertheless, the raid turned out to be fun and successful. A total of 326 were killed, including 81 feathers \*. **By me: 1 pheasant, 1 capercaillie, 12 black grouse, 2 woodcocks, 3 ser. partridges, 4 hares and 12 white hares** - in total - 35 pieces. Came home at 5 1/4. Accepted Prince. Khilkov.

We dined with Alec and Comrade Eugenia. Played with a yacht club marker on billiards. Beat him once out of 4 games.

\* This refers to the birds.

*October 8th. Saturday.*

The day was quiet, good, the snow was almost completely melted. Accepted reports all morning. Rudnev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received many foreign soldiers. agents returning from the war. Walked and kayak until 5 o'clock. I read. Dinner: Stana, Orlov and Chagin.

*9th October, Sunday.*

It froze a little at night. The day was foggy and quiet. We went to mass and had breakfast at the Farm. We accepted Witte together [\[13\]](#) . Walked. Alix went to Sergievka, where there was a meeting of children. After tea I read.

Dined: Sonya Orbeliani, Sollogub with his wife, Dabich (dezh.), Pr. Orlov and Chagin. Then they played out of habit by blowing. We drank tea and chatted until 12 1/2.

*October 10th. Monday.*

We got up late. The morning was busy. Breakfast: Friedrich-Leopold and Chagin (dezh.). We said goodbye to the first one, tomorrow he leaves. Received a deputation of 10 people at the Farm. from the Moscow voluntary guard. Touching people certainly wanted to see Alix and the little one - and they achieved their goal. Walked. We dined at Sergievka. I played billiards with Sergei. We drank tea at home.

*October 11th. Tuesday.*

Quiet warm day. After the reports he received Fredericks, who had breakfast with us; he goes on vacation abroad. Then Harding, eng. ambassador. Ride with Alix in a "tuzik". We visited the boat "Ruff", cat. for the fifth month it has been sticking out against our windows. The sea was like a mirror. After tea he received Bulygin. In the evening, Alix drove to Sonya Orb [Eliani] and returned home. I read all evening.

*October 12th. Wednesday.*

The strikes on the railways, which began around Moscow, reached St. Petersburg, and today the Baltic region went on strike. Manukhin and those who presented themselves barely made it to Peterhof. To communicate with St. Petersburg, "Dozorny" and "Scout" began to go twice a day. Nice times !!

Due to the late reception we sat down to breakfast at 2 o'clock. We walked together. The weather was bad - rain and wind. I read a lot. Received Goremykin. Stana dined with us.

*October 13th. Thursday.*

The weather has improved, it has calmed down again. In the morning he received Chikhachov and Budberg, after breakfast Bakhmetev - all arrived by sea. We walked together. Stana spent the evening with us.

*October 14th. Friday.*

A very busy day. Received Witte before and after breakfast, discussing the program of future events. This lasted until 5 o'clock. I went out into the garden for a while. Was reading. After dinner I sat with Engalychev and Prince. Orlov. Stana spent the evening.

*October 15th. Saturday.*

Also a very busy day. Nikolasha arrived in the morning. I had a long meeting with him, Witte, Richter and Fredericks on the same question of reforms [\[14\]](#) . It lasted until 4 hours. We walked together. The day was warm. Petya dined with us. In the evening I had: Goremykin and Budberg.

*October 16th. Sunday.*

The day was gray and quiet. After breakfast I sat for a long time with Goremykin, Frederiks and Budberg over editing the manifesto. Walked with Alix. I read all evening. Stana dined with us.

*October 17th. Monday.*

Anniversary of the crash!

At 10 o'clock. went to the barracks of the Consolidated Guards Battalion. On the occasion of his holiday, Father John served a prayer service in the dining room. Nikolasha and Stan had breakfast.

We sat and talked, waiting for Witte's arrival. Signed the manifesto [15](#) at 5 o'clock. After such a day, my head became heavy and my thoughts became confused. Lord, help us, save and die Russia!

*October 18th. Tuesday.*

Today the state of mind has improved, since the decision has already taken place and is experienced. The morning was sunny and joyful - a good omen. Took all the time before breakfast. We walked together. I read all evening. I received many telegrams.

Stana dined with us.

*19th October. Wednesday.*

Everyone is in some kind of daze! I accepted two reports. We had breakfast: Militsa, Nikolasha, who came by boat from the city, and Stan. We walked together. He studied and wrote a lot.

*20th October. Thursday.*

11th anniversary of the woeful death of our beloved Pope. At 10 o'clock. went to the memorial service. I've been busy all morning. The naval agent Hinze arrived with two Germans. destroyers from Memel with the post of the embassy. Izvolsky, the cat, had breakfast. yesterday brought me a letter from Mama from Denmark.

We took a walk. It was foggy, very warm and quiet. I did. Received Fredericks and Nikolasha. Dined: he, Milica and Stana.

*October 21st. Friday.*

The morning was a little freer, I managed to take a walk. The weather was fine, gray and quiet. Received both commanders of the German destroyers. Breakfast: Militsa, Stana, Nikolasha and Petya (dezh.). We walked together. In the evening I was working on correcting the manifesto for Finland, the cat. I signed only at one o'clock in the morning. Petya and Stana had dinner and spent the evening with Alix.

*October 22nd. Saturday.*

In the morning he studied and took until one o'clock. Tottleben (dezh.) Had breakfast. Then there was Lukyanov's report. Walked for a long time and parted with Alix, as she left later. I studied the whole evening. Stana dined with us.

*October 23rd. Sunday.*

Quiet gray day, slightly freezing. The second pair of German destroyers arrived; both commanders introduced themselves after breakfast. Received Nikolasha and Witte. I walked twice. I studied in the evening. Stana dined and spent the evening.

*October 24th. Monday.*

Didn't come out in the morning. Accepted reports: adm. Dikov, Ikskul and Schwanesbach; then - two Shipovykh and Nemshaev.

Dabich (dezh.) Had breakfast. There was also Trepov, the former Taurus lips. We walked together. The weather is nice and quiet. I read until 8 o'clock. Dinner: Stana, Orlov, Dabich, Chagin.

*October 25th. Tuesday.*

At night, the frost reached 3 °. It was less cold during the day. In the morning we went to the stables, on the lawn in front of which there was a wireless telegraph for negotiations [these days] with Petersburg. Having thanked the officers and crews, they returned home by 11 o'clock. Had three reports. Breakfast: Petyusha, Militsa and Stana.

We walked together. I read it before and after lunch. Stana spent the evening.

*October 26th. Wednesday.*

It became warm again. Nikolasha came on business. He and Rudnev (dezh.) Had breakfast. We walked for a long time together. He studied and wrote a lot. Stana and Petya, who had arrived from Tsarskoye, had dinner.

Very reassuring information from Finland.

*October 27th. Thursday.*

Several changes happened today: v. Vladimir has left, Nikolasha has been appointed in his place; Trepov left the post of St. Petersburg general-lips. and was appointed as the palace commandant. Izvolsky had breakfast, and tomorrow he will return to Denmark by sea.

Received Witte and then Trepov. I did not walk long in the dark. I read the whole evening. Stana was having lunch.

In Kronstadt, from yesterday, riots and devastation began. It was difficult to get the news, as the telephone was not working. Well, these are the times !!

*October 28th. Friday.*

It was a quiet good day, the sun came out in the evening and began to freeze. There were no reports, I received different people. Cha-gin (dezh.) Had breakfast.

We walked together. We spent the evening alone.

Birilev returned from the Black Sea and immediately went to Kronstadt. There, everything calmed down after serious disturbances among the naval teams and the crepe. artillery on drunken soil.

*October 29th. Saturday.*

The weather was gray and cold. I managed to take a walk in the morning. The usual three reports. Aunt Vera was having breakfast, she said goodbye to us before leaving for Würtemberg.

After Linder's report, we went for a walk. I studied in the evening.

Stana dined with us.

*October 30th. Sunday.*

It froze all day, fresh NO was blowing. We were at mass and had breakfast at the Farm. Took gr. I. I. Tolstoy - a new min. People. Proev., Fredericks and Trepov. We walked together. I read a lot. Elena drank tea with us. Petya was having dinner. We went to bed early.

*October 31st. Monday.*

The frost continued, the wind drove away all the water. Birilev was with a report and had breakfast with us.

The farm received 67 wounded crippled soldiers. After that, I did not walk for long. I studied until 8 o'clock.

Dined: Nikolasha, Petyusha, Militsa and Stana. They stayed until 11 o'clock.

*1st November. Tuesday.*

Cold windy day. From the coast it froze to the end of our channel and in an even strip in both directions. Was very busy all morning.

Breakfast: book. Orlov and Resin (dezh.). I took a walk. At 4 o'clock we went to Sergievka. We drank tea with Militsa and Stanok. We got acquainted with the man of God - Gregory \* from the Tobolsk lips.

In the evening I went to bed, studied a lot and spent the evening with Alix.

\* The first mention of Grigory Efimovich Rasputin.

*2nd November. Wednesday.*

A cold gray day with a sharp east wind. In the morning I went to bed, received and read. We had breakfast alone. Misha arrived directly from Aytodor. At 2 1/2 we said goodbye to the lancers, horse-grenadiers, dragoons and sailors, got on the train and drove through Krasnoe and Gatchina to **Tsarskoe Selo**, where they arrived at 5.20. In addition to the bosses, we were met by a deputation from the town of Shcharsky] S [ate] with bread and salt. It was nice to get into the old and cozy rooms. Olga and Petya were drinking tea. Misha was having lunch. He laid out things and papers. I did it as always.

*3rd November. Thursday.*

We slept for a long time. Today Olga is ten years old. Took it from 10 1/2 to 1 o'clock. Misha had breakfast. 3 to 6 hours. I had a meeting of the Council of Ministers. Discussed: a manifesto on the addition of redemption payments and strengthening the activities of the cross. the bank for the purchase of land and the question of strikes. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with Alix. Then he received Witte and Trepov. Dined: Misha and Olga. I played billiards with him.

*4th November. Friday.*

In the morning he received Nilov. At 12 o'clock. The synod brought up the icon. Then he received Met. Anthony and Prince. A. D. Obolensky.

Finally managed to walk for the first time after moving. For tea, Olga, Stana and Petya arrived. Received Trepov. Misha went to Sergiyevka on his own motor and brought the children of the Stana. She left with them at 12 o'clock. to the city on our branch, as a result of strikes on other railways. etc.

*5th November. Saturday.*

It was a clear frosty day. Was busy from morning till breakfast. At 3 o'clock we went to the village of Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen. We saw their children Nika and Elena. Returning home, I went for a walk. Trepov sat with me until 8 o'clock. Dined: Misha, Olga and Petya. I did.

*6th November. Sunday.*

The thaw has begun. There was sun in the morning. At 11 1/2 I went with Misha to a large arena for the church parade of the Life Hussars. Solovoy introduced the regiment for the first time. The parade was brilliant. Appointed him to the retinue with production in g [en] .- m., And the adjutant wing: Skalona, Prince. Meshchersky and Sashka Vorontsov. We had breakfast in the Round Hall. The conversations ended before 3 o'clock. I took a walk. Milica drank tea with us and dined. I had a long report from Nikolasha. He dined with the hussars and then stopped by for Militsa.

*7th November. Monday.*

The frost began. I spent the morning at the receptions newly appointed yesterday and for three reports. Petya (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked. After tea I read a lot. Dined: Misha, Olga and Petya. Played with him \* at billiards.

\* An arrow is placed from the word "with him" to the name "Misha".

*November 8th. Tuesday.*

It began to melt again. Had four reports. We had breakfast alone. At 3 o'clock we went to the barracks of the shooters. f. to Olga and Petya. We examined their beautiful apartment. I took a walk. Aunt Olga drank tea with us. Misha (dezh.) Was having lunch.

*November 9th. Wednesday.*

Complete thaw. From 11 1/2 to 1 1/2, a meeting of the Council of Ministers was held in the new cabinet. Breakfast: Misha and Knyazhevich (dezh.). I took a walk. I read a lot. We dined with Olga and Petit with the officers of the battalion. Young Hartmann delighted our ears with a magnificent piano playing. We returned at 12 o'clock.

*November 10th. Thursday..*

The thaw continues, all the snow has melted. Walked only during the day. He wrote all day: first to Mom, then to Wilhelm until nightfall. Misha was having lunch.

*November 11th. Friday.*

In the morning I took a walk for a quarter of an hour. Had three reports and a reception. Breakfast: Misha and Drenteln (dezh.). Took Gerard, cat. just appointed Governor-General of Finland. Walked with Alix. I read until 8 o'clock. Stana dined; she spent the evening with Alix.

*November 12th. Saturday.*

In Sevastopol, riots broke out in the naval barracks and even in some parts of the garrison. Received Rediger and Birilyov together on this occasion.

Fredericks had breakfast. Accepted his report and also Filosofova (State. Counter.). I took a walk. I read it after tea. We went to Pavlovsk in Misha's car. We dined with Comrade Olga, Kostya, Mavra, Mitya and the children. Olga and Petya were also there. We returned home at 11 o'clock.

*November 13th. Sunday.*

We got up late. We went to mass in the camp church. Breakfast: Misha, Olga, Petya and Dabich (dezh.). Petyusha and Militsa arrived from the city for two hours. Received arch. Feofan - inspector of St. Petersburg. perfume, academy. Walked in the dark. I read a lot. Lunch: Misha and Dabich. I was still studying in the evening.

*November 14th. Monday.*

Birthday dear Mom and our 11th wedding anniversary! We were at Mass in the Grand Palace and had breakfast in the Alexander

in the Round Hall as on Sundays. Received three governors.

Walked, was. shaped slush. I accepted Birilyov's report. Dined: Misha, Olga and Petya. We spent the evening with them.

*November 15th. Tuesday.*

The morning was sunny, took a walk. Had three reports before an hour and one after. Goltgoer (dezh.) Had breakfast. We dined with Olga and Petit with Misha, Sonya Den, Prince. Orbeliani, Chagin, Den and Serezha Sheremetev. In the evening, Hartmann played again.

*November 16th. Wednesday.*

Strong wind, thaw and sun. After the report, there was a fairly large reception and wounded officers as well. Breakfast: Misha and Svechin (dezh.). We walked together. I read a lot. Received Fredericks with a report. We dined alone. I also studied.

*November 17th. Thursday.*

It was beginning to freeze, it was clear. Breakfast: Misha, Olga, Petya and Rudnev (dezh.). We walked together. Stana was having lunch. I studied in the evening.

*November 18th. Friday.*

A very busy day. In the morning, reports and reception. Obolensky 2nd (dezh.) Had breakfast. From 3 hours. until 7 am I had a meeting of the Council of Ministers. We talked and argued a lot. Before dinner I went out for a walk. I read in the evening for the whole day.

*19th November. Saturday.*

All reports ended on time today. Breakfast book. Meshchersky, on duty for the first time. Made a nice walk; began to melt again. We dined and spent the evening together. A little headache, probably from yesterday's fatigue.

*20th November. Sunday.*

We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. At 2 o'clock a deputation from the yacht "Alexandria" appeared with an icon for little Alexei in memory of his first trip on the yacht.

We walked together. I read until 8 o'clock.

Afternoon L.-Gv. The Semenovskiy regiment entered Tsarskoe. All the officers dined with us. We talked until 10 1/2 hours. It was nice to see them.

*November 21st. Monday.*

Warm gray day. At 11 o'clock. went to the Grand Palace, in front of which there was a brilliant parade to the Semenovskiy and the 1st Cavalry Battery. Both introduced themselves superbly.

We had breakfast in a large gallery. Panteleev was appointed adjutant general, Colonel Min [a] - adjutant wing. Thank God, everything went well and everyone was in high spirits. Returned home at 2 1/2. Went out for a walk an hour later. I read until 8 o'clock.

We dined and spent the evening together.

*November 22nd. Tuesday.*

It was foggy all day. Had three reports. Breakfast: Olga, Petya and Sashka Vorontsov (dezh.). Walked. At 6 o'clock. took Durnovo - Moskov. gen.-lips.

V. V. Sakharov, a cat. was sent there to pacify peasant riots.

Misha was having lunch. We rode together.

*November 23rd. Wednesday.*

Nice bright day, it started to freeze. There was a great welcome. Misha had breakfast. At 2 1/2 went to the Grand Palace, in front of the cat. teams of teachers of the 1st arm were lined up. corps arriving from Manchuria. They introduced themselves as fine fellows. 64 officers and 800 lower ranks arrived. There were 45 cavaliers of St. George, I awarded 55 wounded who were in the ranks with crosses. Returning home, he received Nikolasha. Dined with Olga and Petit with cuirassier officers, celebrating yesterday's birthday Misha.

*November 24th. Thursday.*

Tiring day. I managed to run out into the garden for 1/4 hour. Had three reports. After breakfast he received a deputation from the Tula lips. zem [sky]

meeting [ania] with Bobrinsky at the head. Then - Witte. Let's go to Alix's infirmary. We examined the workshop. I spoke with every officer and lower rank. Gave to those who did not have - the insignia of the Military Order. We returned at 6 o'clock. home. Received Strukov from the Tambov province. and a bar. Meller-Zakomelsky, who successfully suppressed the riot in Sevastopol.

Dined: Misha, Olga, Vladimir, Petya and their own. Others played cards, talked with Trepov.

*November 25th. Friday.*



I accepted three reports and introduced myself after breakfast. Tzvetsinsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. We walked together, it was warm and dark. Studied until 8 o'clock. Dined: Nikolasha, Petyusha, Militsa and Stana. They stayed overnight at our house.

Lobko, my old Voen professor, died in the city tonight. Administration.

*November 26th. Saturday.*

For the first time, the St. George's holiday took place in the local palace. Went there until 11 o'clock. and walked around the banners and standards below, and above the part of the Georgievsky cavaliers, retired and reserve volunteers. Banners were brought to the church for the prayer service. After taking them to the hall near the church, all the people participating in the parade were gathered, there I drank [to their] health. Then we went to Maria Fyodorovna's rooms, where we had a snack. We had breakfast in the gallery. We talked for a long time. He received Dubasov and Gryaznov at home. We drank tea with Militsa and Stana. Had a report from Fredericks. I took a walk. Dined: Misha, Olga, Petya and Chagin (dezh.).

*November 27th. Sunday.*

We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. Received Nilov. Did a great walk in the pouring rain. All the snow has melted, and even the ice in the ponds is disappearing. Was reading.

Dined: book. Orbeliani and Skalon (dej.). We spent the evening together.

*November 28th. Monday.*

Sunny frosty day. I had only one long report by Birilev. Walked until one o'clock. Princess Yusupova had breakfast. Received a deputation from the Kholm diocese.

Uncle Vladimir was drinking tea. I read and wrote. After dinner he received Fredericks and Trepov.

*November 29th. Tuesday.*

It was warmer. Breakfast: Misha and Goltgoer (dezh.). Together with Alix, he received 14 wounded officers.

Walked well. After tea I took the gene. Sologub, appointed interim Baltic Governor-General. We dined together. We rode around Babolov.

*November 30th. Wednesday.*

The day has been busy. After taking before breakfast, 50 wounded lower ranks were received. Walked in the dark. There was a snow storm and many trees fell. I read until 8 o'clock. All the officers of the L.-Guards dined. Moscow regiment, which came today from the city. We talked to them up to 10 1/4.

In the evening he received Nikolasha.

*1st December. Thursday.*

At 10 1/2 I went to the exercirhouse, where I inspected the Moscow regiment, which presented itself brilliantly. They filmed as a group with officers at the entrance. Returning home at 11 1/2, he received Dubasov and several deputations from Moscow and Budberg. After breakfast he received Witte and Pratasov. I walked a little.

Dined: Petyusha, Militsa and Stana. I read for a long time in the evening.

2nd December. Friday: A lot of snow fell and the thaw came again. Received Al-Wensleben in a farewell audience. Breakfast: Misha and Knya-zhevich. I managed to take a good walk. After tea he received Durnovo [Minister] Int. Deliverables with the report.

The Preobrazhensky regiment came today. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. with the officers. Then Nikolasha sat with me.

*3rd December. Saturday.*

At 10 1/2 I went with Misha to the Grand Palace; on the site there was a brilliant review of the Preobrazhentsi. Alix took with her little Alexei, who had attended the parade for the first time. Enlisted Nikolasha in the regiment's lists. The weather was mild and it was snowing. I took it for a long time - up to 4 hours. Tyutcheva had breakfast. Misha dined. We rode together.

*4th December. Sunday.*

We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. Received Rediger, Gerard and Erstrem with reports. I walked for about an hour. It was cold and windy. He took Tatishchev before tea, who was appointed to serve under Wilhelm.

After tea, the gene came to me. Kharkevich, former chief of staff of the Manchurian army. Dined: Misha, Olga and Petya. I studied all evening.

*December 5th. Monday.*

At 11 o'clock. in the Grand Palace was a meeting of the conference on the issue of elections. The break was for breakfast. Then they sat until 7 o'clock. He returned exhausted and wet.

At 8 o'clock. we had a lunch for the officers: the Guards Crew, the Rifle Regiment and the 4th Bldg. Them. F [amilia]. The first two parts arrived in marching order. We talked with them for a long time. Nikolasha, Petyusha, Militsa and Stana sat with us and drank tea.

*December 6th. Tuesday.*

The day was bright, sunny and frosty. In the marching church we were at Mass. Ella, Marie and Dmitry arrived from Moscow. At 11 o'clock. I went with Alix to the old Hussar Manege, where there was a short parade of small parts. Then I went to the exercirhouse, where the rest of the parts were collected. All introduced themselves brilliantly. There was a large breakfast in the Palace only for the military. We returned at 3 o'clock. I took a good walk. I received a lot of telegrams. At 7 o'clock. went to dinner at the Grand Palace - to the State Council and ministers. Back at 9 1/2, I got busy with papers.

*December 7th. Wednesday.*

At 11 o'clock. I went with Misha to the palace for the second meeting, which lasted from 11:00 to 1:00 and from 2 1/2 to 7:00. Still, they didn't finish business. Breakfast: Ella, Misha, Marie, Dmitry and Dabich. In the evening I was very busy and read a lot. I answered the last telegrams.

*December 8th. Thursday.*

The morning was freer. Accepted by admin. Rozhestvensky, who recently returned from captivity. He looked better than I thought. We had breakfast as a family. After the lecture Durnovo went for a walk. I read until 8 o'clock.

The cavalry guards came today. All the officers dined with us. We talked until 10 o'clock.

*December 9th. Friday.*

The weather was warm and gray. At 10 1/2 I went with Misha on horseback to the palace, on the platform a cat. the cavalry regiment was lined up in horse ranks. He missed the regiment three times with different gaits. The cavalier guards introduced themselves remarkably well. He appointed Yusupov to his retinue, and the [abs] -r [otmister] Skoropadsky was an aide-de-camp. 11 1/2 to one o'clock regular reports. After breakfast I went to the palace for the third session, which lasted until 7 1/2 hours. At least we have finished considering the issue of elections. At 8 o'clock. there was a dinner for Alwens-Leben and his wife on the occasion of their departure. All evening I read until one o'clock.

*December 10th. Saturday.*

In the morning, the reports ended on time. Walked well during the day. Dined: Ella, Marie and Dmitry. In the evening he received Trepov and did a lot of work.

*December 11th. Sunday.*

We got up late. Received Meindorf, Yusupov and Skoropadsky before mass. We had breakfast with everyone. I walked for a long time. L.-Gv. joined today. Finnish regiment. At 8 o'clock. all the officers dined. Received Nikolasha and Trepov.

Yesterday in Moscow there was a real massacre between the troops and the revolutionaries. The losses of the latter are large, but could not be precisely determined.

*December 12th. Monday.*

At 10 1/2 there was a church parade in the exersirhaus: the 1st company of the Corps of Pages, the Finnish regiment and the platoon of the Volyn regiment. Alexey was also present and behaved very well. When the clergy sprinkled the troops, I picked him up and carried him along the front! The first time that the Finnish people and their boss saw each other.

We had breakfast at the Grand Palace. We filmed with the officers in a group at the entrance. We returned home at 2 o'clock. Accepted reports - Birilev and Kutler. Walked. I studied until 8 o'clock. Ella dined.

*December 13th. Tuesday.*

It snowed all night and all day. Walked in the morning. Had three reports. After breakfast, I received 41 wounded nizhni from Alix. rank. from the infirmary Mom. At 6 o'clock. received Taneyev. Was reading.

In Moscow, after major clashes, minor skirmishes and surprise attacks on troops began. The losses are still unclear.

*December 14th. Wednesday.*

A lot of snow fell that night. The morning was busy from 10 o'clock. Took quite a lot of introductions. We had breakfast in the family and Goltgoer (dezh.). I sent him to the city to convey greetings to the Semenovskiy regiment, the cat. leaves for Moscow today. Walked. After dinner, Witte had a long report with me.

*December 15th. Thursday.*

The frost was kept even - 9 °. In the morning he received Senator Akimov and offered him the post of Minister of Justice. After breakfast I saw Kokovtsev, the cat. leaves abroad on a secret mission [\[16\]](#). Walked. At 6 o'clock. accepted Durnovo's report. I read it in the evening. ...

*December 16th. Friday.*

Sunny frosty day. Took from 10 1/2 to 1 1/2. Breakfast: Misha and Drozd-Bonyachevsky (dezh.). Received 45 wounded lower ranks. Walked. I worked hard until 8 o'clock.

Dined: Ella, Misha, Olga and Petya. They sorted out gifts for the officers for the Christmas tree with them, which lasted almost two hours.

*December 17th. Saturday.*

The frost continued. Took from 10 1/2 to an hour. After breakfast I had three metropolitans.

Walked. Studied and read until 8 o'clock. In the evening we finished sorting out Christmas gifts.

*December 18th. Sunday.*

14 ° frost. In the morning I visited Nikolasha. After mass we had breakfast with everyone. Walked for over an hour. At 6 o'clock. took the general adjut. Meindorf on the occasion of his trip to Moscow to convey my gratitude to the troops and to investigate the causes of the disturbances in some of the grenadier regiments. After lunch I studied.

*19th December. Monday.*

The frost has decreased slightly. After his report, Birilev had breakfast with us. I walked for a long time. At 6 o'clock. received Trepov with a long report. I read all evening.

In Moscow, thank God, the rebellion was suppressed by force of arms. The main part in this was taken by Semenovskiy and the 16th Infantry. Ladoga regiments.

*December 20th. Tuesday.*

Walked in the morning. The weather turned mild. After breakfast, 22 wounded officers were received together. At 6 1/2 took over the bar. Ikshul and then Trepov. Dined: Nikolasha, Peter, Militsa and Stana.

I read all evening.

*December 21st. Wednesday.*

In the morning General Jacobi, appointed to be with me, introduced himself. Akimov, the newly appointed Min, was with the first report. Justice. Svechin (dezh.) Had breakfast. I walked for a long time. The weather was mild. After tea he received A. Obolensky. Olga and Petya dined. Was reading.

*December 22nd. Thursday.*

Wonderful sunny day at 4 ° frost. I managed to walk before breakfast. The departing and arriving people of the Consolidated Guard Battalion were introduced. At 3 o'clock I went on horseback around Babolov and enjoyed the walk. The Horse Guards entered.

At 8 o'clock. had lunch with all the officers. We talked until 10 o'clock. Accepted Nikolasha's report.

*December 23rd. Friday.*

The morning was sunny at 9 ° C. At 10 1/2, an excellent review of L.TV took place on the site of the Grand Palace. Equestrian regiment. He appointed Fredericks the chief of the 4th squadron, Bagration-Mukhransky in the retinue and the young gr. Niroda is the aide-de-camp. After the report he received a large deputation with Dubrovin at the head. At 2 1/2, the new German ambassador, Schön, an old acquaintance from Coburg, was introduced. I walked for a very short time. After tea he took Durnovo. I read all evening.

*December 24th. Saturday.*

We got up unacceptably late, it must have been from the day's work. At 11 1/2 we went together to Vespers with Mass. After breakfast he received Obolensky and Fredericks with reports. At 4 o'clock there was a tree for the children upstairs. Olga lies, the little one got up. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil in the camp church. At our Christmas tree were: Ella, D. Vladimir, Misha, Olga, Petya, Dmitry and Mari. Except for v. Vlad [imir], everyone dined with us. I worked hard for the whole evening.

*December 25th. Nativity.*

At 11 o'clock. went to mass and prayer. We had breakfast with everyone. At 2 o'clock there was a tree for the Convoy and the Consolidated Battalion. Made a nice walk.

All the children are sitting in the rooms, infecting each other with runny noses. I did. Received Trepov, and after dinner, Prince. Orlova.

*December 26th. Monday.*

The festive morning was held in lectures. Breakfast gr. Lamsdorf returning to Germany for the appointment of Jacobi. At 2 1/2 we went to the second tree in the arena. Walked. Dined: Olga and Petya. I received Trepov and studied the whole evening.

*December 27th. Tuesday.*

At 10 1/2, a church parade began to the shooters of the Imp. Surnames on the occasion of the **50th anniversary of the existence of the battalion**. After the parade, which was excellently commanded by Petya, we drove into the dining room of the lower ranks, where they drank toasts. At 12 o'clock. the officers, their wives and those who served before had breakfast with us. Appointed aide-de-camp to Mandryk. Received reports until 4 o'clock. Walked. Ella went to Moscow. At 8 o'clock. went to the meeting of the 4th battalion for dinner; imperceptibly it was time before dinner, after the cat. I stayed for a long time. He returned the battalion to its previous basic uniform - without collars and with crimson shirts. The delight was great. Enlisted Dimka Golitsyn in the battalion's lists.

*December 28th. Wednesday.*

Came home at 6 1/4. I slept until 10 o'clock. Had a report and a small reception. The Metropolitan and his brethren came to glorify. After breakfast, Harding was received, leaving for England. At 3 1/2 o'clock I went with Alix, Marie and Dmitry to the infirmary to the Christmas tree as a wounded man. I read all evening. Put away Christmas presents from room to room.

*December 29th. Thursday.*

In the morning there were only two reports.

After breakfast I rode well. The weather was mild and calm. I read a lot. Dined: Stana and Chagin (dezh.).

*December 30th. Friday.*

There were three talks, which ended by one o'clock. Breakfast: Marie and Dmitry. Took the gene. Stackelberg, who returned from Moscow. Didn't take a walk for long. At 4 o'clock we went to the military hospital for the Christmas tree for the sick. We returned for tea. At 8 o'clock. the officers of the Life Cossacks dined. The regiment came from the city today.

*December 31st. Saturday.*

At 10 1/2 he went on horseback to the Grand Palace. Reviewed L.-Gv. Cossack regiment, which presented itself brilliantly.

Had three talks before breakfast and one after. Received a deputation from the Russian Assembly. I walked very little. At 4 1/2 there was a tree for the officers. Lunch: Misha, Olga, Petya, Marie, Dmitry and Sashka Vorontsov (dezh.) I worked hard until 11 1/2. Let's go to a prayer service; D. Vladimir came to him.

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*1st January. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to the Grand Palace for mass. There was an exit, and therefore stood at the bottom of the church. We had breakfast in the gallery. Returning home, I read, wrote telegrams and took a walk.

3 1/2 to 5 hours received diplomats at the Alexander Palace. Dined: Nikolasha, Petyusha, Militsa and Stana. We spent the evening with them until 11 1/2 o'clock. There was a thaw.

*2nd January. Monday.*

We got up late. Received Witte and three introducing themselves. Breakfast: Mari and Mandryka (dezh.). I took a good walk. After tea, Oliva took over. In the evening we went for a drive and stopped by Dmitry, who does not come out.

*3rd January. Tuesday.*

Was busy from 10 1/2 to 1 1/2. Marie had breakfast. Walked around the entire park. I read intensively until 8 o'clock. The officers of the L.-Guards dined. Jaeger regiment, which arrived today from the city. We talked until 10 o'clock. Nikolasha then had a short report.

*4th January. Wednesday.*

At 10 1/2 in the arena there was a review of L.-G. Jaeger Regiment. We returned on time for the appointment and the report. Chakrabon and Nirod (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received by Gerard - Finland. gen.-lips. Walked, melted. I read a lot and finished everything. At 8 o'clock. dined with Olga and Petit. There were: Gadon, Volkov with his wife, his brother Gavra, Nirod and Mandryka with his wife.

We listened to the Sartinsky Bey.

*January 5th. Thursday.*

At 11 1/2 we went to the service, stood at the bottom. After breakfast the bar took over. Meindorf, who returned from a business trip to Moscow. Walked. Before tea I received Engalychev. I read a lot. Misha, Marie and Dmitry were having lunch.

*January 6th. Friday.*

Until 11 a.m. went to the palace. Walked around the troops in the church hall and

then we went to mass. At 12 o'clock. the march began to Jordan, which

was arranged at the Grotto on the lake. The weather was wonderful, calm and sunny. Military educational institutions and the Tsarskoye Selo garrison took part. We had breakfast with everyone in the gallery. Took gr. A.P. Ignatieva.

Walked. I did. Dined and spent the evening Militsa, Stana, Nikolasha

and Petyusha.

*January 7th. Saturday.*

At 8 o'clock. went with Misha, Petya, Trepov and Solov at the railroad station. dor. before moving, and from there on troikas to Ropsha, to a round-up in a large pheasant. The rest of the hunters were waiting for us there. The weather was warm, but very shallow, so the bird did not fly well. We had breakfast at the palace. Total killed: 479. **By me: 57 pheasants, ser. 5 partridges and white hare** - 63 in total. We returned to Tsarskoe at 4 1/2. Accepted Rediger's report and read it. We dined with Kostya and Mavra. We examined all the children's rooms and halls. Returned at 10 3/4.

*January 8th. Sunday.*

It was a clear frosty day. Were at mass. We had breakfast with everyone. Received a deputation from the Simbirsk nobility and Kokovtsov, who returned from a trip to Paris. I walked for a long time. After tea he received Durnovo. I read and wrote the whole evening.

*January 9th. Monday.*

The frost has increased. Had two reports. Breakfast: Sergey, A.A.Taneeva and Birilev. Walked. After tea he received Selskiy and Witte - separately. Olga and Petya dined. Was reading.

*January 10th. Tuesday.*

The morning was very busy. Min, promoted to major general with enrollment in the retinue, ate breakfast. He talked a lot about Moscow and about the suppression of the rebellion; he showed us samples of revolvers and guns taken by the regiment. Received a deputation from the Urals, who brought caviar. Walked - it was quiet at 10 ° frost. After tea the bar took over. Fredericksz. Dined: Misha and Resin (dezh.) I was studying all evening.

*January 11th. Wednesday.*

After the lecture, I had a great reception. 17 wounded officers and many others who introduced themselves. We had breakfast late - with Tsvetsinsky (dezh.). Walked. I read a lot. After tea I have until 8 o'clock. Trepov was sitting. We dined together. I studied the whole evening.

*January 12th. Thursday.*

Took up to one o'clock. Benckendorf - London breakfast. Walked. It was not cold, but windy. After tea I studied. We had dinner with our friends and D. Vladimir; playing cards, I chatted.

*January 13th. Friday.*

After three reports, he received 17 people who were in St. Petersburg - participants in the assault on Geok-Tepe, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of yesterday.

After breakfast, we examined the ambulance train of Comrade Mikhen, which had brought 20 officers and 170 lower ranks - wounded and returning from captivity. Princess Reisse is the older sister on the train. Due to the questioning of each - the inspection lasted 3 hours. At 8 o'clock. dined with the officers of the Ataman regiment. Received Nikolasha.

*January 14th. Saturday.*

In the morning there was a blizzard, so the review to the atamans took place in the ex-cirgauz on foot. They introduced themselves as fine fellows. All the children were present with Alix in the box. He carried little Ataman \* past the front, he behaved perfectly.

He appointed a commander, Vershinin, to his retinue, and the regiment was an adjutant. Mikheeva - Adjutant Wing.

After the reports, there was a breakfast with the German embassy in honor of Wilhelm's birthday.

Then there were reports.

At 4 o'clock the man of God Dmitry came to us from Kozelsk, near Optina Hermitage [\[1\]](#). He brought an image, written according to a vision, a cat. he recently had. We talked with him for about an hour and a half.

Walked before dinner. In the evening I studied and talked with Orlov.

\* The heir to Tsarevich Alexei.

*January 15th. Sunday.*

It was a great, warm, sunny day. We went to mass and had breakfast with everyone. Received Dubrovin - chairman of the Union of the Russian people and bar. Meindorf. I took a walk. I did a lot in the evening. Dmitry Pavlovich dined.

*January 16th. Monday.*

After the naval report I set off at 11 o'clock. to Peterhof with Petya and Trepov. There was a very successful hunt in the Znamensky pheasant. Nikolasha treated him to an excellent breakfast at the office. Total killed: 626 pieces (601 - pheasant). **By me: 86 pheasants, a hare and 3 white hares for a total of 90.** He returned at 5 o'clock. for tea. The weather was warm, but with a strong wind.

Received news from Mom about the sudden death of dear Apap! [\[2\]](#) We dined with 80 officers of the 23rd and 24th Infantry units. divisions and the Alek-Sandro-Nevsky regiment, who arrived today from St. Petersburg. We talked for a long time.

*January 17th. Tuesday.*

In the morning, a review took place in the exerzirhaus of 8 battalions of army units, which presented themselves in a brilliant form. They starred as a group with officers.



Had three reports. Marie and Dmitry had breakfast. Received 41 wounded. Walked. At 6 o'clock. we had a memorial service for the road Apapa. Milica and Stana dined.

*January 18th. Wednesday.*

Frosty sunny day.

After the lecture, there was a small reception. We had breakfast and dinner alone. Received a deputation from the peasants of the Shchigrovsky district of the Kursk province. Walked. I read the whole evening.

*January 19th. Thursday.*

The morning was busy. Breakfast: Grabbe - adjutant of village Vladimir and Zelena (dezh.). Received Nilov. Walked for 20 minutes. Witte sat with me for a long time. After tea - Zayonchkovsky, who returned from Berlin. Dined: Misha, Olga and Petya. Four of us rode.

*January 20th. Friday.*

In the morning I had two reports and received 12 people. Chakrabon had breakfast, who handed me a letter from his father. Walked and enjoyed the warm air, it was just freezing. I read it until lunchtime. In the evening we rode together.

*January 21st. Saturday.*

I managed to walk before the reports. Melted away.

Nikolai Mikhailovich, who had returned from Cannes, had breakfast. I walked for a long time. After tea I read and received Trepov. Dined: Misha, Olga, Petya, Kostya, Mavra, all their children, Mitya, Mari and Dmitry. Ride in the evening.

*January 22nd. Sunday.*

It was a warm, quiet day. We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. Took the gene. Major Langof, who was offered to be the Secretary of State of Finland. Walked for a long time. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with us. Marie and Dmitry were having dinner. We rode together around Babolov.

*January 23rd. Monday.*

Between reports on marine and agriculture \* I had Dubasov, who had arrived for several days from Moscow. Breakfast: Marie, Dmitry and Nirod (dezh.).

Received Maksimovich, who had returned from the Saratov and Penza provinces. Walked for a long time, melted away. After tea I read. Dined: Milica and Stana. We spent the evening with them.

\* Ministerial reports.

*January 24th. Tuesday.*

Morning reports dragged on until 1/2 second. Breakfast: Marie, Dmitry, Chakrabon and Sashka Vor (ontsov) (d [hedgehog]). Received a deputation of icon painters headed by Guryanov; they were brought by gr. Sheremetev. Walked. Received Ikskul and read. Dined: Misha, Olga and Petya. They took him \* to Alek (Sandrovskaya) station, and their home. There was a blizzard.

\* The arrow points to the name “Misha”.

*January 25th. Wednesday.*

Had a little welcome. Today is the 50th anniversary of Uncle Misha's service with the rank of General Feldzheichmeister. On this occasion, my son was appointed chief of the 4th Guard Battery. Con. Art. brigades.

V. Obolensky (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received the wounded lower ranks. We dined together. Ride in the evening.

*January 26th. Thursday.*

In the morning he received: Dubasov, Unterberger and Budberg. Breakfast: Minnie and George; we returned from Crimea yesterday. Then he took another gr. Rural. Walked. Milica drank tea with us. I read and wrote a lot. Petya and Olga dined. In the evening Trepov and Prince. Orlov.

*January 27th. Friday.*

We got up late. The morning was busy. Knyazhevich (dezh.) Had breakfast. Accepted Prince. Khilkov and Langof. I walked for a long time. The officers of the L.-Guards dined. Grenadier Regiment. Received Nikolasha. We rode with Olga and Petya.

*January 28th. Saturday.*

At 10 1/2 I went to the arena for a review of L.-G. Grenadier Regiment. The regiment introduced itself perfectly. Had three reports. Breakfast: Tienchen and the Prince. Reisse is Albert's sister, a cat. recently returned from the war.

Walked for a long time; the weather was mild. After tea I received the reports - Timiryazev and Trepov. We dined with Olga and Petit with Ksenia and Sandro, the cat. today we arrived from the Crimea. Returned home at 11 1/4.

*January 29th. Sunday.*

In the morning he received the life-hussar Markozov, who had returned to the regiment from the Trans-Baikal army, having spent almost two years in the war. We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. Walked up and down the park. After tea he took Trepov for a long time. Dined: Marie and Dmitry.

We rode and took them to the palace.

*January 30th. Monday.*

In the morning I had two reports.

We had breakfast alone with the children. Walked. The day was sunny at 7 ° C. Ksenia and Sandro were drinking tea. I read until 8 o'clock. The officers of the Izmailovsky regiment dined. We talked to 10 1/4. Received Nikolasha and Fredericks.

*January 31st. Tuesday.*

At 10 1/2, the two of us went to the exercirhaus for the review of L.-GV. Izmailovsky regiment, which presented itself in a brilliant form. We went to the arena of the Hussar regiment, where I examined the teams of the cavalry-machine-gun squads of the guards. kaval. divisions returning from the war. Accepted papers from 11 1/2 to 1

1/2. After breakfast - Buryat deputation. Walked. 6 hours to 8 hours I had gr. Witte. Dined: Misha, Olga and Petya. We said goodbye to them, since they left for Denmark for Apap's funeral. I read all evening.

*1st February. Wednesday.*

We got up late. After the lecture, there was a small reception. Resin had breakfast, (dezh.). At 3 o'clock 53 wounded lower ranks presented themselves.

Walked until 5 o'clock. I did a lot. Marie and Dmitry were having dinner. We rode and took them to the palace.

*2nd February. Thursday.*

The day turned out to be really festive for me. At 10 we went to mass in the camp church. Then he received two deputations - from the Tambov and Tula nobility. Was reading. Marie and Dmitry had breakfast. They left for Moscow in the evening. Walked and killed a crow.

The officers of the 27th and 28th Don Cossack regiments, a cat. make a very good impression. We sat a little with Nikolasha.

*3rd February. Friday.*

At 10 1/2 we went together to the Grand Palace; on the site made a review of the 27th and 28th Don regiments.

Each regiment presented itself in four-hundredth composition - brilliantly. I let them through three times, and then handed out orders to officers and medals to lower ranks. "Ataman" was also present. Had three talks and a reception until 3 1/2. Mikheev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked; killed three crows. I read until 8 o'clock. We dined at the village of Vladimir. Ride on the way back.

*4th February. Saturday.*

The first anniversary of the martyrdom of Uncle Sergei. At 10 1/2 we went to the funeral service. Had three reports. Breakfast: A.A.Taneeva and Pogulyaev. Received Trepov. Walked. After tea, Witte sat with me for a long time. We dined alone. Was reading; rode.

*February 5th. Sunday.*

The day was frosty and sunny. At 10 1/2, Mass was served in the camp church. At 12 o'clock. at the Grand Palace they attended a solemn funeral service on the occasion of Apap's funeral in Roskilde. Then the available family had breakfast with us. We walked together. I read all evening. Dzhunkovsky (dezh.) Dined.

*February 6th. Monday.*

At 9 o'clock. went with Alix to Peterhof.

She went to Sergievka, and I went to Ropsha to hunt. The weather was pleasant. We had breakfast at the palace. Total killed: 426. **By me: 66 pheasants, 9 partridges, a duck and a jay** - a total of 77 pieces. From Ropsha I went with Nikolasha to Sergievka. Spent a good evening there and dined. We saw Elena. We returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*7th February. Tuesday.*

From 10 o'clock. accepted four papers and several submissions. Breakfast: Andrey, Marie and Dmitry, and Heyden (dezh.). Received a deputation of the Belokrinitsky Old Believers. Walked. After tea I had Trepov. Dined: book. Obolenskaya, Sonya Orbeliani and Heyden. I took it and read it.

*February 8th. Wednesday.*

It was a wonderful sunny day. After the report, he received 50 introducing themselves, including the deputation of the 85th Vyborg regiment, leaving for Berlin. Walked for a long time and killed two crows. Drank tea in daylight. Received by Durnovo. The officers of the L.-Guards dined. Pavlovsky regiment and Meller-Zakomelsky with his detachment, who returned from an expedition along the Siberian railway. road.

*February 9th. Thursday.*

At 10 1/2, the two of us went to the arena for the review of L.-GV. Pavlovsky regiment. Then the expeditionary detachment of the bar presented itself in the Gusar arena. Meller-Zakomelsky.

We returned home at 11 1/2 o'clock. Took up to an hour and a quarter. Breakfast: Georgy and Totleben (dezh.). There was Langoff with a report. Walked, killed two crows. I read a lot. We rode and took Marie and Dmitry to the palace. Received Trepov in the evening.

*February 10th. Friday.*

Had two reports and a reception. Yuri Trubetskoy, who had just returned from the East, had breakfast. I walked for an hour and a half. I read successfully and finished a lot. Dined Marie and Dmitry, with whom they rode.

*February 11th. Saturday.*

Had three usual reports. He said goodbye to Fredericks, who is leaving for France for medical treatment. Uncle Vladimir and Andrey had breakfast. Received Kulomzin. Walked. The weather is cold and windy. Marie and Dmitry were having dinner. I played billiards with him. Received Trepov.

*February 12th. Sunday.*

In the morning Kostya appeared on his return from Moscow. We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. They received two police officers of the Convoy, who had returned from the war, where they were together with Abatsiev.

Walked; a strong wind blew. I read a lot. Marie and Dmitry were having dinner. Received Trepov.

*February 13th. Monday.*

We began to fast in the camp church. Ella came from Moscow. After breakfast he received Krivoshein with a report and germ. pestilence ag [enta] Ginze. Walked. I read a lot.

*February 14th. Tuesday.*

Before the service I had two reports, after breakfast one. At 2 o'clock in the Grand Palace began a meeting of the Conference on the transformation of the Czar. Council, which lasted until almost seven o'clock. Returned home exhausted! In the evening I took a walk with Alix.

*February 15th. Wednesday.*

At 10 1/2 we met dear Mom. We have not seen her since August 27, and how many changes have happened over these months and how many have been experienced! We went together to the Presanctified Mass. After breakfast, Mom went to Olga and Petya's and then to Gatchina. I walked for a long time. I managed to finish all the papers before the evening service. I played billiards with Dmitry and then received Trepov.

*February 16th. Thursday.*

After the report I went to the service. Ella had breakfast with the children. At 2 o'clock I went to the palace for the second meeting, which ended at 6 1/2. I read and was in church. Uncle Vladimir dined. In the evening we rode well together.

*February 17th. Friday.*

In the morning [received] Dimka Golitsyn, Rodionov and Vershinin, who had returned from the Don, where they had taken the letter to the army. Then - the new St. Petersburg mayor f [on] d [er] Launitsa and two reports. Were at mass. After breakfast he received Engalychev and two governors. Walked. At 6 o'clock. went to **Gatchina**. After lunch there was a general prayer and then confession. We went to bed early.

*February 18th. Saturday.*

Until 9 o'clock. went to mass. St. Christ's Mysteries. We drank tea at Mom's downstairs. We arrived at **Tsarskoe** at 12 1/4. The day was sunny, but frosty. I walked for a long time. I read until 7 o'clock. We were at the all-night vigil. After lunch I played billiards with Dmitry.

*19th February. Sunday.*

Nice sunny day. We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. I walked a lot and for a long time. After lunch, Ella was escorted to the train station. etc., she again left for Moscow. In the evening he received Trepov. Yesterday L.-Gv. returned from a business trip to the Livonian province. 2nd rifle battalion.

*20th February. Monday.*

The weather was sunny, with a thaw in the storm. In the morning I managed to take a walk. Had three reports. Breakfast: Birilev and gr. Nirod (dezh.). At 2 3/4 we went to inspect the ambulance train Alix, the cat. brought from Vladivostok 120 wounded who had returned from Japan. Commandant of his regiment. Peshkov - Preobrazhenets. We returned home at 6 o'clock. I read and received Trepov. We dined together and rode in the evening.

*February 21st. Tuesday.*

Was busy from 10 o'clock. up to an hour and a quarter. Breakfast: Sergey and Mikheev (dezh.). At 3 o'clock he received large deputations at the Grand Palace

from the Old Believers and bespopovtsy in the number of 125 people. Walked. I read until 8 o'clock. The officers of my Cuirassier regiment dined. Received Nikolasha. Have a ride.

*February 22nd. Wednesday.*

Wonderful warm sunny day. At 10 1/2 he went on horseback to the palace. Made a review to my cuirassiers; they presented themselves brilliantly. Appointed a regiment. adjut. aide-de-camp - Lavrinovsky. After the report, received 14 introducing and 36 wounded officers. Breakfast: Sandro and Dmitry (dezh.). He also received the messenger of the Dalai Lama, Buryat Dorzhiev. Walked and worked in the snow on the island. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined Dmitry, with whom he played billiards. Ride in the evening.

*February 23rd. Thursday.*

Received reports from 10 o'clock. Breakfast: Aunt Evgenia and Sashka Vorontsov (dezh.). Then he received another - Zayonchkovsky, Pavlov, a former hussar, two peasants of the Krapiv [ensky] district of Tula province, 40 wounded lower ranks. Went out for a walk only at 4 o'clock. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined: Stana, Nikolasha and Petyusha. We spent the evening with them. Greatly tired this day.

*February 24th. Friday.*

At 9 1/4 he went to Gatchina for a raid. The wind was melting, the south wind was blowing, it snowed from time to time, but in general the weather was pleasant. The hunt was very successful. Total killed: **702. By me: 49 pheasants, 32 partridges and a hawk** - a total of 82 **feathers**. He returned to Tsarskoe by 6 o'clock. Received by Shipov - min. finance.

At 8 o'clock. there was a big dinner for the officers of the 1st and 2nd artillery brigades. In the evening we went for a drive with Misha, Olga and Petya.

*February 25th. Saturday.*

At 10 1/2 on the palace ground there was a successful review of the L.-G. 1st and 2nd art. brigades - a total of 48 guns. Appointed com. 1st baht. Mikh [aila] Pavlovich regiment. Demidov's aide-de-camp. Then he had three reports. George and Minnie, the cat, had breakfast. tomorrow they are leaving for Cannes. Walked a little. Accepted by Witte. Dined: Marie, Dmitry and Yuri Trubetskoy (dezh.). Four of us rode.

*February 26th. Sunday.*

Former birthday of the unforgettable beloved Dad. We went to mass and had breakfast with everyone. Received Napoleon from the Caucasus. I took a walk. It was a clear frosty day. At 4 o'clock we went to Pavlovsk and visited Kostya, the cat. is ill. We returned home for tea. Was reading. Dined: Marie, Dmitry and Chagin (dezh.).

*February 27th. Monday.*

In the morning I managed to walk for 1/4 hour. The day was clear and frosty. Had three reports. Breakfast: Olga, Petya (dezh.), Marie, Dmitry and Birilev. Received Gerard. Walked until 5 o'clock. After tea he received Fyodorov, a friend of mines. Bargain. and Prom. At 8 o'clock. the officers of the L.-Guards dined. and the 18th Sapper Battalions. Then he accepted Nikolasha.

*February 28th. Tuesday.*

At 10 1/2 we went into a heavy blizzard to the exercirhouse to inspect both sapper battalions, which presented themselves in a brilliant form.

We had breakfast with the children. Received Dubasov. Walked and worked in the snow. I read a lot. Ride in the evening.

*1st March. Wednesday.*

Wonderful sunny day. In the morning at 10 o'clock. there was a funeral mass for Anpapa. After the report, he received 32 representatives. Breakfast: Kyundinger \* and Meshchersky (dezh.). Then he received two deputations for a long time - from the Nizhny Novgorod and Yekaterinoslav nobility. We walked together. I read a lot and for a long time. After dinner he received Trepov. Have a ride.

\* The surname is entered incorrectly. The Kundiger should be read.

*2nd mattress. Thursday.*

The same great day. Walked in the morning. After the reports he received: Batyanov, Bilderling and Launitz, who had returned from the East. Boisman (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked. I read until 8 o'clock. After lunch we went for a drive.

In the evening Trepov, Geiden and Orlov visited me on the question of the fundamental laws. We talked until 12 o'clock.

*3rd March. Friday.*

At 9 1/4 he went to Gatchina to hunt. It began and ended in the same places as the last time. The weather was amazing, everyone enjoyed and rejoiced. We had breakfast on the fox hillocks, in a teahouse. Total killed: **507. I - 49 pheasants, 8 partridges and a hawk - a total of 58 pieces of feathers.** Returned to Tsarskoe at 6 1/2.

Horse grenadiers came from Peterhof. We dined with all the officers.

*4th of March. Saturday.*

At 10 1/2 he went on horseback to the Grand Palace, in front of which the Horse Grenadier Regiment was lined up. The show was especially successful. Appointed regiment commander bar. Budberg to his retinue, and the regiment as adjutant. Stefanovich - Adjutant Wing. The day was frosty and sunny. Kotya Obolensky had breakfast. Received by Polovtsov and N.N. Lomen. Walked. At 7 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil. Marie and Dmitry were having dinner. We brought them home after a short walk. Was reading.

*5th March. Sunday.*

After mass, the departing and arriving lower ranks of the Consolidated Guards Battalion were introduced.

We had breakfast with everyone. They accepted a deputation from the Alekseevsky military school, the former Moscow one, on the occasion of the appointment of Alexei as his chief.

At 2 1/2 we went to Pavlovsk, where with Marie, Dmitry and all the daughters we rode in a sled, tied in a string. They fiddled and jumped in the snow; I also remembered the old time. We returned home at 5 o'clock wet and cheerful. I read it after tea. Four of us dined. In the evening he received Trepov.

*6th March. Monday.*

I finished all the papers, managed to walk in the morning. After the reports, he received several governors. Birilev and Drenteln (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked under the thick snow. I read until 8 o'clock. Dinner: Militsa, Stana, Nikolasha and Petyusha. We sat together until 12 o'clock.

*7th March. Tuesday.*

Walked in the morning. Had three reports. Kira Naryshkin had breakfast. Received a deputation of the peasants in Novgorod, province. Walked. After tea he took Trepov for a long time. We dined together. Was reading. Ride on a frosty evening.

*8th March. Wednesday.*

Walked in the morning. After the report, he received 35 representatives. We sat down to breakfast without 20 minutes. two. Received senators: Kuzminsky and Turau, who submitted audit reports in Odessa and Kiev. Walked. After tea, Witte received. Ella dined. I studied all evening.

*March 9th. Thursday.*

According to the calendar, spring has begun, but winter is still persistent. Snow fell all day, like all week, the roads are surrounded by snow trenches. Before breakfast I had three reports and received from Alix the new Japanese envoy - Motono.

After breakfast he received Linevich and two deputations. Walked. I read until 8 o'clock. Ella dined. From 9 o'clock. until 11 1/4 I had a meeting of the Historical Society.

*March 10th. Friday.*

Sunny cold day. I managed to take a walk in the morning. Before breakfast I received four reports, after one. Walked. At 4 1/4 I went to Gatchina. I drank tea with Mom and sat with her until 8 o'clock. Dined: Misha, Olga and Petya. Returned to Tsarskoe at 10 1/2 o'clock.

*March 11th. Saturday.*

At 10 1/2 we went to the Sergievskaya Hermitage for the funeral of Koni Oldenburgsky. On the way back, we had breakfast with the hussar officers, who were returning to Tsarskoye also from the funeral. It was a great day.

Received many different deputations, most of all from the Kazan province. Walked before and after taking.

The whole family of Konstantinovich dined. In the evening, the three of us rode.

*March 12th. Sunday.*

The day was gray; at times it snowed. We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. The officers of my Ural Hundreds introduced themselves to us on the occasion of her arrival here to help the Convoy. Accepted Prince. Gr. Ser. Golitsyn before his trip to Uralsk with a diploma for the army. Walked and worked on the island. After tea I read a lot.

Dined: Ella and Marie. We took the first one to the station for departure to Moscow. Received Trepov.

*March 13th. Monday.*

Three reports in the morning. Breakfast: Birilev and Shuvalov (dezh.). Received Maksimovich, leaving for Orenburg with a diploma for the army. Walked. At 4 1/4 I went with Trepov to the 2nd battalion. He thanked the shooters for the trip to Livonia and said goodbye to those leaving for the reserve. I read until 8 o'clock. The officers of the Novocherkassk and Tsaritsyn regiments dined.

We talked with them for a long time. Then he accepted Nikolasha.

*March 14th. Tuesday.*

The day was frosty and sunny. At 10 1/2 he went on horseback to the palace. The residents of Novocherkass and Tsaritsyno introduced themselves as fine fellows. After the ceremony. march thanked them, handed out awards to the most distinguished officers and crosses - to the lower ranks. I returned home by 12 o'clock. As a result, the case



with the reports was delayed. After breakfast I took until 4 o'clock. Walked a little. I studied until 8 o'clock. Dined: Sonya Orbeliani and Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.). I played billiards with him all evening.

*March 15th. Wednesday.*

It melted during the day. Walked in the morning. After the report, received 45 representatives. We sat down to breakfast at 1 3/4. Mandryka was on duty. Walked and worked on the island. I studied before and after lunch. Received Trepov at 7 o'clock.

*March 16th. Thursday.*

Walked a little. There was a small reception and one lecture. Knyazhevich (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received several deputations of peasants.

Walked and worked on the island. I read a lot. After lunch we went for a drive. The weather was warm.

*March 17th. Friday.*

Had two reports in the morning. At 12 o'clock, went to the ekzerzirkauz for a review of the 1st naval battalion under the command of the cap. II p. Richter. The people looked splendid and healthy; they had just returned from a campaign in the Estland [province] province, where they had stayed for three months. We had breakfast with our officers. Walked and worked. The weather was frosty; a lot of snow fell again. After tea he received Trepov. Was reading. Dabich dined (dej.). Have a ride.

*March 18th. Saturday.*

From 10 o'clock, in the morning I accepted reports until one o'clock. Skalon (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/2, the Danish embassy was received, which arrived to report on Uncle Fredy's accession to the throne - consisting of Major General Hegerman, Axel Blixen and Gr. Moltke. I walked and worked for a long time, clearing the path on the island. After tea he received Trepov. At 8 o'clock, the officers of the Dragoon regiment and Countess Karlova dined.

String music was playing.

*19th March. Sunday.*

At 10 1/2, the church parade of the Life Dragoons began on the occasion of their regimental holiday. After the prayer service, they passed three times and introduced themselves magnificently. We had breakfast at the Grand Palace. Returned home at 1 1/2. Accepted the report of Prince. Dolgoruky. We rode outside Babolov and met one of the dragoon squadrons on the way to Peterhof. He worked on the island. Sandro arrived with a report. At 8 o'clock, gave lunch to the Danish embassy. Then we rode some more.

*20th March. Monday.*

Wonderful sunny day. At 12 o'clock, the two of us went to the exercirhaus to inspect the 2nd naval battalion, which had also returned from Estonia. The battalion introduced itself brilliantly. He was commanded by the cap. II p. Ponomarev. We had breakfast at our place with the officers, among whom many were in the war. Accepted Langof's report. Walked and worked.

After tea he received Trepov. At 8 o'clock, the officers of the Samara and Caspian regiments dined; talked to them up to 10 1/4.

Militsa, Petyusha, Stana and Nikolasha spent the evening with us.

*March 21st. Tuesday.*

A true spring day: 7 ° in the shade. At 10 1/2 we rode on horseback from the house to the palace. Samara and Caspians introduced themselves as fine fellows. I was very pleased with them. Awarded some officers and lower ranks for military distinction. Nirod (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received Dubasov. I walked and worked for a long time. Accepted by Witte. We dined together. We rode for about 12 hours.

*March 22nd. Wednesday.*

The same wonderful day. Walked in the morning. Received 34 people, presenting themselves. Breakfast: book. Orlov and Lavrinovsky (dezh.). Walked and worked for a long time. island. The day was enjoyable. From 6h. until 8 o'clock took Taneev and Trepov. We dined alone. I read until 10 1/2. We rode around Babolov.

*March 23rd. Thursday.*

Until 11 a.m. Mom came from Gatchina. We went to the eksirgauz, where there was a church parade to the Consolidated Guards Battalion on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its existence. He introduced himself smartly and dashing. We drove to our place, and then to the barracks of the 1st company, which had been turned into a beautiful dining room. Many former commanders and officers have gathered - from the very beginning. Breakfast, conversations and distribution of tokens on the occasion of the anniversary dragged on until 3 o'clock. After seeing Mom to the station, we returned home. Walked and worked until 5 1/4. It was a splendid day. I did a lot before and after lunch. Have a ride.

*March 24th. Friday.*

At 10 1/2, he inspected the Corps of Pages, Pavlovsky, St. Petersburg and Nikolayevsky schools and then graduated to officers. Then he accepted reports.

After breakfast we went to the stable arena and walked around the wounded downstairs. ranks, of which there were 270 people. This went on until 5 1/2. Both were very tired. At 6 3/4, the all-night vigil began in the church of the Grand Palace with officers and lower. ranks L.-Gv. Equestrian regiment. We dined with Marie and Dmitry. I worked hard all evening.

*March 25th. Annunciation.*

It was a great day, the sun was strong. At 10 1/2 he went on horseback with Misha to the palace - to the church parade of the Horse Guards. The breakfast was plentiful. Received Durnovo's report and several deputations. Walked and worked on the island. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with us. I studied until 7 o'clock. Let's go to the all-night vigil. After lunch we went for a drive with Marie and Dmitry. I read for a long time in the evening.

*March 26th. Sunday.*

After mass, deputations of officers and horsemen of the Terek-Kuban and 2nd Dagestan regiments were presented. Walked and worked on the island for a long time. It was a wonderful day, it was 10 ° in the shade. After tea he received Trepov. I read all evening.

*March 27th. Monday.*

Walked for a quarter of an hour. Accepted Nikolsky's report. They began to fast. The new wing-adjut was having breakfast. Demidov.

Received several deputations. Walked with children and worked in the snow. The weather was clear but fresh. Four of us dined after the service. I studied the whole evening.

*March 28th. Tuesday.*

It was a great day. Had one lecture before mass and two after. I went out for a walk at 4 o'clock. After tea I received another Taneev. Mom came to live with us. We also dined: Misha, Olga, Petya, Marie and Dmitry. I studied all evening.

*March 29th. Wednesday.*

Quite a spring day. Before the service there were two reports, and after breakfast I received them. Walked and worked in the garden for two hours. We drank tea at Mom's. In the evening they confessed, after a common prayer in the prayer house. I did. up to an hour.

*March 30th. Thursday.*

In the morning, all the children and I received Holy Communion. Christ's Mysteries. I found peace of mind for several hours. Walked around before breakfast. Barely finished with business in the evening. The service of the 12 Gospels lasted from 7 to 8.40.

*March 31st. Friday.*

He finished lectures before Vespers. At 12 o'clock the shroud was taken out. In the afternoon we managed to walk for two and a half hours.

It was real spring, I heard a lark over the park. Chopped ice and scattered snow. We drank tea at our place. The procession with the shroud was in all the halls. We spent the evening together. We rode together.

*1st April. Saturday.*

Perfect hot day: 13 ° in the shade. Took to the service. Ella came from Moscow. We all had breakfast together; smoked on the balcony. Walked in one crimson shirt. Chopped ice with Misha. There was a severe flood in the park. We drank tea at Mom's. Received Nikolasha. I went to sleep and had a headache due to the warm weather. After dinner, they mutually gifted each other. I read until 11 o'clock.

*2nd April. Bright Resurrection.*

Matins began exactly at midnight. Christ consulted with the Tsarskoye Selo garrison up to and including headquarters officers. The service ended at 2 1/4. They returned to their homes and straightened out as a family. I slept perfectly until 10 o'clock. The morning was sunny, then it started to rain. The large christianity was from 11 1/2 to 12 3/4 - over 600 people. After breakfast I went for a walk. By 4 o'clock the weather improved, but it became fresher. At 7 1/2 went to Vespers. Uncle Vladimir dined. I played billiards with Misha. Ride in the evening.

*3rd April. Monday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to mass in the camp church. Breakfast: D. Vladimir and Andrey. At 2 o'clock in the Grand Palace, christening took place with the retinue, the authorities and the lower ranks. Total 850 people. It ended at 3 1/4. The weather was cold and rainy. Walked. After tea he received Durnovo. We dined with Olga and Petit.

*4th April. Tuesday.*

Cold gray weather. I took a walk between reports. After breakfast, a deputation of the Nizhny Novgorod dragoons was received: the officers presented Alexei with a uniform and a saber. Appointed the regiment commander Khan of Nakhichevan as aide-de-camp. Then there was christianity with Old Believers and volost elders. At 3 o'clock Mom

was escorted to the station. He walked and cracked the ice. Received Witte at 6 o'clock. The three of us dined with Ella. I studied all evening.

*5th April. Wednesday.*

Warm weather came again. There were variable rains. After the report, he received 32 people. We had breakfast: Comrades Evgenia and Elena, Olga and Petya. He walked and scattered the remnants of the snow. I did. At 7 o'clock. received Trepov. After lunch I played billiards with Dmitry.

*6th April. Thursday.*

I took it all morning; among other things, General Danilov, who was in charge of the evacuation of our prisoners from Japan. Appointed him adjutant general. After breakfast we received a Bavarian envoy bar. Gut-tenberg, appointed to Rome. Walked with Alexey, the cat. rode in a stroller, and walked around the whole park. He worked on the island. I studied until 8 o'clock. and after lunch.

*April 7th. Friday.*

A wonderful warm day; the windows were wide open. There were two talks and a reception. After breakfast, the new Norwegian envoy, Prebensen, was received. He walked and cracked the ice. Was reading. After lunch, Ella left for Moscow. At 9 o'clock. in the Grand Palace, the Conference on the revision of the basic laws was taking place, which ended at 12 1/2 o'clock.

*April 8th. Saturday.*

12th anniversary of our engagement! In the morning it rained and became cold again. Had three reports. Chagin (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. He walked and picked the ice.

Received Goremykin at 6 o'clock. After dinner, the four of us rode and then I read.

*April 9th. Sunday.*

It was a great day. After mass we had breakfast with everyone. Received a deputation from the 1st Urupsky regiment, which came to petition for a change in the name of the regiment, as a result of the revolt of the 2nd Urupsky regiment in December. Changed their name to - 1st Linear gene. Velyaminov regiment Kuban. kaz. troops.

Walked and worked on the island. I worked up to 7 3/4. Dined V. Vladimir. From 9 am to 1 1/2 am I had a second meeting on the revision of the basic laws.

*April 10th. Monday.*

Slept until 10 o'clock. The weather was warm. Had two reports. Birilev had breakfast. I walked for a long time. At 6 o'clock. received Fedorov. Was reading. Stana dined with us, rode with us and stayed overnight.

*April 11th. Tuesday.*

It was raining in the morning. Had two reports. Stana was having breakfast. Went with Misha on foot to the palace for the meeting, which lasted from 3 to 7 3/4. Dined: Stana, village Vladimir, Nikolasha and Sergey. I read all evening.

*April 12th. Wednesday.*

At 1/2 second I went along the railway. into my capercaillie current. The night was clear with a slight frost.

**He killed two wood grouses.** I saw many on earth, they fiddled terribly. Came back at 5 1/2. Slept until 10 o'clock. As always, I felt cheerful after the hunt. Received 33 people. Stana had breakfast. I went with Misha to the palace. There was the last meeting, which ended at 7 1/2. We dined with Olga and Petit. I read it in the evening.

*April 13th. Thursday.*

It was a wonderful day. At 10 1/2 we went to the palace. There was a church parade of L.-Gv. The Grenadier Regiment and the Ural Hundred - in uniforms.

The regimental ladies also had breakfast. In one of the rooms, the lower ranks and three officers in the former uniforms of the Grenadier Regiment were built. We returned home at 2 o'clock.

I went on horseback and sweated a lot. Then he walked and looked out of the garden gate at the rehearsal of the parade of the 2nd rifleman. battalion, in the cat. Dmitry participated.

At 6 o'clock. took Durnovo, and then Goremykin. We dined together. Made a long walk on a warm evening. I read until 11 1/2 o'clock.

*April 14th. Friday.*

Wonderful weather - 17 ° in the shade. In the morning I had four reports. Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received by Solovovo and Filosofov - Gosud. Counter. Walked in a thin shirt and renewed kayaking. We drank tea on the balcony. Stana dined and skated with us. Was reading.

*April 15th. Saturday.*

At one o'clock in the morning I went to the wood grouse through the village. Zamosc. The night was very warm. **He killed three wood grouses.** I returned home at 6 o'clock. I slept until 10 o'clock. Had three reports. Fredericks was having breakfast. The three of them talked for a long time about the opening ceremony of the Duma. There was a thunderstorm with hail. Walked when the weather improved. I did a lot. Accepted Witte's resignation [\[3\]](#). Marie and Dmitry were having dinner. They took them to the palace.

*April 16th. Sunday.*

It was a great sunny day. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast with everyone. Received Dubasov and Palitsyn, who returned from vacation. Walked and kayaked. The officers of the 1st and 2nd rifle battalions dined. We rode with Olga and Petya. I read for a long time.

*April 17th. Monday.*

Wonderful summer day. At 10 1/2 we went to the palace, in front of which there was a church parade to the 1st and 2nd rifle battalions and the 6th Don battery. The 50th anniversary of the formation of the battalions was celebrated today. He appointed Rosenschild-Paulin to his retinue, and Delsal - as a wing-adjutant. Breakfast was in the gallery. When he returned, he accepted two usual reports. I walked and rode in a kayak. Received Goremykin and invited him to draw up a new ministry. At 8 o'clock. went to the officers' meeting of the 1st battalion. I dined and listened to the gypsies and the Russian choir.

*April 18th. Tuesday.*

He returned very pleased with the evening spent - at 2 o'clock. In the morning he received many and had three usual reports.

Nikolai Mikhailovich, who had returned from abroad, had breakfast. I walked and rode in a kayak. The weather was wonderful. Received Taneyev and then Fredericks, who dined with us. Ride in the evening. I read a lot.

*19th April. Wednesday.*

It was a wonderful day - 18 ° in the shade, meanwhile, owing to a large reception and reports, it was only possible to go out into the garden at about 4 o'clock.

Walked with Alix and rode in a boat with her and Alexei. At 7 o'clock. I went with Dmitry to the 2nd battalion for lunch. We listened to the magnificent performance of Andreev's choir on balalaikas. We returned home by 12 o'clock. I did it for a long time.

*April 20th. Thursday.*

Wonderful day - 19 ° in the shade. At 10 1/2 we went to the palace, where I inspected the Shtandart team, two companies of young sailors of the Guards crew and a company of young men of the 18th naval eq [ipage]. All introduced themselves perfectly, but the latter in particular.

Andrey (dezh.) Had breakfast. Accepted Durnovo's report for the last time. I walked and rode in a kayak. We drank tea on the balcony. Accepted by Witte. The officers of the Gvar were dining. Horse-Art. br. and Gvar. P. div. We were talking in the garden, it was so warm. Was reading. We rode together.

*April 21st. Friday.*

At 10 1/4, he went on horseback to the Sofiysky parade ground for a review: the platoon of the Orenburg Kaz. div., Gvar. Shooter. division, Gvar. Con. Art. brigade, one and a half squadrons of officers. Kaval. schools, Gvar. Stock, baht. and both batteries Offic. Art. schools. All parts presented themselves brilliantly.

Alix was present with Alexei in a wheelchair. The heat and dust are like summer. He returned on horseback. Received 25 people. serf. Department Art. schools; then Count Solsky, Goremykin and Shipov. We sat down to breakfast at 2 1/4. Then he received another Kokovtsev. Didn't walk long. We drank tea and dined on the balcony. Have a ride. Was reading.

*April 22nd. Saturday.*

Tropical heat - 20 ° in the shade. In the morning I managed to take a walk. We saw Petyusha returning from the Crimea. There were many reports. Ella had breakfast. I walked and rode in a kayak. After tea he received Trepov and Kaufman. At 8 o'clock. dined with the officers of the Ulan regiment. We talked in the garden, which was very pleasant. Mom came from Gatchina. Ride in the evening.

*April 23rd. Sunday.*

We got up at 9 o'clock. wonderful morning. We were at mass in the marching church. At 11 o'clock. drove to the palace site where the Ulan regiment was built. The view turned out to be brilliant, taking into account the difficult conditions of the winter campaign in the Livonian province.

Appointed an officer of the regiment, Arsenyev, as an aide-de-camp. Received the order chieftains of the Ural, Orenburg and Astrakhan. We listened to the singing of the leadertaffel. We walked together. We met and saw off the lancers returning to Peterhof at the Pink Pavilion. Mom drank tea with us, after which she returned to Gatchina. I did a lot. After lunch we went for a drive.

*April 24th. Monday.*

It's a wonderful day. I managed to walk in the morning. Had reports: Birilev, Nikolsky and Fedorov. After breakfast he received Nikolasha. I walked and rode in a kayak. I did a lot and for a long time. They took Ella to the station. Began to pack.

*April 25th. Tuesday.*

Great day. The greens are in full bloom. Spring is reminiscent of the spring of 1897.

Walked in the morning. Had three reports. After breakfast I went kayaking. I went with Alix to Pavlovsk; visited Mavra, whose daughter Vera was born two weeks ago. Received Goremykin and Stolypin, the new Min. Int. Affairs.

Petyusha and Militsa dined. Four of us rode.

*April 26th. Wednesday.*

In the morning I took another walk in our wonderful park. I took it. We had breakfast before one o'clock. At 2 o'clock we went to live in **Peterhof**. The usual meeting at the station; Horse Grenadiers, Lancers and Dragoons were stationed in the Alexander Park. The greenery here has lagged behind Tsarskoye Selo and the air is cooler. Soon he settled in his rooms. Walked. I studied the whole evening. We dined on the balcony. Received Trepov.

*April 27th. Thursday.*

Significant day of reception of Gosud. Council and **Gosud. Duma** and the beginning of the official existence of the latter. Mom arrived at 8 o'clock. from Gatchina and went with us by sea to Petersburg. The weather was summer and calm. On "Peterhof" we went to the fortress and from there on it to the Winter Palace. We had breakfast at 11 1/2. At one o'clock and 3/4, the entrance to the St. George Hall began. After the prayer service, I (said) read a greeting word. Gosud. The Council stood to the right, and the Duma to the left of the throne. They returned in the same manner to Malachitovaya. At 3 o'clock we boarded a steam boat and, having crossed over to "Alexandria", went back. We arrived home at 4 1/2. I studied for a long time, but with a relieved heart, after the successful end of the former celebration. Ride in the evening.

*April 28th. Friday.*

I slept well. It rained lightly at night, and the day was hot. Adopted new ministers: Gen. Shaufus - communications, Izvolsky - foreign affairs, Stishinsky - land management and agriculture and Schwanebach - state. controller. D. Aleksey had breakfast. I also received Muromtsev, who was elected chairman of the Duma yesterday. Walked. Was reading. A severe thunderstorm has passed, refreshing the air. We dined on the balcony and took a ride.

*April 29th. Saturday.*

On the occasion of the anniversary, Otsu drove together at 10 1/4 to a prayer service. Had three reports. Breakfast: Boris and Mandryka (dezh.). Received Frisch, appointed vice-chairman of the State. Council.

I went with Alix along the Samsonievsky Canal to the Ozerki. From there we went on foot to the mill and further to the Babigon Belvedere. We sat there and admired the beautiful view. We returned home for tea. Was reading. I rode a little bike. Marie and Dmitry dined with us. They took them to their premises in the maid of honor.

*April 30th. Sunday.*

It got cold. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast at our place. At 1 1/2 went to Tsarskoe Selo with four daughters and Marie and Dmitry. From the station we went to Pavlovsk for the christening of little Vera Konstantinovna. After the service there was a sumptuous tea for the cat. the family rushed eagerly. At 5 o'clock. arrived at the Alexander Palace, changed clothes and went to the children's island. We picked up a lot of lilies of the valley and lilacs. At 6 1/2 we returned to Peterhof. After dinner I read the whole evening.

*1st May. Monday.*

In the morning, the newly arrived people in Svod.-Guard introduced themselves to the house. baht. At 10 o'clock. went to the palace site, to the cat. I inspected the 3rd and 5th Naval Battalions, which had recently returned from Lifland. province. Found them in brilliant shape and order. Accepted reports by Birilev and Stishinsky. Breakfast: Birilev, A.A.Taneeva, Nilov, gr. Tolstoy and Chagin. Then he took gr. Lamsdorf and Prince. Shirinsky-Shikhmatov. Walked. The weather was clear and cool. At 6 o'clock. received Goremykin. Was reading. Let's go to the Stan's for dinner. We returned from Sergievka at 12 1/2.

*May 2nd. Tuesday.*

It became warm again - 13 ° in the shade. Walked in the morning. After the reports I went to the palace; in the Upper Garden there was the production of additional class cadets of both artillery and engineering schools - a little over one hundred people. Breakfast: Kostya, Petyusha and Sergey.

Alix went to Tsarskoe Selo to her hospital and returned to tea. Received Izvolsky with the first report. Walked for a long time. After tea he received Langof. Ride in a kayak. We dined on the balcony. While skiing, we met Militsa and Stana on Znamenka.

*3rd May. Wednesday.*

A wonderful hot day. Took a new mine. Justice Dapper and at the Farm 24 present themselves.

Sashka Vorontsov (dezh.) Had breakfast. I also received Sukhomlinov. Walked. I saw a young elk running into Alexandria from the sea. Took Abaza. Ride in Gatchina. During the walk, we stopped at Sergievka and drank tea at the Stana.

*4th May. Thursday.*

During the day, the heat reached 22 ° in the shade. Walked well in the morning. At 11 1/2 went to the palace and received officers Nikol, acad. gene. headquarters. I examined the topographic maps. Department of Heads. Headquarters. We had breakfast in the village of Vladimir and t. Mikhen. We rode and walked together at our own dacha.

After tea the bar took over. Fredericks and Taneev. At 8 o'clock we dined at Stana's with Militsa, Nikolasha and Petusha. We returned home at 12 1/2 o'clock.

*May 5th. Friday.*

Wonderful day - in the shade it reached 23 °. In the morning he received Goremykin and Kokovtsev. Then there was a reception at the Farm. Breakfast: Ella and Delsalle (dezh.). The children were busy on the shore in the water, Alexei too. I rode in a kayak. I read a lot. Received gifts. By lunchtime, we arrived on engines from Gatchina: Mama, Ksenia, Misha, Olga, Sandro and Petya. We sat for a long time in the evening by the sea, enjoying the weather. The three of us rode with Ella.

Started in Peterhof



*May 6th. Saturday.*

Today I am 38 years old. The heat from the very morning was amazing. At 11 o'clock. went to mass in the church of the Grand Palace. After congratulations there was breakfast in the Petrovskaya hall. We returned to our place at 2 1/4. Mom left for Gatchina.

Walked - there was a life-giving rain. Uncle Vladimir drank tea with us. I went kayaking with Dmitry; the sea was like a mirror. I answered a lot of telegrams and studied. Chagin dined (dezh.). Have a ride.

*May 7th. Sunday.*

The same heat with a south wind.

In the morning I finished answering the telegrams. At 11 o'clock. went with four daughters to mass. We had breakfast at the Farm. I took a walk. We visited together aunt Eugene. After tea, two thunderstorms passed. Ride with Dmitry in kayaks. The five of us dined; Ella left for Moscow. I studied the whole evening.

*May 8th. Monday.*

After Birilev's report went to the Grand Palace; there he received a large Chinese embassy with Alix. Breakfast: Birilev and Dabich (dezh.). At 2 1/2 we set off for Kronstadt on the "Patrol" with Olga, Tatiana, Dmitry and Mari. We visited our cute "Standard". We drank tea in the wardroom. Tomorrow he sets sail for three weeks. We returned home by 6 o'clock. I did. Dinner: Militsa, Stana and Petyusha.

*May 9th. Tuesday.*

It rained at night; the morning was gray, then the weather improved. At 9 1/2 we went to Gatchina. At 11 o'clock. there was a church parade to Cuirassier Her led. shelf - shiny. We had breakfast in the White Hall. At 3 o'clock he inspected the young soldiers, designed for two squadrons. Misha was in command of the 1st. The thunderstorm has passed, just returned to the palace. We arrived at Peterhof at 6 o'clock. with Petya. Received Izvolsky and Tatishchev. We dined together. I did.

*May 10th. Wednesday.*

Woke up with the rain, cat. passed when it was necessary. At 10 o'clock. the review of young soldiers of the Guard began. housing. After the general ceremony. march summoned companies: Pavlovsky, Semenovskiy and Rifle regiments and squadrons of the Cavalry and Ulansky regiments. All introduced themselves as old combatants. Returned home at 12 3/4. After breakfast I received the officers of my Ulan regiment who had returned from the war. We walked together. After tea he received Stolypin and Ikskul. We dined at Petyusha's and Militsa's. We spent the whole evening with them.

*May 11th. Ascension.*

The weather was warm and good. At 10 1/2 we went to the Cadet parade ground for the church parade of the Ulan regiment. The lancers have outdone themselves. Then there was breakfast in the palace with the regimental ladies. We returned home at 2 o'clock. Took Frisch. Walked. Ksenia and Sandro drank tea with us. Received Goremykin and read. At 8 o'clock. went to the officers' meeting of the Ulan regiment. After lunch we arrived there - Alix, Milica and Stana. Remained until 12 o'clock. Appointed Daragan as an aide-de-camp.

*May 12th. Friday.*

We got up at 9 o'clock. under the great impression of the evening spent. Had two reports and a small reception. Resin (dezh.) Had breakfast. Alix left for Tsarskoe with Stana. I read, talked to Trepov and took a walk. A short rain has passed. Alix and Stana returned at 5 1/2 for tea. Received Taneev.

We dined together. Have a ride.

*May 13th. Saturday.*

At 12 1/2 we went to the palace platform on which the Nikolaev and Alexander cadet corps were built. After nailing, consecration of both banners and the oath, both buildings underwent two ceremonies. march. They were brought in and taken away by water. Kostya was in command of the parade.

At 3 o'clock he went on horseback with Orlov for Babigon; soaked through from the rain. At 5 1/2 I went to the pier, where the American was demonstrating his invention of automatic training in rifle shooting. Returned home and received Fredericksz. At 7 1/2 I went to a memorial service for those killed in the Tsushima battle.

Dined: Marie and Dmitry. I read all evening. The weather turned cold with a bad wind.

*May 14th. Sunday.*

Anniversary of the Tsushima Battle!

Ten years since the Coronation!

We went to mass and had breakfast at the Farm. It was a clear, cold day. I walked for a long time. After tea I read. Marie and Dmitry were having dinner. We rode with them and stopped at Znamenka.

*May 15th. Monday.*

In the morning I was busy until one o'clock. Breakfast: Olga, Petya (dezh.), Marie and Dmitry. Did an excellent horseback ride with Orlov through Nastolovo and Babigon. Here we met Alix and Stana; each rode out in its own cart. Returned home at 5 1/2. Stana drank tea with us. Was reading. At 8 o'clock the officers of the Vyborg and Vilmanstrand regiments were having dinner in the Grand Palace. We talked with them for a long time in the Merchant Hall. Ride and returned home at 10 3/4.

*May 16th. Tuesday.*

At 10 o'clock. the three of us went with Alexei to the inspection of the 1st brigade of the 22nd infantry. division and two companies of young soldiers of the regiments of the 1st br. 30th infantry. div. The battle regiments presented themselves perfectly. He gave awards to officers and insignia. Military. orders - to the lower ranks.

Returned home at 11 1/2. Had two reports. Arseniev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Alix and Stana went to Tsarskoe. After Stolypin's report, he made a long ride on horseback with Orlov. They got confused in the forest and in the Porzolovsky swamp. We returned at 6 o'clock. Received Goremykin's report. We dined together. We rode and spent the evening on Znamenka.

*May 17th. Wednesday.*

After the lecture, he received 28 persons on the farm. D. Aleksey had breakfast. I went on horseback with Orlov past the hospital to the village of Troitskaya at a height, from there along the Gostilitskoye highway, past the new summer cottages to Sergievka. Alix rode with Stana on the pond. We drank tea together, to the cat. Milica arrived. Returned to Alexandria in 20 min. on horseback. Accepted Nikolasha's report. At 8 o'clock. there was a

dinner for officers of the Neishlotsk and Petrovsky regiments and the 1st Sapper battalion. Returned home at 10 1/2. Was reading.

*May 18th. Thursday.*

At 10 o'clock. on the back parade ground, a review of the 2nd brigade of the 22nd infantry began. division and the 1st sapper battalion. These combat units presented themselves in a brilliant form. He handed out awards to officers and lower ranks. Returned to the report. After the show, it started to rain. At 2 1/2 I went with Alix to Kronstadt. Made a review to the "**Duke of Edinburgh**", with a command of combatant quartermasters. The sun appeared.

We returned home at 6 1/4 - very happy. Accepted Prince. Shirinsky. We dined together and spent the evening on Znamenka.

*19th May. Friday.*

The weather was warm and foggy; it rained from time to time. We had breakfast alone. At 2 1/2 we went to the Farm; took on the balcony 27 lower. ranks of the wounded. Then he made a long walk with Eagle horseback through Nastolovo. Returned at 6 o'clock. home. Was engaged until 7 1/2.

We dined in the palace with the district authorities and military district administrations - 112 people. We talked with them for a long time in the Merchant Hall.

*May 20th. Saturday.*

The day was warm with occasional rains. Had four reports. Fredericks had breakfast. We walked together in Alexandria. I read it after tea. Marie and Dmitry were having dinner. We spent the evening at Sergievka.

*May 21st. Trinity day.*

The morning was nice and warm. At 10 1/2 we went to the palace platform, on which the Izmailovsky regiment and the L.-G. Sapper battalion. Instead of a prayer service, Vespers was served with three kneeling. Then both parts went through the ceremony perfectly. march. The regimental and sapper ladies also had breakfast.

We walked together; due to a thunderstorm, we went to the Farm, where they waited out the rain. Olga and Petya drank tea with us.

Was reading. Traveled far in a kayak. Dined: Marie, Dmitry and Andrey (dezh.). Four of us rode. The evening was very cold.

*May 22nd. Whit Monday.*

There were no reports. I read in the morning and then went for a walk. We had breakfast at 12 1/2. Received in the palace of the new British ambassador Nicholson [a]. Did an excellent ride on horseback with Orlov roundabout to Oranienbaum. We stopped at Sergievka and drank tea at Stana. They got wet twice from the rain. Came home at 6 1/4. Was reading. Ride in a kayak. Marie and Dmitry were having dinner. They brought them home and in the evening. held on Znamenka.

*May 23rd. Tuesday.*

The morning was busy. Alix rode on horseback. Between the reports he received 27 officers from the Military Law Academy. Marie and Dmitry had breakfast. At 2 3/4 I set off with Orlov on horseback past Znamenka along the

hunting road and "prospect" to Razbegaevka and Nastolovo through Luizino home. Orlov fell with his horse - safely. Received Goremykin. Dined !! with officers of the Life-Hussar Regiment, cat. came today from Tsarskoe. We spent the evening at Znamenka.

*May 24th. Wednesday.*

At 10 o'clock. the three of us went with Alexei to the inspection of the Hussar regiment on the cadet parade ground. The regiment was in full dress and looked remarkably handsome against the green. At 10 3/4 were at home. After the lecture we went to the palace, where they both received — I — officers who had graduated from Artil. academy. Breakfast: Ella, Marie and Dmitry. I rode on horseback with Orlov, tried a horse bought by Alix in Frankfurt. We met the hussars returning to Tsarskoe Selo. Towards evening it became cold, but clear.

Mama and others from Gatchina arrived for dinner. Alix received gifts in the evening.

*May 25th. Thursday.*

The day was excellent and warm. About 11 a.m. went to Mama's Cottage and from her to mass. We had breakfast at the Farm with music. We returned home at 2 o'clock. Alix lay down because of a headache and got up only at 8 o'clock. He walked for a long time. Comrades Eugenia and Ella arrived for tea. After lunch, the five of us rode. Was reading.

*May 26th. Friday.*

I managed to walk in the morning. Had three reports. Breakfast: Marie, Dmitry and Knyazhevich (dezh.). I went with him on the motor kn. Orlova to Tsarskoe Selo; arrived at the Sofiyskiy parade ground in 40 minutes. Was present at company reviews of the 4th rifleman. Imp. fam [ili] battalion. Each company completed the drill and mute exercises and the loose formation sensibly and distinctly; was very pleased with the show. Drove to Olga and Petya and then to the officer. meeting. After eating, he went back through Krasnoe Selo; arrived at Peterhof in 50 minutes. Ella, Marie and Dmitry left after dinner for Ilyinskoye. Received Goremykin. We went to bed early.

*May 27th. Saturday.*

At 9 o'clock. we went together to the Upper Garden and from there on horseback to the parade ground. We attended the reviews of all squadrons of the Ulan regiment. Orlov produced them in the presence of Brusilov. The squadrons are well trained and have found a thorough training in all departments. Chopping vines and jumping over the ditch was not good everywhere. Returned home at 1 1/2. The ministers awaiting their reports had breakfast with us. Took them after. At 4 o'clock we went to Strelna, where we visited Kostya and Mavra. We did it on a motor. After tea I read. We dined together and then went for a drive. The weather was warm.

*May 28th. Sunday.*

At 10 1/2, Olga and I went to the cadet parade ground. There was a church parade for the Horse Grenadiers on the occasion of their holiday. The regiment passed the ceremony. marching three times - according to the established custom. We had breakfast at 12 o'clock. in a palace. The weather was excellent for the parade, and from 2 o'clock. it poured down the rain. I examined a new armored vehicle with a machine gun. We sat at home; was reading. By the end of our tea, Alix and Comrade Eugene arrived. Daragan (dezh.) Dined. Have a ride.

*May 29th. Monday.*

At 9 o'clock. went through the Upper Garden to the parade ground and attended the review of the life dragoon squadrons. I had to return home to my reports after the exercises of three squadrons - the fifth, fourth and third. Breakfast: book. Golitsyn, Naryshkina and gr. Gendrikov. I read and walked. The weather was cloudy. Received Taneev. Orlov dined. We did not ride for long.

*May 30th. Tuesday.*

On a good warm morning at 8 1/4 we went by car to Tsarskoe Selo. Orlov went with us. He got on a horse at the Oryol Gate and headed for the Sofiysky parade ground. He was present at the review of all squadrons of the Hussar regiment. I was extremely pleased with the excellent preparation, felling, jumping over obstacles.

2nd squadron - company. Grotena - proved to be beyond praise. The screenings ended at 12 1/4. Drove into the 4th esc. to taste the food and then to the duty room. Had breakfast there. At 2 o'clock Alix arrived with Olga and Petya. Attended by the officers of the regiment hippique concurs on the courtyard. We left at 3 o'clock, arrived at Peterhof at 3.45. I took a walk. It became hot and quiet. At 6 o'clock he received Izvolsky. Ride in a kayak. We dined on the balcony. I studied all evening.

*May 31st. Wednesday.*

A wonderful hot day. At 9 o'clock. Alix went on horseback. After reading the papers, I rode on horseback along the Ropsh [in] highway to the Maryinsky pheasant, where I met her. We let the Ulansky regiment pass by on its way to the camp. Came home at 11 1/4. After the lecture, I received it at the Farm. We had breakfast at 2 o'clock with Mandryka (dezh.).

Received Bishop Tryphon. I walked and saw a moose 30 paces away. After tea I read.

We dined with Alec and Comrade Eugenia. Returned home at 10 1/2.

*1st June. Thursday.*

In the morning, the outgoing and newly arrived Cossacks introduced themselves. Was busy with reports until one o'clock. Breakfast: gr. Rostovtsev and Lavrinovsky (dezh.). I rode alone. The heat was intense. 6 - 8 hours received Stolypin and Goremykin. We dined together and then went to the theater for an amateur performance. It was successful and soon. I read until 12 o'clock.

*2nd June. Friday.*

Misha went on the Polar Star to Norway for the coronation of Karl and Maud. Mom came from Gatchina and took him to Kronstadt. After the reports went to the palace and received 29 officers who graduated from the Nikolaev engineer. academy. Petyusha was having breakfast. We walked together. The weather was marvelous, but too hot for horseback riding. I read until 8 o'clock. Sashka Thief [onsov] (dezh.) Had lunch. Ride in the evening.

*3rd June. Saturday.*

The same wonderful day. I read all my morning papers and went for a walk. We received together the Dutch envoy Weede, who is leaving. Then three reports.

Breakfast: Fredericks and Nirod (dezh.). At 2 1/2 he received in the palace the pupils of the Lyceum and the School of Jurisprudence, who had completed the course of studies. We walked together. Was reading. In the evening we went [to] Znamenka, since Militsa and Stana returned from abroad.

*4th June. Sunday.*

It was a splendid day with a warm breeze from the sea. We went to mass and had breakfast at the Farm. We walked for a long time; watched the children play on the swing. After tea I read. After lunch we went for a drive and stopped at Znamenka. Nikolasha returned from vacation.

*June 5th. Monday.*

Birthday of our Anastasia; she is 5 years old. Before the lecture, I had Nikolasha. Breakfast: Nilov and Chagin. Then he received Gerard. We walked together, saw a moose close up. Komarov (dezh.) Dined. We sat by the sea. Ride in the evening.

*June 6th. Tuesday.*

At 10 1/2 I went to the palace, where I examined the plans of the fortresses. Accepted papers from 11 1/2 to 1 1/2. Breakfast: Izvolsky and Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.). We went to Sergievka and visited Aunt Marusya and Yuri. We returned for tea. Was reading. Ride a little in a kayak; and after lunch in an electric boat around the "Princess".

*June 7th. Wednesday.*

Had a great day. Took quite a few introducing themselves at home. Aunt Marusya had breakfast. Made my favorite horseback ride through Nastolovo at exactly two o'clock. Stana drank tea with us. Received Nikolasha. Delsalle (dezh.) Dined. We rode and spent the evening on Znamenka.

*June 8th. Thursday.*

It's a great clear day. At 11 o'clock. went to the palace and received 40 introducing themselves. Aunt Michen had breakfast with us. Received Dubasov, for the first time after he was wounded. I rode on horseback. Mom unexpectedly came to us by motor from Sergievka. Received Gerard and Langof. Was reading. Dined Yuri Trubetskoy (dezh.). Have a ride.

*June 9th. Friday.*

At 8 o'clock. Alix, Stana and I went by car through Ropsha to Krasnoe Selo. I got on a horse at the prov. shops and went to the Military Field. They continued on their way to Tsarskoe Selo. He was present at the squadron reviews of L.-GV. Equestrian regiment.

I was very pleased - especially with the third squadron of Biskupski. At 11 1/2, the reviews ended. I stopped by Nikolasha's, and from him went to the meeting of the regiment for breakfast.

Filmed as a group in the garden, Alix came for me. We visited the soldier who fell in my presence today in the hospital and arrived in Alexandria in half an hour. Received Shirinsky, and after tea: Kokovtsov and Stolypin. We dined on the balcony with Demidov (dezh.). We spent the evening on Znamenka. It was a wonderful day.

*June 10th. Saturday.*

Hot day. Had two reports. Breakfast: bar. Fredericks and Dolgorukov (dezh.). 35 wounded lower ranks were received at the Farm.

We went to Gatchina through Krasnoe, where we arrived in 65 minutes. Drank tea with Mom in the garden. We sat with Uncle Misha. We dined with Mama, Ksenia, Olga, Minnie, Georgy and Sandro. At 9.40 we left back through Kipen and Ropsha and arrived at one and twenty minutes. It was raining.

*June 11th. Sunday.*

In the morning he received Nikolasha, who informed me of a case of disobedience and fermentation in the 1st battalion of the Preobrazhensky regiment here in Peterhof. The whole day was extremely dejected. We went to mass

and had breakfast at the Farm. Received Gadon and Trepov. Walked. Was reading. Dinner: Stana and Orlov. At 9 1/4 we set off on a large motor for

Gostilitsy and through Dyatlitsy and Ropsha back. We arrived home at 12 o'clock. The walk was successful, despite the rain and slush.

*June 12th. Monday.*

By morning the rain had passed. The day was great. Had two reports. Drozd-Bonyachevsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received Gerard. We walked together. After tea he received Goremykin. We dined at Sergievka. In the evening Nikolasha informed me that the 1st baht. The transfiguration of the [Azhen] p. Obeyed and repented. By 10 o'clock. a detachment from the camp arrived.

*June 13th. Tuesday.*

In the morning, the two of us went to the barracks, where I thanked the troops for their service: ulan, 2nd round. battery, machine-gun company of the 2nd Guards. infantry. din. and L.-Gv. Rifle regiment. Took up to one o'clock. Breakfast: Jaime Bourbon and Knyazhevich (dezh.). After 3 hours. visited the life-grenadier at the site in front of the barracks of the Caspian regiment. We took a walk. Aunt Olga arrived for tea. Did a nice ride on horseback. I visited the usual place of passage of the lancers to the camp. Alix and Stana were there too - in the chariot. Dined together at 8 1/2 on the balcony. I studied all evening.

*June 14th. Wednesday.*

At 7 1/4 I went to Tsarskoe Selo on a motor. He was present at a review of the live fire of one company - each of the rifle battalions at the Arakcheevsky shooting range. The result was very good. I had breakfast in the 1st battalion in the garden of the officers' assembly. I returned to Peterhof at 4 o'clock.

Today is Marie's birthday, she is 7 years old. We dined and spent the evening on Znamenka. The weather was excellent.

*June 15th. Thursday.*

Received the whole morning at the Farm. Uncle Alexei was having breakfast. The weather was hot; two torrential rains passed. As a result, I did not go on horseback. Walked. From 6 hours. took Stolypin up to 7 1/2. Resin (dezh.) Dined. Have a ride. I studied in the evening.

*June 16th. Friday.*

The day was cloudy and warm. Had two reports and a small reception. Sergei, who had returned from the south, had breakfast. Walked. Rain is coming. Accepted Prince. Vasilchikova. Skalon dined (dezh.). Was reading. I spent the evening at Znamenka.

*June 17th. Saturday.*

At 9 o'clock. went through Ropsha to Krasnoe. I got on my horse and rode to the Military Field, where I inspected my cuirassiers. At the end, the regiment went through a through attack through the battalion of the 92nd Pechora regiment. I had breakfast at the cuirassier's. Alix came for me from Tsarskoe. We returned to Peterhof at 3 1/2.

Rain is coming. Received reports and read. The family dined on the coast. Milica, Stana and Petyusha stayed with us.

*June 18th. Sunday.*

Fresh SW blew all night and the water rose strongly. The day was clear. After mass on the palace ground, I made a review: the 1st Kronst [adt] crepe. infantry. baht., 1st and 2nd battles. Crown [Stadt] crepe. art., crepe. glanders. company and crepe. mine.

We had breakfast with our superiors and officers. We returned home about 3 o'clock. We took a walk. We saw how the units left on steamers to Kronstadt. The wind died down. I worked hard. We dined on the balcony. We rode and stopped at Znamenka.

*19th June. Monday.*

At 9 o'clock. Alix, Stana and I rode a motor through Ropsha to Krasnoe. There he got on a horse and rode to the Horse Grenadiers at the Military Field. They passed the regimental inspection excellently and dashingly. Alix and Stana watched from the roller. At the end of the show we stopped at Nikolasha's house and were treated to him with a rich snack. We went with him to the village of Annino - the location of the Horse Grenadier, where he had breakfast in the officers' meeting. Alix came to pick me up. We returned to Peterhof in 25 minutes. Received Taneev. Walked. After tea he received Goremykin. We dined together. Have a ride. I studied until 11 o'clock.

*June 20th. Tuesday.*

Was busy from 10 o'clock. until one o'clock. Izvolsky had breakfast. I made a good ride on a new hunting road around Nastolovo (25 versts). The day was excellent and quiet. After tea I studied. We dined on the balcony. We rode and spent the evening on Znamenka.

*June 21st. Wednesday.*

At 10 1/2 we went to the Kadetsky parade ground. The cuirassier regiment was on horseback in full dress. After the moleben, the regiment went through three excellent ceremonies. march. We had breakfast at the Grand Palace. Took the usual report. We walked together. It was a wonderful day. I studied until lunchtime. Made a great walk.

*June 22nd. Thursday.*

At 8 1/4 we set off with Nikolasha and Stana in the engine for Oranienbaum. We watched the 2nd and 5th rounds from the hill. batteries on shields at sea. We returned before 11 o'clock. and met at the entrance with Misha; he came from Norway today. Took on the farm. Breakfast: book. Orlov and Chagin (dezh.).

I rode a pheasant on horseback. On the highway, I overtook both batteries of the Mikhailovsky School. After tea he received Langof. Chagin dined. Have a ride.

*June 23rd. Friday.*

A very hot day. In the morning I went for a walk, and Alix went on horseback. Mengden had breakfast (dezh.). We walked together. After tea he received Stolypin. We spent the evening at Znamenka. At night, the poor elk ran into the bars near the Petersburg highway and was killed.

*June 24th. Saturday.*

At 8 1/2 we went by motor to the firing site behind Oranienbaum. The division of the 37th art was shooting. brigades. It was very warm, it was hazy and it was raining. On the way back, we examined the naval hospital. Had two reports. Breakfast: bar. Fredericks and Daragan (dezh.). I rode on horseback. After tea he received: Izvolsky, Trepov and Orlov.



We dined together. We did not ride for long, because it started to rain. I studied all evening.

*June 25th. Sunday.*

There was a strong thunderstorm at night. In the morning the rain continued even during mass. By 12 o'clock he passed - to the beginning of the review on the palace platform. It was attended by: 2nd Kronsht [adt] crepe. infantry. battalion, 3rd, 4th and 5th battalions of the Kron [Stadt] battalion got stronger. artillery. All introduced themselves perfectly. After breakfast we talked for a long time on the balcony. We returned home at 3 o'clock with a shower. Walked. At 5 1/2 we went to the highway and met the Moscow regiment, going to the camp. We spent the evening at Znamenka.

*July 26th. Monday.*

A very hot day. Breakfast Mandryk (dezh.). Alix went to Tsarskoe for a few hours. I rode on horseback. After tea he received Go-Remykin. Mom came to dine with us. At 10 o'clock. all went to Krasnoe in the 4th page of baht. to Petya. On the way back, we drove along the front line of the large camp and through Ropsha home, where we arrived at 12 3/4. The night was wonderful.

*June 27th. Tuesday.*

The same wonderful day. Walked in the morning. Had three reports. Breakfast: Andrey (dezh.) And Izvolsky. Received 25 wounded lower ranks. Ride in "Gatchinka" far into the sea. After tea he received Ermolov. We dined with Aunt Eugenia. Played billiards. I read it in the evening.

*June 28th. Wednesday.*

The heat reached 20 ° in the shade. At 10 1/2 we went to a memorial service for dear George. After the lecture, I received it at the Farm. We took a walk. I swam in the sea for the first time - and it was 20 ° in the water. After tea I received DN Shilov and had a long conversation with him. We dined on Znamenka and sat outside in the evening.

*June 29th. Thursday.*

The marvelous weather continued. The morning was pretty free. Lavrinovsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. We visited the birthday people, Petya and Petya. Swam in the sea. After tea, Mom stopped by for half an hour. Was reading. In 7 1/4 Alix, Mills, Orlov, Prince. Orlov and I went to Ropsha. Five of us dined in the palace; Kyuba served himself. We walked in a pheasant-nik and at 10 o'clock. drove on through Dyatlitsy and Gostilitsy. Arrived at Peterhof at 11 1/2 o'clock. The walk came out great. Drank tea with companions.

*June 30th. Friday.*

After reports and a small reception, we went to the Upper Garden, where 160 cadets of both artillery were being produced. schools. Uncle Alexei had breakfast. Received Shirinsky-Shikhmatov and Nikolasha. We took a walk. We saw the Pechora regiment, which was leaving here for Krasnoe. Swam in the sea together; it was 18 ° in the water and 21 ° in the shade.

Komarov (dezh.) Dined. At 9 o'clock. went on "Scout" beyond Kronstadt to the London floating lighthouse. We returned home at 12 o'clock. The air was wonderful and the warmth amazing.

*1st of July. Saturday.*

The morning was clear, and during the day it became cloudy, and in the evening it began to rain. Breakfast: Fredericks and Delsalle (dezh.). Walked. Swam in the sea together. Aunt Marusya drank tea with us. Was reading. We dined on the balcony. We spent the evening at Znamenka.

*2nd July. Sunday.*

The heat was colossal: 23 ° in the shade. At 11 o'clock, went to mass and had breakfast at the Farm. We introduced ourselves to three sailors from "Navarin", the only survivors of the entire crew of 600 people. Walked. We swam together. From 4 1/2 to 8 a.m. there were four thunderstorms with heavy showers. Was reading. We dined and spent the evening on Znamenka.

*3rd of July. Monday.*

It was still raining at night. By morning the weather improved. The morning was busy. Heyden (dezh.) Had breakfast. We went to the Diveevskoye courtyard, where we examined a new drawing school. We returned to Alexandria at 4 1/2 and went swimming. After tea he received Goremykin. Dined: the Benckendorff couple, the Orlov couple, Sonya Orbeliani and Heiden. Was reading.

*4th of July. Tuesday.*

There were several rains during the day. By evening it became cool. We had breakfast alone. At 2 1/2, Alexei and I went to the Farm, where deputations from four Siberian corps presented their "godson" with pectoral crosses and a folding fold. Represented all general adjutants. Zarubaev. We walked and swam, it was very deep. Olga drank tea with us. We dined at Sergievka. We returned home at 12 noon.

*July 5th. Wednesday.*

In the morning there were several rains, and the day was good. Received at the Farm. Breakfast: book. Orlov and Knyazhevich (dezh.). Took Skryd-. fishing. We walked together. We saw the Jaeger Regiment, which was returning to the camp. Didn't swim because of the cold weather; the water was very high.

After tea he received Schwanebach and Stolypin. We dined alone. Mi-persons and Stana spent the evening with us. Was reading.

*6th July. Thursday.*

In the morning, four wounded officers were received. Walked. Had a report from Budberg. Gavrilov (dezh.) Had breakfast. They took another 40 wounded lower ranks at the Farm. We walked together. The weather was very good. After tea I read. Ride in a kayak. Dinner: Stana and Orlov. Four of us played in a blow.

*July 7th. Friday.*

A very busy morning. We were half an hour late for breakfast for the officers of the deputations from the Siberian armies. buildings that was happening on the farm. There was a thunderstorm and great stuffiness. We walked together. Received Goremykin; signed a decree dissolving the Duma! We dined with Olga and Petit. I read all evening.

*July 8th. Saturday.*

A busy tiring day that reminded me of the days leading up to the 17th October of last year. In the morning there were reports. From 5 to 8 1/2 I talked with Goremykin, who was leaving, and with Stolypin, who was appointed to take his place. We dined together on the balcony. I read it in the evening.

*July 9th. Sunday.*

It is finished! The Duma is closed today. At breakfast after Mass, many of them had their elongated faces. In the afternoon, a manifesto for tomorrow was drawn up and rewritten; signed it at about 6 o'clock. The weather was great. During the walk we met D. Misha, a cat. moved from Gatchina yesterday. Until lunchtime and all evening I was quietly studying. I rode in a kayak.

*July 10th. Monday.*

The day was easy for me. After the report, Birilyov received Nelidov. Uncle Alexei had breakfast. We walked together. The weather was good. Aunt Marusya drank tea with us. Received Stolypin; from the first steps he got the best impression. In St. Petersburg, Moscow and other cities, the day passed calmly. We dined together. Have a ride.

*July 11th. Tuesday.*

The day was warm, but gray.

On the occasion of Olga's name day, we went to mass. Received reports. Drozd-Bonyachevsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. We visited Olga and Petya. Walked. After tea he took Nikolasha and Freda Ricks. Ride in a kayak. We dined on the balcony. Was reading. We spent the evening at Znamenka.

*July 12th. Wednesday.*

The weather turned hot again. After the lecture, I received it at the Farm. Tottleben (dezh.) Had breakfast.

During the walk, we saw the Semenovskiy regiment entering Peterhof, and then Pavlovskiy, marching into Krasnoe. I walked for a long time. I read it in the evening. After lunch we went for a ride with Nilov on an electric boat.

*July 13th. Thursday.*

In the morning there was a short rain, then the weather turned splendid. Received Tatishchev, cat. leaves for Berlin. Had two reports. Skoropadsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. We walked and fiddled with children on a swing. Swam in the sea. After tea he received Goremykin and said goodbye to him. We dined on the balcony. Milica and Stana spent the evening with us.

*July 14th. Friday.*

After getting dressed, I rode my bike to the bathhouse and took a swim in the sea with pleasure. The weather was hot and the water was warm. After two reports, I received five people. Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 3 o'clock we went to the Kadetsky parade ground for a review of the 3rd and 4th companies of the Consolidated Guards Battalion. I was very pleased with it. I swam again. After tea I studied. We dined and spent the evening on Znamenka.

*July 15th. Saturday.*

I swam twice. It was really hot. In the morning I had three reports. Breakfast: Fredericks and Stefanovich (dezh.). We visited Aunt Marusya, a cat. leaves tomorrow. After tea he received Stolypin and Samarin. We dined together. The thunderstorm has passed.

*July 16th. Sunday.*

A perfect cloudless day.

At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast at the Farm. We walked for a long time. I bathed until tea. Was reading. At 7 1/2 we had dinner on the farm with the officers of the Semenovskiy regiment. We talked with them in the garden. Returning home, we went for a walk.

*July 17th. Monday.*

I swam in the sea in the morning. It was a wonderful day, but by evening it became cooler. Breakfast: D. Alexey and Boris (dezh.). At 3 1/4, the entire Semenovskiy regiment came to Alexandria. Having greeted all the companies, they went at the head of the regiment with music past our house to the edge of the forest, where tables were set with tea and rolls. He held Alexey in his arms, he attracted everyone's attention. About 5 hours. released the glorious Semenovtsev, the cat. went along the sea to their positions. After tea he received Taneev. At 10 o'clock. went to Znamenka.

*July 18th. Tuesday.*

At 9 o'clock. I went with Alix and Alexei to the back parade ground, where I inspected the Semenovskiy regiment. The regiment introduced itself amazingly. I thanked him for his service in Moscow. Came back at 10 1/4. In front of the house there was a production of cadets of an additional class of Nikolaev engineer. schools. Had three reports. After breakfast we went on the "Marev" to Elagin, then to Kronstadt and at 6 o'clock. came back. They took all the daughters with them. I did. I swam in the sea before lunch. In the evening we were at Sergievka and saw Gregory!

\* This is about Grigory Rasputin.

*19th July. Wednesday.*

I swam in the morning. Received at the Farm. Uncle Vladimir and Chagin were having breakfast. At 3 1/4, the Finnish regiment and the 1st Micah approached our house. Paul. baht. As with the Semenovtsev, we went with them to the forest, where they treated them to tea. Filmed as a group on the grass. After that I swam. Received Stolypin. We dined and spent the evening on Znamenka.

*20th July. Thursday.*

Lovely events have taken place these days. There was a riot in the crepe in Sveaborg. art. and mine company; the case ended with the bombing of the rebellious batteries by the ships and the surrender of the latter. Tonight in Kronstadt, a mine company and naval teams on the shore also mutinied.

At 9 1/2 in the morning we went to the Caspian regiment; examined the barracks, the emergency room, the officers' meeting and the regiment commander's house.

Lavrinovsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked for a long time. The weather was wonderful. Swam in the sea. After tea he received Lvov and Guchkov. We dined together. I studied all evening.

*July 21st. Friday.*

Great weather. Swam in the morning. After the report, he received seven presenting candidates. Sashka Vorontsov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Nikolasha visited me about the mutinies in Sveaborg and Kronstadt. Walked and swam in the sea. After tea I received Birilyov, the cat. in the morning came from the sea, and then Samarina. We dined on the balcony. Was reading. We saw Nilov, the cat. I sent wounded officers to Kronstadt to visit.

*July 22nd. Saturday.*

Due to scarlet fever, Theodore did not see Mama on her name day. In the morning he swam, received Rediger, went to mass and had breakfast at the Farm. The weather was hot. Received Nikolasha. Walked. Swam together. Aunt Evgenia drank tea with us. I studied for a long time. We dined on the balcony. We spent the evening at Znamenka.

*July 23rd. Sunday.*

The weather immediately turned bad, the wind blew with rain, and it became cool. We were at mass and had breakfast at the Farm. Was reading. Walked six times across Alexandria. We dined together. Milica and Stana spent the evening with us.

Now poor Irina fell ill with scarlet fever.

*July 24th. Monday.*

The rain stopped, but the wind continued. Between the lectures he received a friend from the Englishman Mackenzie Wallace.

After breakfast Stolypin sat with me for a long time. We took a walk. Milica drank tea with us. I studied before and after lunch. Walked a little.

*July 25th. Tuesday.*

The weather improved, *N* was still blowing. Had three reports. Breakfast: Izvolsky and Nirod (dezh.). At the Farm, 30 wounded lower. ranks. We took a walk. After tea he received Fredericks and Langof. We dined and spent the evening together.

*July 26th. Wednesday.*

Cool day with a few rains. After the lecture I received only ten people. Drenteln had breakfast (dezh.). Walked and watched the race of yacht barges, whaleboats and sixes. First there was rowing, then sailing. After tea I had Nikolasha. We dined together. We spent the evening on Znamenka.

*July 27th. Thursday.*

In the morning I had one report and received seven introducing themselves, of which Count NP Ignatiev took a whole hour. It was a great day. We walked together. After tea and after dinner I studied for a long time.

*July 28th. Friday.*

The morning was sunny and warm. Until 11:00 it started raining, cat., interrupting, lasted until 7 o'clock. Had only two reports. Khan Nakhichevansky (dezh.) Had breakfast. We took a walk. I read a lot and finished ass. Before lunch I went for a ride in Gatchinka. I worked hard in the evening.

*July 29th. Saturday.*

After the fog had cleared, the day was splendid. At 9 1/2 Alix and Stana drove to Tsarskoe Selo, from where they returned for breakfast. Had four reports. We walked and rode together on a "tuzik". The sea was like a mirror.

After tea he received Birilyov. We dined and spent the evening on Znamenka.

*July 30th. Sunday.*

Our darling Alexei is two years old. Congratulations began in the morning. His 4th Cavalry Battery presented him with a full officer's uniform. We went to mass and had breakfast at the Farm with music. I had an exchange of opinions with five members of the family regarding specific lands [141](#) . At 4 o'clock I went to the Babigonskaya hunt. In total, I killed **40 ducks**. The weather was warm. I read and responded to telegrams. We spent the evening at Znamenka.

*July 31st. Monday.*

The day was gray and rainy, but warm. Adopted new ones - Ober-Prosecutor of St. Syn. Izvolsky and Chief Executive. Farmer. book Vasil-chikova. Knyazhevich (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked. At 4 1/2 we went by car through Ropsha to **Krasnoe Selo**. In the first one went: Stan, Olga, Tatiana, Mari and I; in the second: Alix, Nastasya, Alexey and Militsa. Arrived at 50 min. time despite the slippery road.

In our house we placed two younger ones downstairs, in the house of Nik [olai] Pavl (ovich) - three elders. Received Birilyov. Was reading. We dined together. We sat for a short time at Nikolasha's house.

*1st August. Tuesday.*

I hardly slept all night. The weather, fortunately, has become wonderful. At 10 o'clock. went to the Military Field for the general parade, which was very pleased. We had breakfast on a roller. Returned home at 1 1/2. We walked with the children in the garden. At 4 1/2 we went with Militsa and Stana on a motor to the races. They went well and quickly. I read until 7 1/2. After lunch we went to the theater. Came back at 11 1/2.

*2nd August. Wednesday.*

I slept well. Received Izvolsky's report. At 11 3/4 we went on a motor to the location of the Ulan regiment. Near the Shungorov manor, the foundation of the regimental church in the name of St. John the Warrior, built at the expense of Alix. We had breakfast with the children. At 3 o'clock he went on a brigade maneuver in the vicinity of the Mukholov ravine. The retreat was given at 6 1/4, and the parsing continued until 7 3/4 in the old redoubt.

Returned to 8 o'clock. home. Nikolasha treated us to a delicious lunch in a tent. Tried 6 sorts of port and sprinkled a little, which made me sleep well.

*3rd August. Thursday.*

The weather was even better today; the sun was very hot. At 9 o'clock. I went on a motor to the Thais, where I was waiting for the start of active actions for a long time. The hang-up was given at 12 o'clock. on Kavelakhty; analysis took place right there in the old fortification. Returned to 2 o'clock. on a motor with Nikolasha, Petyusha and Sergei. They had breakfast with us. We walked and fiddled with the children on a new raft on the pond. Marie fell into the water, but was immediately pulled out. Studied until 7 1/2. We dined together. We went to the theater, gave a very funny play "**Money Aces**".

*4th August. Friday.*

At 8 1/2 I left with Alix and Stana on a motor along the Kipenskoe highway. In Telesi, I was introduced to the officers of a variable composition of officers. kaval. schools. He got on a horse and rode off to see Vysotsky. Here we saw an attack by the regiments of the 2nd cavalry. div. to the Rifle Regiment and the battery. Then I drove to the Heidemyaks, where the retreat was given and where there was a long but interesting analysis. Returned home for breakfast at 3 1/2 o'clock.

Received Stolypin. I took a walk. The weather was marvelous in July. Was reading. At 8 1/2 we went to the play - the last one of this season. We had dinner at Nikolasha's.

*5th August. Saturday.*

At 7 1/2 we went to Kavelakhty. There I got on horseback and began to ride everywhere. I saw a lot. The weather was great. In general, the maneuver played out correctly. The retreat was given at 12 1/2 o'clock. Then there was an analysis at a large meeting of officers. Thanking the troops, he returned to Krasnoe. About 3 o'clock we sat down to breakfast in a large tent. At 5 o'clock. left Krasnoe Selo with sadness. We arrived at **Peterhof** at 42 minutes on motors - just that time. The evening was wonderful - the sea was like a mirror. Was reading. At 9 o'clock. gave a dinner in the Grand Palace in honor of the birth of the Austrian emperor.

*6th August. Sunday.*

The first time I was at Mass that day, usually I always spent the morning at the Preobrazhensky feast. We had breakfast with everyone at the Farm, We walked for a long time. The weather was hot with a strong south wind. I read a lot. I was sad about Krasnoye Selo. Dinner: Stana and Orlov. Four of us played in a blow.

*7th August. Monday.*

We slept well. At 12 o'clock. Victoria came from Ilyinsky and settled with us. Had three reports. After breakfast, I made an excellent walk with the Eagle Top. Soaked through from two showers. After tea he received Taneyev and Langof. The three of us dined. I read it in the evening.

*August 8th. Tuesday.*

The morning was clear, but it started raining in the afternoon. Had three reports. After breakfast I had Fredericks. At 3 1/4, we went with Victoria on a motor to Mikhailovskoye, Strelina and to Aunt Eugenia. Returned home at 5 1/2. The three of us dined. I did.

*August 9th. Wednesday.*

A terrible wind blew from the sea; the water came hard. Received at the Farm. Breakfast: D. Vladimir and Victoria. At 2 1/2 I went with him to the Farm, where a meeting took place with all available family members and ministers: Court, Int. Affairs, finance, Glavnoupr. Land. and Kochubey still on the same issue of leased specific land. The meeting ended at 5 o'clock. Returned on foot. Lilo and it blew furiously. I read intensively before and after lunch, and I finished a lot of stale ones.

*August 10th. Thursday.*

The weather improved, it became quiet and warm. The morning was not busy. After breakfast I rode with Orlov on horseback through Bol. Simongont, Porzolovo and Tuyuzi along the Gostilitskaya road to Sergievka. There we drank tea with Alix and Victoria at Stana's. We returned home at 6 o'clock. We made a total of 25 versts on the map. Received Stolypin. The three of us dined as usual. Was reading.

*11th August. Friday.*

It blew again and in the morning it started to rain. Alix and Victoria drove to Tsarskoe and returned to breakfast. Didn't take a walk for long. I did a lot.

At 6 o'clock. received Gershelman - Moskov. Gen.-Lip. and the commander of the troops. The three of us dined.

*August 12th. Saturday.*

Cold day with passing rains. At 10 1/2 we went to the Grand Palace, where we received 90 officers from the Shooting School. Then he had three reports. At 4 1/4 we went to Oranienbaum; drank tea at Tingchen's. We returned by another beautiful road through the village of Pyapki and back along Gostilitskaya. Was reading. I learned about the explosion in Stolypin's house <sup>[5]</sup>, he, thank God, remained unharmed, but his son and daughter were wounded. Many were killed and wounded, half of the house was destroyed.

*August 13th. Sunday.*

The morning was clear. At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast on the farm in the room. Walked. The weather deteriorated in the evening, it started raining and the wind rose. Kostya, Mavra and four children arrived for tea; later Comrade Eugene. I did a lot. The three of us dined. - In the evening at the station in Nov. Peterhof killed good Min <sup>[6]</sup>, the commander of the Semenovskiy regiment.

*August 14th. Monday.*

The weather was bad and rainy. Had the usual two reports and took the cap. 1 p. Bostrem and three commanders of his squadron of naval midshipmen. The princes had breakfast. Yusupov. Didn't take a long walk. After tea I read. At 8 o'clock. went to Lushchino to the Min family's dacha - to a memorial service. It is painful and sad to look at their grief. We had lunch at 9 o'clock. three of us. Nikolasha sat with me until 11 1/4.

*August 15th. Tuesday.*

Cold windy weather. At 10 o'clock. there was mass. Then reports. We had breakfast at 12 1/2 o'clock. We went to take out Ming's body at 2 o'clock. Returning home, we went for a walk. I read and studied all evening.

*August 16th. Wednesday.*

The day was sunny at times, by evening the wind finally died down. Received at the Farm. After breakfast I saw Stolypin for the first time after the terrible explosion in his house. Walked.

At 4 1/2 in the Peter's Hall of the Bolshoi Palace, the flag of the 1st Kronstadt serf was being nailed down. battalion. We returned home for tea. After lunch I also studied.

*August 17th. Thursday.*

Fortunately, the weather has improved, calmed down and warmer. At 10 1/2 we went to the palace platform for the parade of the Jaeger Regiment and the 1st Kronst. crepe. infantry. battalion on the occasion of its centenary. During the prayer service, the banner was consecrated and the oath of allegiance was read to the battalion. Both parts were excellent ceremonies. mar We had breakfast in the Petrovskaya hall. Returned home at 2 1/4. Received Ambassador Zinoviev. At 3 o'clock we went on the "Scout" to the ships of the Marine Corps detachment: **"Sailor"** and **"Warrior"**, as well as to two Laibas \* of the same names. After the show, the last two left for St. Petersburg under sail. Then we visited can. boat **"Brave"**, cat. I spent 8 years in the Mediterranean Sea. The cadets rowed around the Brave in all their boats. Returned home at 6 1/4. Was reading. Four of us dined with Boris (dezh.). Then they played blow.

\* Laiba is a river deck ship.

*August 18th. Friday.*

The wind blew again and it got worse. Had three reports and a small reception. At 2 1/2 we went to the Farm, where a deputation of five officers and 48 lower ranks of the Semenovskiy regiment brought Alexei two checkers - a large one and a children's one. It was very touching!



Came back at 3 1/4. Walked. I read it after tea. We dined on Znamenka.

*19th August. Saturday.*

The day was good and quiet. At 10 o'clock. went to the Palace and received 100 people. field department officer Art. schools. Had four reports.

At 2 1/2 Alix, Victoria and I set off on the Alexandria to Kronstadt. On the Big roadstead they visited and examined: bron. "**Tsarevich**", bron. "**Glory**" and the cruiser "**Bogatyr**".

Promoted Bostrem - the commander of a detachment of naval midshipmen - in rear admirals and two commanders - Mankovsky and Girs in the cap. 1 p. I was very pleased with the appearance of the midshipmen and crews, as well as the maintenance of the ships. We returned to Peterhof at 7 o'clock. Dined at 8 1/2. Was reading.

*20th August. Sunday.*

It was raining in the morning, about 10 o'clock. immediately refreshed; a storm blew in the afternoon. We were at mass and had breakfast at the Farm. Walked for a long time. After tea, they saw how a steam boat tore off the "Rabotnik" bakshtov, flooded the firebox on it and carried it to the shore. Very soon the "Scout" came to the rescue, took him in tow and took him to the harbor. After lunch we took Victoria to the station and said goodbye to her. From there we drove to Znamenka.

*August 21st. Monday.*

*It was a clear day with a fresh NW . Alix and Stana went to Tsarskoe Selo. He had breakfast with us. Orlov.*

At 3 o'clock on the Kadetsky parade ground he made a farewell review to the 27th Don Kaz. shelf. The Cossacks introduced themselves perfectly and went home. We walked together. Was reading. After lunch I did not study for long.

*August 22nd. Tuesday.*

Had reports half an hour earlier and by 12 o'clock. arrived at the pier to accompany Mom to Denmark. She came with Misha on a motor from Gatchina. We went to Kronstadt on the Alexandria. The weather was fine and the sea was calm. We moved to the "Polar Star", where a parting prayer was served. At 2 o'clock we said goodbye to Mama and returned to "Alexandria". "Polar Star" immediately gave way and went to sea with mines. cruise. "Voiskovoy". Received Stolypin. We took a walk. Was reading. Dined Mandryk (dezh.). It became very cold at night, only 4 ° with a magnificent moon.

*August 23rd. Wednesday.*

It got warmer, it was raining during the day. Received at the Farm. After breakfast, he said goodbye in the garden to the departing Cossacks - L.-Gv. Cossack and Ataman regiments and the Ural hundreds. Walked together in the rain. Was reading. Stana spent the evening with us.

*August 24th. Thursday.*

At 10 1/2 we said goodbye to the departing people from the Consolidated Guards Battalion. Had two reports. Breakfast: Elena Milash [evich] and Andrey (dezh.). At 3 o'clock we went to inspect the new yacht "Alexandria", cat. stood opposite the pier. Christopher drank tea with us. I read until 8 o'clock. At 10 o'clock. arrived: Nikolasha, Petyusha, Militsa and Stana and spent the evening with us.

Mom had a great transition and arrived in Copenhagen today.

*August 25th. Friday.*

The day was gray and warm. Was busy all morning completely. D. Vladimir, who returned from Germany yesterday, had breakfast. Walked in the rain. I read and studied before and after lunch.

*August 26th. Saturday.*

Walked in the morning. Breakfast: Aunt Olga and Christopher. Had two reports before an hour, one after 2 1/2. We walked together. The weather was warm. I studied after tea. Orlov dined. Stana arrived in the evening.

*August 27th. Sunday.*

It was raining in the morning. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast at the Farm. We walked a lot, the weather improved slightly. We spent the evening alone; studied for a long time.

*August 28th. Monday.*

The day was sunny, better than yesterday. In the morning there were two reports. Sonia Orbeliani and Trubetskoy (dezh.) Had breakfast. He took Stolypin for a long time. We walked together, that is, with Alix. We dined and spent the evening together. We decided to go to sea on the "Standart" in the middle of the week.

*August 29th. Tuesday.*

It was a splendid autumn day. Walked in the morning. We had breakfast alone. Let's go to the memorial service for Anlapa and Papa. I walked from 3 to 5, which had not happened for a long time. I played with the children by the swing. After tea and lunch, I read and finished everything that I had accumulated over the past months. A very pleasant consciousness.

*August 30th. Wednesday.*

The day was great. At 10 1/2 we went to the back parade ground, where a very numerous church parade was taking place. It was attended by: Pavlovsky, Dvinsky, Novoherkassky and Alexander Nevsky regiments. All introduced themselves perfectly. There was a large breakfast in the palace. We talked on the balcony. Returning home, he received Shcheglovitov. At 3 o'clock we went to the village of Misha, said goodbye to him, since he was going abroad. I walked for a long time. After tea I studied. We dined together. In the evening, Nikolasha, Militsa and Stana came to visit us.

*August 31st. Thursday.*

The weather was wonderful, in the morning there was fog over the sea; by 11 o'clock. he scattered. I took it from 11 to 1 o'clock. Knyazhevich (dezh.) Had breakfast \*. At 2 1/2, the whole family went to Kronstadt and moved to the cute "**Standard**". At 4 o'clock we went to sea, accompanied by two mines. cruisers "Ukraine" and "Finn" and three large destroyers.

At 8 o'clock. anchored at **Seskar**. We dined with all the officers. In the evening everyone walked around the deck. The night was clear but windy.

\* The following is a leaflet pasted between the pages of the diary, on which an unidentified person lists the places of the royal hunt for the period from September 1 to September 19 and the number of game killed, a total of 127.

*1st September. Friday.*

At 6 o'clock. we weighed anchor and went to **Bjork**. We anchored at 8 1/4 near the island. Pei-sari. The weather was wonderful. In addition to our escorts, "Princess", "General-Admiral" and "Asia" have joined here. We had breakfast at 12 o'clock. At 1 1/2 we drove down to Pei-sari and took three familiar pens there. In general, the whole situation was very reminiscent of last year's stay in these places. We returned to the yacht on boats at 5 o'clock. The flag was lowered at 6.20.

We had lunch at 8 o'clock. and played hard at blowing.

*2nd September. Saturday.*

The weather was great. 9 to 10 hours. watched everyone rowing

yacht boats. He sat on the steering wheel of barge No. 1 and then giggles \*. Birilev rode with Orlov on a boat under sails. After breakfast we set off on the Dozorny to the other side of the Pei-Sari with a beautiful internal fairway. We took two of yesterday's corrals.

I have killed the **black grouse and the male fawn**; 5 black grouses were killed in total. Came back at 6 1/2.

We were at the all-night vigil. The courier brought a lot of papers; finished everything by night. I learned about the sudden death of D. f. Trepova. Heavy loss of the most faithful person.

\* From the English *gig* - a fast, narrow, light rowboat with a pointed bow and a non-pointed stern. Used in the navy for traveling.

*3rd September. Sunday.*

It was a wonderful day - 13 in the shade. In the morning I went for a ride with the officers in kayaks, I'm in mine, a cat. brought on a yacht. At 10 o'clock. mass was served and then walked around the crew and drank a glass on the occasion of the **10th anniversary** of visiting the "Standart" before the first voyage on it. Everyone who had served on the yacht had breakfast. We watched the team's games. At 4 o'clock we drank tea with the children in the wardroom. Was reading. At 8 o'clock. dined in the wardroom. We played a blow on the poop.

*4th September. Monday.*

Even better weather. At 11 1/2 we moved to the "Princess" and went on her way to Transund. We drove out after breakfast to the mainland. We hunted in a beautiful forest between the sea and the inland lake in last year's places. We had plenty of walking. We returned to the "Princess" at 5 o'clock, and arrived at the "Standard" by 6 1/2. Our detachment went without us to the outer raid behind Ravitsa. For the first time, Alexey's braid pennant was raised! After dinner I read it.

*September 5th. Tuesday.*

At 7 o'clock. mornings weighed anchor and went to sea. The weather was amazing with dead calm. At 10 1/4 we approached Aspe, took a pilot, and 11 1/2 dropped anchor in the inner roadstead of **Kotka**. After breakfast we **drove** ashore at the **Langikoski** house . We examined it, walked around the park and saw the tony. There was little water in the river. We returned to the yacht at 4 1/2.

We went with two officers in kayaks around the "laundry" of the island; we drove through various narrows and reeds. The walk was successful. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. In the evening there was no courier, so he was free.

*September 6th. Wednesday.*

We got up early, as all these days on the yacht, were upstairs to hoist the flag. At 9 1/2 we set off in a big company in kayaks and deuces far between the islands. We had breakfast at 11 1/2. An hour later we weighed anchor and went to **Bjork** by Rondo. The sea was like a mirror. We arrived at 4 1/2 and found "Princess", "Patrolman" and "Scout" there. The sunset was wonderful. Was reading. Dined at 7 1/2.

*7th September. Thursday.*

At night, the fog began, which lasted the whole morning. At 12 o'clock. he scattered. The weather has become wonderful. At 2 o'clock we went on the "Scout" to the island. Bjorke, where we landed and hunted in the same places as last year. The result is a hare and a grouse. We returned to the yacht at 6 1/2, with the fog descending again. At 7 o'clock. there was an all-night vigil. We decided to refuse to return to Kronstadt and Peterhof for the Cavalier Guards parade.

*September 8th. Friday.*

In the morning the fog began to dissipate little by little and the day became wonderful - 14 ° in the shade! Many wore tunics. At 10 o'clock. a mass was served, for lack of prosphora. We had breakfast at 11 1/2 o'clock. At 2 o'clock we went on the "Dozorny" to the beloved island of Birilyov, Vasika-sari. We landed in deuces and went around the whole island. It is really beautiful for the variety of tree species. We returned to the yacht at 6 o'clock. Stolypin arrived from St. Petersburg for min. cruise. "Siberian shooter" and had my report before lunch. I read all evening.

*September 9th. Saturday.*

The first gray day, it got cooler. In the morning we all rode in three kayaks and four deuces. We traveled far around "Asia" and "General-Admiral". We had breakfast at 11 1/2. About 2 hours. went to the island. Ravitsa, where they took one paddock, in which there was nothing. They shot at the crows far and for nothing. They made a huge fire. We returned to the yacht at 4 1/4. Drank tea. We went to the all-night vigil. We had dinner at 8 o'clock. Gan was showing a movie upstairs.

*September 10th. Sunday.*

At 6 o'clock. In the morning we weighed anchor and went with the whole detachment to the **Pitko-Pass road**, where they dropped anchor at 8 1/2. The area is beautiful. At 10 o'clock. were at mass and then walked around the team. We had breakfast at about 12 o'clock. The day was cold. We played Bull \* during the day . A new wheeled yacht "Neva" came from the sea for the Minister of the Sea. After the flag was lowered, there was a fireworks display from the shore. I studied the whole evening.

\* A deck game reminiscent of a town game.

*September 11th. Monday.*

It was 2 ° warm at night. We got up late. At 10 o'clock. went to inspect the "Neva". The weather was clear, but windy with snow squalls. At 2 o'clock we went to the island. Pukion-sari, where they took two corrals. Amazing abundance of game. Total killed: 10 black grouse and 10 hares; **by me - 2 black grouse and a hare**. We returned to the yacht by 5 o'clock. I accepted Birilyov's report and studied. In the evening we played in a blow.

*September 12th. Tuesday.*

There was a light frost at night, but the day was magnificent and very warm in the sun. From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. rode in kayaks and deuces. At 2 o'clock we went hunting to a large island, where there was a lot of game, but there was a

misunderstanding with the first corral - it started too early. I killed a crow. The places are very beautiful. The evening passed as usual.

*September 13th. Wednesday.*

It was a splendid day, sunny and quiet. In the morning, while riding in deuces, Alix and I visited: mine cruisers - "Ukraine" and "Finn" and destroyers - "Vidny" and "Thundering". By 11 1/4 were on the yacht. After breakfast we moved to the same island. Pukion-sari and took each paddock twice. The hunt was absolutely amazing: 38 black grouse, an owl and 4 hares.

I killed 11 **black grouses** on the same No. shot well, fired 14 rounds. We returned to the "Standart" earlier than 5 o'clock. We were at the all-night vigil with the taking out of the cross. After lunch, we walked around our entire squadron on a steam boat outside the beams of searchlights.

*September 14th. Thursday.*

For the second time in a row, we have to spend the Day of the Exaltation of the Cross at sea. The morning was great. At 10 o'clock. served mass. We had breakfast at 11 1/2. The barometer immediately began to fall and the weather was frowning, W blew out and it became warmer. At 2 o'clock I went with Birilev, Frederiks, Mosolov and Orlov to the end of the bay to the mainland.

We went around in three boats a large bay, overgrown with reeds. Killed the **duck**. Returned at 5 o'clock. Was reading. During lunchtime it started raining, it was 8 ° C.

I studied in the evening. Played as a blow.

*September 15th. Friday.*

It was very fresh at night and in the morning too, but clear. At 10 o'clock. two of us visited the destroyer "Rezvy". Just had time to return to the yacht, a strong storm of hail flew in.

After breakfast we set off on the "Scout" to the internal Pit-Kopass raid, drove to the island. Padio-sari, where they took four corrals. The raid was good; killed the **black grouse**. It was fine in the forest, warm and without wind. We returned to the yacht to lower the flag. I did not read for long in the evening.

*September 16th. Saturday.*

Cold clear weather with squalls of snow. We spent the morning on a yacht. I started having a backache. We had breakfast at 12 o'clock. We set off on the Patrol route yesterday, but landed on the island. Pei-sari, where they took two corrals. We saw a lot of game. In total, four black grouse, a capercaillie and 6 hares were killed. I have **two black grouse**. We returned by 5 o'clock. There was an all-night vigil. I read it after lunch.

*September 17th. Sunday.*

I slept well, my back pain was almost gone. The weather is fine and clear; by evening it was quiet. Lunch was at 10 o'clock. Breakfast was at 11 1/2. Was reading. At 2 o'clock we drove in deuces to the nearest island with children, where we had a great walk. We returned to the yacht at 4 o'clock. Inflatable figures and balloons were released into the air with the help of lighted alcohol. There was a beautiful moon in the evening.

*September 18th. Monday.*

It was wonderful warm weather. In the morning we rode in kayaks and deuces. About 10 a.m. saw the "Polar Star", which was rapidly approaching, accompanied by mines. cruise. "Voiskovoy" and "Finn". She came up to us and anchored at 11 o'clock. Misha arrived from Denmark. Visited Polar Star before breakfast. At 1 1/2 we went on the "Scout" to the same place of the island. Pei-sari. We took four corrals. I killed **2 black grouse**, the overall result was not great. We returned to the yacht at 5 o'clock. I read a lot.

*19th September. Tuesday.*

The morning was gray, the day cleared up. At 10 o'clock. went to the "General-Admiral", where I made an artillery exercise, and then visited the "Voiskovoy". We had breakfast at 12 o'clock. An hour and a half later we set off on the Dozorny to a beautiful bay, where we landed on the Shiga-sari. Walking in the reach, we were shaken.

He shot badly and smeared. Killed: two wood grouses, a grouse and 3 hares. We returned by 6 o'clock. on a yacht. By the evening it became much warmer and fresher from SW. The ripple from the sea shook us slightly. After dinner, they played with enthusiasm in the blow.

*20th September. Wednesday.*

In the morning it started to rain, it was quite warm. At 10 o'clock. set off with Nilov on Nixon's motorboat out to sea and fell into a good swell. He held up perfectly, the spray did not fall. We had breakfast at 12 o'clock. At 3 o'clock I went with Misha and Birilev to test the new Neva. An hour of time passed on it. She walked 15 knots very evenly and smoothly. After tea I sat down to my papers and finished everything by evening. Played as a blow.

*September 21st. Thursday.*

To our great regret, the last day of a wonderful free life on the "Standart" in the skerries has come. At 9 o'clock we weighed anchor and went straight to Kronstadt. The weather was clear, but cold NW was blowing. We were gently rocked. Misha walked on the Polar Star in the wake; the rest of the faithful escorts marched in their usual formation in a circle. We had breakfast at 11 1/2. We came to Kronstadt until 2 am and stood on the barrel. We drank tea with all the officers at our place and, having said goodbye to them and the crew, moved to Alexandria and went to **Peterhof**, where they arrived at about 5 am. It was cold and quite fresh, there were many trees without leaves. It seemed lonely and quiet in our house - there was a lack of the familiar atmosphere of ship life! Was reading. We dined together and went to bed early.

*September 22nd. Friday.*

In the morning Dedyulin, who had been appointed commandant of the palace, introduced himself. Walked a little. The reports went on as usual. Del Sal (dezh.) Had breakfast. The weather was clear but cold. We visited Trepov's widow. We walked together. Received Izvolsky from 6 1/2 to 7 1/2. Milica and Stana dined.

*September 23rd. Saturday.*

It was a splendid, quiet day; it was just a shame that we didn't stay in the skerries longer. Had three reports in the morning. Fredericks had breakfast. Then he received Stolypin. Walked with Alix. I read until 8 o'clock. Misha came to spend the night from Gatchina. After lunch, the three of us walked in the moonlight - tempo. was at zero.

*September 24th. Sunday.*

The same sunny day. Walked; in the shade it was white with frost. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast in the inner rooms of the Farm. In front of our house, Alec showed field kitchens for delivering meals to workers - the guardianship of sobriety. The three of us took a walk. I went kayaking with Misha. I read all evening. We dined together.

*September 25th. Monday.*

Wonderful clear day. The morning was very busy. Tzvetsinsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. Made a nice horseback ride through Nastolovo in less than two hours. At 6 o'clock. accepted Langof. We dined together and had a good walk around the whole of Alexandria.

*September 26th. Tuesday.*

The day was excellent and warm. At 11 o'clock. there was a parade to the Cavalier regiment instead of the church parade on September 5th. Then we had breakfast at the Grand Palace. I accepted Palitsyn's report. Walked. After tea he received Izvolsky. At 8 o'clock. the first half of the Shtandart officers dined with us with Chagin. Played as a blow. The evening was very nice.

*September 27th. Wednesday.*

A splendid clear day after a gray morning. After the report, we went to the Farm, where we received. Breakfast book. Orlov. I watched the newly arrived people in the Consolidated Guards Battalion.

I walked for a long time. After tea I took - Schwanebach and the bar. Ikskul. Was reading. Milica and Stana dined with us.

*September 28th. Thursday.*

At 8 3/4 in the morning I went to Nastolovo by motor with Fredericks. Orlov and Drentelny. The weather was foggy and warm. The raid began from the village of Piyuduzi and then on both sides of the Ropsha highway. We had breakfast in the tent at the same place. In total killed: 286. **I - 21: pheasant, 4 black grouse, woodcock, 2 ser. partridges and 13 hares.** We returned home with the same ones at 5 1/2. Received Budberg. At 8 o'clock. the other half of the Shtandart officers dined. We had a very good evening.

*September 29th. Friday.*

It was a wonderful sunny day. In the morning, as always, I walked for about half an hour. Received two and had three reports. Totleben (dezh.) Had breakfast.

Filmed for a long time as a group and separately in the nursery. About 4 hours. went to "Peterhof" on the steamer "**Rabotnik**", a cat. examined in detail. Boss gave us tea. The premises are much better and more extensive than on the unfortunate "Ruff". We returned home for tea. At 8 o'clock. Birilev and Nilov dined with their adjutants, Orlov and Chagin and both maids of honor — all from the standard society. They played obviously in a blow. I drank tea with them and about 12 o'clock. everyone left.

*September 30th. Saturday.*

Great day with a southerly wind. Walked up to the reports. Fredericks had breakfast. He took Stolypin for a long time. Walked with Alix. After tea I had a gene. Goncharov in the case of the Sveaborg riot. Misha, who had come from Gatchina for the night, had lunch.

*1st October. Sunday.*

We got up late. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast at the Farm. Received five wounded soldiers. Ride in kayaks with Misha; arrived at the military harbor. It was warm, but a strong wind was blowing from the shore. We walked together. Was reading. After lunch I went for a drive with Alix in a wheelchair.

*2nd October. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock. began the first report on the naval general staff at Birilev. We had breakfast at 12 o'clock. with Komarov (dezh.). After changing our clothes, we went by motor with Fredericks and Orlov for Babigon. Between him and the village of Kuznetsy there was a raid, in the cat. was also attended by: Misha, Sergei, Prince. Vasilchikov, Birilev, Gall and Pogulyaev. The weather was lovely and warm, and the hunt was successful. In total, 167 were killed. **By me: 9 pheasants, black grouse, 5 partridges and 6 white hares - a total of 21 pieces.**

We returned home at 6 o'clock. Received by Oliva. Was reading. After lunch, we rode together.

*3rd October. Tuesday.*

The day was excellent, especially the morning was good. After the lectures, Daragan (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/2 we went with Olga and Tatiana on the "Dozorny" to St. Petersburg. We joined our "Standart" and spent an hour in the wardroom with great pleasure. We went back through the canal and approached Peterhof in complete darkness at 6 1/2. I read it until lunchtime. In the evening we went for a ride.

*4th October. Wednesday.*

In the morning, unfortunately, it rained, so the Convoy parade took place

in the arena of the Ulan regiment on foot. In addition to the Convoy, my one hundred Life Cossack Regiment also participated on the occasion of the holiday. We had breakfast at the palace. At this time the weather improved and the sun came out. He ordered to saddle on alarm and by 2 o'clock. the same units should be ready at the Cadet parade ground. This was done with success and the horse parade was even more successful. It was amazingly warm for October - 10 °. Returned home at 2 1/2. We walked and rode in two. Was reading. Nirod (dezh.) Dined. Ride in the evening.

*October 5th. Thursday.*

In the morning rain fell in squalls. By 11 o'clock. the weather improved and became completely summer - it was 11 ° warm in the shade! On the occasion of the name day of dear little Alexei - he was brought at the end of the Mass and communion of the Holy Mysteries, and he behaved perfectly. After breakfast at the farm, everyone went out into the garden and there were conversations. We returned home, changed our clothes and drove out on the motor for a raid. It was 11 No. They finished in the dark. Total killed: 160. **By me: 7 pheasants, black grouse, 3 partridges, 2 hare and 7 white hares - a total of 20.** Were at home in 5 3/4. I read and responded to telegrams. Dinner: Militsa, Petyusha and Stana.

*6th October. Friday.*

The day was warm, but damp, a kind of haze was creeping up from the sea. He took Stolypin from 11 to 12 1/2. Then, at the farm - introducing themselves. Olga and Petya, who had returned from abroad yesterday, arrived for breakfast. Walked and rode in a kayak. After tea he received Kokovtsev. We dined together and rode around Peterhof.

*7th October. Saturday.*

Rainy autumn day. Walked in the morning. Had three reports. Breakfast: Elena, Sonya and Den. I walked for a long time in the rain and returned home with the children. Was reading. We rode together and studied. Misha came for the night.

*October 8th. Sunday.*



In the morning Nikolasha appeared on his return from Pershin. At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast at the Farm. The weather cleared up and became warm. The three of us walked, and later with the children. We drank tea at 4 o'clock. Took Heiden. I dined with Trubetskoy (dezh.). I read for a long time. After finishing what was needed, he took a walk in the rain.

*October 9th. Monday.*

The usual talks began at 10 o'clock. The weather turned gray and cold. We had breakfast at 12 o'clock and then drove with Orlov on a motor along St. Petersburg highway to the village of Korkuli. From there, a raid began and further beyond the railroad. road.

In the last paddock there was a "penalty" to the Ropsha highway. Despite the rain and wind, the hunt was very successful. Total killed: 320. **By me: 10 pheasants, 2 black grouse, an owl, 18 partridges, 2 hare and 18 white hares** - a total of **51 pieces**. Returned home at 5 1/4. Took a philosopher. At 9 o'clock. went to Elena for the evening. Peasants sang. We returned at 12 o'clock.

*October 10th. Tuesday.*

We got up early. The day was sunny, cold, very fresh NO. Accepted Rediger's report and examined the new uniforms of the L.-Gv. Cossacks. Consolidated Cossack Regiment. At 10 3/4 we went on the "Scout" to St. Petersburg. The waves were large, we were thoroughly rocked and splashed.

At 12 1/4, they stuck to the "Standart". Having bypassed the crew, we went down to the wardroom and had a great breakfast.

At 3 1/4 we said goodbye to everyone on the yacht and set off back, again with Nilov and Orlov. We were at home for about 5 hours. very pleased with the day. After tea he received Langof. I studied in the evening.

*October 11th. Wednesday.*

The same clear cold day; the wind is weaker. Took all morning, finished at the Farm. Had breakfast with the kids. At 3 o'clock we went to the memorial service for Trepov in the court cathedral. We saw the chapel in which he is buried. We took a walk. After tea KN Makarova arrived with her daughter; I blessed the last icon. I did. In the evening I took a walk in the frost.

*October 12th. Thursday.*

We got up early and at 8 3/4 set off on an engine with both Orlovs to hunt. We started with the previous penalty, then took three corrals of the Maryinsky pheasant and continued to the end on the right and left to Nastolov. It was freezing in the morning, the day was great, the sun was warm. There were 14. In total, 469 were killed, including **249 feathers**. **I: 31 pheasants, 2 black grouses, 8 gray partridges and 8 hares** - a total of 49. I shot badly. We returned home at 5 o'clock. After tea he received Budberg. We dined together. I spent the whole evening studying.

*October 13th. Friday.*

Excellent clear day with light frost at night. In the morning I managed to take a walk. Had three reports. We had breakfast alone. Had a nice walk to Marley and back. At 6 1/4, Gregory came to us, he brought an icon of St. Simeon of Verkhoturye, saw the children and talked to them until 7 1/2. Orlov dined.

*October 14th. Saturday.*

Cold clear day. Walked in the morning. Received Stolypin. After breakfast, Prince Vadbolsky from the "Standart" brought a beautiful red horse Alexei to his own factory.

Olga and Petya drank tea with us. Was reading. Dined: Nikolasha, Petyusha, Militsa and Stana. They spent the evening with us.

*October 15th. Sunday.*

It snowed briefly in the morning. The sea near the coast was covered with ice until the end of the pier in front of the house. We were at mass and had breakfast at the Farm.

Sorted out with Mosolov the papers of the late Trepov. We walked with Misha. After tea he received Heyden. Ride in the evening.

*October 1st. Monday.*

In the morning I accepted only Birilyov's report. At 12 o'clock. went by motor to Ropsha with Orlov and Drentelny. We found other hunters in the palace. We sat down to breakfast immediately. The hunt took place in the Mikhailovsky pheasant. Total killed: 339. **I have 30 pheasants.** We returned home at 5.20; exactly half an hour on the way. It got warmer; fine snow melted from the roads. I studied before and after lunch.

*October 17th. Tuesday.*

Anniversary of the day of the crash and harrowing hours of last year! Thank God that it has already been experienced. The day was excellent and sunny. I took a walk. Took all morning. Boris had breakfast. Walked. They began to pack for Tsarskoe Selo. After lunch we went for a drive and stopped by Orlov's. We drank tea with him.

*October 18th. Wednesday.*

Sunny day. Received 23 people at the Farm. Breakfast: book. Orlov and Drenteln (dezh.). We visited the new church of the Diveyevo monastery. I took a walk. Stana arrived for tea and stayed until 9 1/4. Besides her, Orlov dined.

*19th October. Thursday.*

The day was completely free for me. After reading the papers and packing the last things, I went for a walk in. \* Returned at 12 1/2. We had breakfast with our family. At 2 1/2 we left dear Peterhof. The lancers saw off. The sun came out. We arrived in **Tsarskoe Selo** with different thoughts than when we left on April 26! I examined the nursery, and having figured it out, I went for a walk. It was clear the frost was beginning. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. Ride in the evening.

\* Omission in the text.

*20th October. Friday.*

Twelve years have passed since the Lord recalled our unforgettable dear Pope to Himself! We were at a funeral service in a marching church. I accepted two reports. We had breakfast: Comrade Olga and Comrade Vera. We walked together around the entire park. At 4 1/2 we visited the village of Vladimir and Comrade Mikhen. He is not well and is leaving tomorrow with her to the south of France.

At 6 o'clock. received Izvolsky, who had returned yesterday from a trip to Paris and Berlin. Stefanovich (dezh.) Dined.

*October 21st. Saturday.*

It was a sunny frosty day. In the morning he received Stolypin. Breakfast: A.A.Taneeva and Chagin (dezh.). We went together to the Church of the Sign. I walked for a long time. At 6 o'clock he received Koty Obolensky. Dined: Sonya Orbeliani, Prince. Obolenskaya and Chagin.

*October 22nd. Sunday.*

Clear frosty day. In the morning Nilov arrived with a report. At 11 o'clock. went to the palace for mass. We had breakfast in the Round Hall, as before, with the commanders of the units and officers of the Convoy and the combined battalion.

Walked with Misha. Met the children. After tea I did a lot. We dined and spent the evening together.

*October 23rd. Monday.*

The reports began at 10 o'clock.

We went together on the railroad. road to Peterhof. We had breakfast on the train. We got out at the Ropsha crossing and went with a paddock to the pheasant. Only we, members of the hunt, took part. Total killed: 487, of which 418 are pheasants. **By me: 97 pheasants, 1 partridge, brown hare and 7 white hares; total - 106.** The raid ended at 4 o'clock with the sound of music from two choirs of peasants.

We got into the engine and reached Tsarskoe in 40 minutes. The weather was fine and quiet. After tea he received Filosofov. Dined: A.A.Taneev and Daragan (dezh.). I put old papers in order.

*October 24th. Tuesday.*

Gray warm day. Walked in the morning. Had three reports. Breakfast: A.A.Taneeva and Arseniev (dezh.). Received Dubasov. Walked and fiddled with children in the garden.

After tea he took Ikskul. I read a lot. Ride in the evening.

*October 25th. Wednesday.*

The day was gray, it was at zero and there was a fine snowball. I took a walk. Had a great welcome. We had breakfast alone. At 2 1/2 took over the bar. Erenthal, who was appointed min. foreign cases of Austria. Walked for a long time alone.

I read from 6 to 7 3/4. We dined at the Benckendorffs. We had a good evening.

*October 26th. Thursday.*

Received in the morning Krivosheyk, appointed by the comrade of the mines. finance. At 12 o'clock. we went together on a motor to Ropsha, where we arrived at 12 3/4, earlier than the others. After breakfast we took several corrals in the park in front of the palace. Total killed: 314. **Me: 61 pheasant and partridge - 62.** Returned to Tsarskoe in 53 minutes. Received Taneyev and read. Dined: A. A. Taneyeva and Orlov.

We talked for a long time and then played blowing.

*October 27th. Friday.*

Cold gray windy day. There were three reports and four presentations. Breakfast Mandryk (dezh.). Walked. Aunt Eugenia was drinking tea. At 8 o'clock. gave a farewell dinner to the Erenthal couple with the entire Austrian embassy. Dispersed at 10 1/4.

*October 28th. Saturday.*

Warm damp day with fog in the evening. Walked in the morning. Had four reports. Lavrinovsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. I walked for a long time. I read intensively until 8 o'clock.

Dined: Nikolasha, Petyusha, Militsa and Stana. We spent the whole evening with them.

*October 29th. Sunday.*

A lot of snow fell during the night, but it melted. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast with everyone. Accepted Prince. NS Dolgoruky with a report on Kuropatkin's report on the war! We walked together. After tea I studied. We dined and spent the evening alone.

*October 30th. Monday.*

There was a very wintry look and an excellent sledging path. Walked up to the reports. Sashka Vorontsov (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 6 o'clock he received Stolypin. A.A.Taneeva dined. We spent the evening with her.

*October 31st. Tuesday.*

Walked a little in the morning. Had three reports. We sat down to breakfast at 1 1/2 with Andrey (dezh.). I walked and did a lot. At 6 o'clock. received Gerard.

*1st November. Wednesday.*

We got up late, the reading of the papers was delayed, so the walk lasted a quarter of an hour. After the report, received twenty presenting. We had breakfast with Komarov (dezh.). We went together to Pavlovsk in a sleigh, did not find anyone at home and returned. We walked together. The evening was free, I read a lot and for a long time.

*2nd November. Thursday.*

Gray pleasant weather at 2 ° C. In the morning I did not take a long walk. Had two reports. Received the German Ambassador Schön. Delsalle (dezh.) Had breakfast. We walked with Olga and Tatiana. Nikolasha arrived for a few minutes from the city. At 6 o'clock. accepted Langof. After lunch, we rode together. I studied in the evening.

*3rd November. Friday.*

Our Olga is 11 years old! I could not go to mass, as I had to receive. Olga and all the children had breakfast. We walked together; the weather was warm, a thaw came. After tea I read a lot. Anya Taneeva dined.

*4th November. Saturday.*

We got up at 7 1/2. I went hunting in Gatchina with all the participants. The raid was behind Remiz; beaters - all hunting teams of the guards regiments. We had breakfast in a teahouse with the officers. Besides the beginning of the hunt, the weather was favorable; after the end of the hunt, wet snow began to fall again.

Total killed: 982 (787 pheasants). I have 82: 74 pheasants, two black grouse, a hare and 5 white hares.

He returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 5 1/4. I accepted Birilyov's report. Let's go to Pavlovsk for dinner. Returning home, I read intensely.

*5th November. Sunday.*

Gray day and thaw.

At 11 o'clock. went to mass, had breakfast as usual. Received attorney at law Shmakov from Moscow - a truly Russian person; he brought me his book: "Freedom and the Jews."

We walked together and met the children. After tea I read a lot. We spent the evening together.

*6th November. Monday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to the parade of the Hussar regiment. Alix took Alexei with her and he behaved well on the bed. The regiment presented itself brilliantly in every respect. We had breakfast with the regimental ladies in the great hall of the Grand Palace. It was foggy. Received the report of Filosofov. Walked. After tea I read and cleared my desk of papers. At 8 o'clock. arrived in the duty room of the Hussar regiment for dinner. Many old hussars gathered and they all sat to the end. Before and after supper, songwriters, gypsies and a Russian choir sang in succession. It was fun and good for me!

*7th November. Tuesday.*

At 9 1/2 in the morning he returned from the regiment. Took a bath and drank tea with Alix. There were all three reports. Anya Taneeva had breakfast. He blessed the daughter of Dubasov with the icon. At 3 o'clock he went to bed on his sofa until 8 o'clock. We dined together. Received Stolypin.

*November 8th. Wednesday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to the exercirhaus for the church parade of L.-Gv. Moscow regiment. A company of the 200th cut took part with him. infantry. Izhora regiment and a platoon of L.-GV. Lithuanian regiment vault. guard. battalion. The parade was brilliant. We also had breakfast with the regimental ladies in the Grand Palace. At 2 1/2 I accepted Shcheglovitov's report. Walked for a long time. It was quite warm 5 ° C and the snow melted all over. At 6 o'clock. received Kotyu Obol [yenskiy] with a report. I read it hard.

After lunch, we examined objects and furniture from the old "Alexandria". Then we rode.

*November 9th. Thursday.*

Warm and sunny day. Walked in the morning. Received Budberg and Heiden. We had breakfast alone. We went to Pavlovsk, where we made an excellent walk. After tea I took Mackenzie Wallace. Anya Taneeva dined.

*November 10th. Friday.*

The morning was busy - three lectures and a reception. Anya Taneeva and Knyazhevich (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked for a long time in the dark. I read and wrote after tea. Milica and Stana dined with us.

*November 11th. Saturday.*

At 8.20 we went together with those who had arrived from the city beyond Gatchina to hunt near Pudost (Ushakovskie places). The weather was warm, at first it was raining, cat. by 12 o'clock. stopped, then found fog. The hunting teams were doing great. Total killed: 417. **By me: 5 black grouse and 20 hares** - a total of 25. They

returned to Tsarskoe at 5 o'clock. Accepted reports by Rediger and Kaufman. After dinner I read for a long time - the punishment for a free day.

*November 12th. Sunday.*

It rained all day at 5 ° C and it was very dark. We went to mass, and at last had breakfast with music. I walked for a long time. I read a lot. Chagin dined (dezh.).

*November 13th. Monday.*

The morning was sunny. I took a walk. After the reports, he received two governors. Dzhunkovsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. We walked together. At 6 o'clock. received Taneyev. I read until 8 o'clock.

Dinner: Anya Taneeva and Orlov. We watched together a huge collection of photographs of Ghana from a trip to the skerries. Then they played blowing and drank tea.

*November 14th. Tuesday.*

Birthday dear Mom and the 12th anniversary of our happy married life. May God bless her, continue!

In the morning Olga and Petya stopped by; he appeared for the first time after his operation. At 11 o'clock. drove to mass and had breakfast with the available family and Sunday company. Received Izvolsky. Walked. The weather was calm and gray.

We dined and rode together.

*November 15th. Wednesday.*

We got up early, so everything turned out on time: reading morning papers, and a walk, and a large reception of 28 people.

Breakfast: book. Orlov and Resin (dezh.). Together we went to Babolovo, from there we returned on foot along the canal. After dinner, Stolypin sat with me for a long time.

*November 16th. Thursday.*

Walked in the morning. Had four reports. Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received Sukhomlinov and Krshivitsky. I took a walk. It was warm and it was snowing. Received by N.N. Lomen.

Dinner: Anya Taneeva and Dmitry. I played billiards with them.

*November 17th. Friday.*

At 8.20 am we set off with the same participants for Gatchina. The hunt was in the Gorvitskaya dacha in familiar places. The weather was pleasant and mild. We had breakfast in a Finnish house. Total killed: 600. By me: **2 black grouse 76 pheasants, brown hare and 2 white hares - a total of 81.** They returned to Tsarskoe at 5 o'clock. After tea received: Stolypin, Kokovtsov, Izvolsky and Shvanebakh. I studied the whole evening.

*November 18th. Saturday.*

A lot of snow fell. At 10 o'clock. accepted Rediger and Skalon. At 11 o'clock. I had a military conference with teams, troops: Warsaw, Vilna, Kiev and Moscow military. districts. Nikolasha had breakfast with us. Walked for a

long time. After tea he received Kotyu Obol [yensky] with a report. Dinner: Stana and Orlov. I played billiards with him.

*19th November. Sunday.*

George returned from abroad, he was with us at mass and had breakfast. The weather was calm at 4 ° C. We walked together. After tea and the whole evening I worked hard.

*20th November. Monday.*

After the report, Birilyov went with Alix to Gatchina, where Mom arrived at 12 o'clock. from Denmark. We had breakfast together. Walked around in a strong blizzard. After tea we returned to Tsarskoe. Accepted reports - Vasilchikova and Filosofova. Anya Tan [eva] was having lunch. I read all evening.

*November 21st. Tuesday.*

After the report, the two of us went to the arena. The church parade was attended by: Semenovskiy regiment, my 1st battery of the Guards. Kon.-Art. brig. and a platoon of Petersburg. brig. Border guards. All introduced themselves brilliantly. There was breakfast with the ladies at the Grand Palace. At 3 o'clock they received the Emir of Bukhara with his son. As usual, he brought horses and two offering rooms.

Walked in the dark. The frost began, but the blizzard continued. At 6 o'clock. received Izvolsky. Anya T [aneyeva] was having lunch. I did.

*November 22nd. Wednesday.*

Cold sunny day. After the report, received 26 representatives. We had breakfast alone. Walked. At 4 o'clock we went to Gatchina. After tea I sat with Mom until 8 o'clock. Misha and Olga had dinner. We returned to our place at 10 1/2. I read for a long time.

*November 23rd. Thursday.*

Walked in the morning. Accepted reports: Alec, Senator Nosov on the Humanitarian Society [\[7\]](#) and Budberg. After breakfast, he received the wounded lower ranks for a long time. Walked in the dark.

At 7 o'clock. there was a big dinner to the Emir of Bukhara at the Palace. We talked and smoked with him until 9 1/4. Received Stolypin.

*November 24th. Friday.*

Great sunny day. The last of the small reception today was gr. Witte, cat. I have not seen since May, when he went abroad. Breakfast: Zhorzhaks and Stefanovich (dezh.). Walked. I did a lot. Anya Taneeva dined.

*November 25th. Saturday.*

Thaw and darkness. Had three reports. Bar. Fredericks has returned from an overseas vacation. He and Anya Taneeva had breakfast. Walked and built a house out of snow with children. After tea I studied until 8 o'clock. Mom came for the night and for dinner. I played billiards with Misha.

*November 26th. Sunday.*

It was a sunny holiday. At 10.40 I went to the Palace and walked around the halls, starting from the bottom; all the seats were overcrowded with combatant Georgievsk cavaliers (763 people) and about 200 retired people on the landing of the main staircase. Received 12 officers of my 1st Vost.-Sib. shooter. shelf. At 11 1/4 we went to church for a prayer service. Then we had breakfast in the Mirror Gallery and talked in the sweat of our brow until 2 1/2 hours. When he returned, he went for a walk. Mom drank tea with us. At 6 1/4, she left for Gatchina. Received the Frenchman Doumer. Chagin dined (dezh.). We rode together.

*November 27th. Monday.*

There were only two reports, but I didn't have time to walk in the morning. Turya, the heir of the Emir of Bukhara, had breakfast, who himself wished to be on duty. I walked for a long time. It was snowing, it was warm. After tea he received Taneev. Was reading. Ride in the evening.

*November 28th. Tuesday.*

A very busy morning. Breakfast: Anya T [aneyeva], Izvolsky and Orlov (dezh.). Then he adopted the report of foreign affairs \*. Walked in darkness and fog. Received Langof at 6 o'clock. Anya dined. I studied in the evening.

\* Report of the Minister.

*November 29th. Wednesday.*

Having finished the report and the reception by 11 3/4, the two of us went to the large arena of the Hussar regiment, where the St. George knights were gathered, including 1490 people who did not get to the holiday on November 26 [November]. The princes had breakfast. Gagarin. Took Fredericks. We walked together. Was reading. Milica and Stana dined. In the evening he received Stolypin.

*November 30th. Thursday.*

At 9 1/2 I went along Moscow-Wind-Rybin, train station. etc. on moose. The weather was excellent, calm and warm. I saw a lot of cows, stags jumped out of the circles. Not a single shot was fired. It was very difficult to walk as the swamps were not frozen. Returned to Tsarskoe at 3 1/2. Took up to 5 o'clock. I read until 8 1/2 and also in the evening.

*1st December. Friday.*

The weather was mild. Had three reports. Breakfast: Dubenskoy from Darmstadt and Arseniev (dezh.). Took Bompara. Walked and fiddled with children in the garden. After tea he received Schwanebach. Was reading. Dined: Anya T [aneyeva] and Orlov. I played billiards with him.

*2nd December. Saturday.*

At 9 1/4 he went to Gatchina with Nikolasha and Fredericks, and from there with Misha on elk to Tuganitsy. It turned out unsuccessfully with moose, but they were rewarded with wood grouses and blackies. Killed: 10 wood grouses, 10 black grouses and 7 hares - a total of 27 pieces. **By me: 2 wood grouse and a white hare.**

It was quite cold - 5 ° with the wind. Came home at 4 1/4. Accepted all Saturday talks. Dined Mandryk (dezh.). Was engaged in papers.

*3rd December. Sunday.*



We got up late. About 11 a.m. Ella came from Moscow with Dmitry. We were at mass and had breakfast with music. Walked with Dmitry. The day was clear, the frost began to intensify. I read a lot. After lunch I played billiards with Dmitry. In the evening he received the book. Orlova.

*4th December. Monday.*

In the morning it was 10 ° frost. I managed to take a walk. Had three reports. Ella, Marie and Dmitry had breakfast. Walked with both around the entire park. I read until 8 o'clock. After lunch, Ella read aloud an interesting English book.

*December 5th. Tuesday.*

*In the morning* I was very busy. The Emir of Bukhara had breakfast with us alone; he certainly wanted to visit Yas easily and see Alexei. At 2 1/2 he left for Pavlovsk. Took up to 3 1/2 o'clock. Walked with Dmitry. Uncle Vladimir and Comrade Mikhlen returned from abroad and drank tea with us. I read until 8 o'clock.

The five of us dined. Played with Dmit. on billiards. Misha and Olga arrived for evening tea. Received gifts from Alix.

*December 6th. Wednesday.*

My name day has been quite busy. At 9 1/2 I received several people. Uncle Alexei also visited me. I went to mass after it began.

Until 10 3/4 I went with Alix and Alexei to the old Hussar Manege, where there was a parade to small separate units. Then a church parade took place in the exerzirhaus: the companies of the Palace. Gren., Gvar. Gendarme, half-esc., Guards crew, L.-Gv. The rifle regiment and the L.-GV. 4th shooter. I. F. b. All parts presented themselves brilliantly. Mom came to the parade. Emir of Bukhara was also present in the box. The breakfast was huge. Returned home at 3 1/4. I took a walk. Mom drank tea and at 6 o'clock. left for Gatchina. At 7 o'clock. there was a big dinner there at the Palace. Then he studied and answered the telegrams.

*December 7th. Thursday.*

In the morning I read, walked and received 16 people, except for Budberg's report. Nirod (dezh.) Had breakfast.

Walked with Dmitry. During tea there was a lot of fuss with the children. I studied until 8 o'clock. After lunch I played billiards with Dmitry. At 10 1/4, Ella and the children were taken to the station and said goodbye to them. Returning home, Alix read aloud.

*December 8th. Friday.*

The morning was light. At 12 1/2 we went to our station, where I received a guard of honor from the 1st railway battalion. Mom came from Gatchina and we moved to the carriage to the barracks, which was very beautifully and skillfully transformed inside into a collection. The breakfast was from the officers. We talked until 3 o'clock. We returned to the station, said goodbye to Mama and the available railroad train. battalion. Thus ended the celebration of the 25th anniversary of his appointment to his present service, which was to take place in May of this year. Walked and worked with children at the snow houses. I read until 8 o'clock. Anya T [aneyeva] had lunch. Received Stolypin. In the evening we went for a ride. There was a thaw.

*December 9th. Saturday.*

The morning was busy from 10 to 1 o'clock. At 3 o'clock they received Emir and his son and said goodbye to him. Walked, the day was bright, it began to freeze. At 6 o'clock. accepted Langof. I read until 8 o'clock. Militsa and Stana dined. All evening they told us about Gregory.

*December 10th. Sunday.*

Clear frosty day. At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast in the Grand Palace with the officers of the Finnish and Volyn regiments, who had arrived here in view of the upcoming celebration of the 100th anniversary of both units. Received Maksimovich, who returned from a business trip to Turkestan. I walked for a long time. I was sitting with Olga, her throat hurt.

Anya T [aneyeva] was having lunch. I studied the whole evening.

*December 11th. Monday.*

In the morning I managed to take a walk. I accepted two reports. Drenteln had breakfast (dezh.). At 2 1/2 in the Grand Palace, the banners for the Finnish and Volyn regiments were nailing. They took Alexei, and he also hammered in a nail. I walked for a long time. It was cold and windy. After tea he received Taneev. We dined together. He studied up to 11 1/4.

*December 12th. Tuesday.*

Sunny day at 12 ° frost. At 11 o'clock. went to the arena for the church parade of L.-G. Finnish regiment and a wonderful company of the military composition of the L.-GV. Volyn regiment. After the consecration of the banners and the oath, there was a brilliant ceremony. march. At the end, a glass and a short word. We sat down to breakfast in the palace at 1/4 o'clock. We talked to 3 1/4. A wing was appointed adjutant. - Finnish regiment cap. Sukhikh and Volynsky n. Cap. Zhitkevich. I did not walk long because of the cold wind. After tea he received Izvolsky. Anya T [aneyeva] was having lunch. I read all evening.

*December 13th. Wednesday.*

Received the report between 10 and 11 o'clock and received 33 people. before breakfast. Walked. I worked hard after tea. Milica and Stana dined. They spent the whole evening with us.

*December 14th. Thursday.*

In the morning I received Heyden for a long time on naval issues. He had breakfast with us. Walked. I did a lot. Dined: Anya T [aneyeva] and Orlov. I played billiards with him.

*December 15th. Friday.*

The reports began at 10 o'clock and ended at about 12 o'clock. We went to our playpen for a lunch given to Volyntsy. Then the officers had breakfast with Skalon. He appointed regiment commander Klyuev to his retinue. He presented my portrait to an officer regiment. meeting. Walked with children. At 6 o'clock. received Gerard, Lunch Knyazhevich (dezh.). In the evening Stolypin stayed with me for a long time.

*December 16th. Saturday.*

In the morning he took the general adjutant. Skalon. At 10 1/2 I went with Alix to the exercirhaus, where the wing is an adjutant. Zhitkevich exemplarily presented the marvelous Volyntsev company. I have not seen such a company inspection for a long time! They started with officers and lower ranks in the yard. Then he thanked the officers and the company and said goodbye to them. I accepted two reports. Breakfast: Nikolay Mikh. and a bar. Fredericks. Walked late. After lunch I did a lot. In the evening we had a great ride.

*December 17th. Sunday.*

We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. I walked for a long time and rode with the children from the mountain on a skating rink. It was 8 ° frost and quite quiet. After tea and in the evening I studied for a long time.

*December 18th. Monday.*

In the morning I had three reports. Birilev had breakfast. At 3 1/4 we went to Grieg. Serg. Golitsyn, cat. sick for three months. I was upstairs with him while Alix was with the princess downstairs. The weather was disgusting, severe blizzard at 8 ° frost.

Stana and Elena drank tea with us. I read a lot. Took Heiden. Milica and Stana dined; spent the whole evening with them.

*19th December. Tuesday.*

In the morning he received a deputation of the Ural Cossacks, who had arrived with caviar. Had three usual reports. Anya T [aneyeva] had breakfast. From 3 hours. Until 6 1/2 I had a meeting on the reorganization of the Maritime Department. Walked around until lunchtime. I studied all evening.

*December 20th. Wednesday.*

The report began at 10 o'clock. Accepted 29 introducing themselves. Breakfast book. Meshchersky (dezh.). Walked. The frost was pretty hard. At 6 o'clock Nikolasha was with me. After dinner, the officers' gifts for the Christmas tree were sorted out until 12 1/2.

*December 21st. Thursday.*

Had two reports and received Grodskov and Kuropatkin. Chagin (dezh.) Had breakfast. We went to the Grand Palace, where we examined the carpets of the Emir of Bukhara. Walked. After tea he received Taneev. At 7.10 I went to Gatchina. Dined with Mom alone. Returned at 11 1/4.

*December 22nd. Friday.*

Anastasia's name day. At 11 o'clock. went to the exerzirhaus for the church parade of the 148th infantry. Caspian regiment on the occasion of his holiday. All the children were in the box with Alix. The regiment introduced itself perfectly. We had breakfast in the palace with the officers. Apart from Nikolasha, there was no one from the family. He walked and went down with the children from the mountain. The weather was mild.

After tea he received Frisch. Anya T [aneyeva] was having lunch. I worked hard for the whole evening.

*December 23rd. Saturday.*

The morning was very busy. I looked at samples of new gendarmes' uniforms. Received Petya on the occasion of the surrender of the battalion Imp. Fam. and then three talks. Fredericks had breakfast. At 3 o'clock, the two of us went to the consecration of the magnificent house of care for crippled warriors, built according to the thought of Alix. Walked; It was warm. After tea I read. From 9 1/2 to 12 o'clock. received Stolypin.

*December 24th. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast alone. Received Linevich and Khitrovo. Walked in two steps. The weather was mild. At 4 o'clock there was a tree of children upstairs. I read it hard. At 5 o'clock. went with Olga and

Tatiana to Gatchina. We went to the all-night vigil. Then there was our common Christmas tree with the village of Alexei. We dined nearby in the small throne room. We returned to Tsarskoe at 10 1/2. Alix's new room had our own Christmas tree with tons of lovely mutual gifts.

*December 25th. Monday.*

We allowed ourselves to be half an hour late for mass; it began at 10 1/2, and the prayer service ended at 12 1/4. We had breakfast with everyone. At 2 1/2 we went to the arena for the first stage Christmas tree. All children took part in carrying gifts. Alexey really liked the songs and the lezginka. Misha and Olga also arrived. Walked to tea. I read hard and finished everything. Dined Dmitry Sher (emetev) (dezh.). I played billiards with him. In the evening we drove around the city.

*December 26th. Tuesday.*

Walked a little in the morning. Took three regular reports. Izvolsky had breakfast. At 2 3/4 we went to the arena for the second stage Christmas tree. Came back at 4 1/4. I read a lot after tea. Anya T [aneyeva] was having lunch. Disassembled and placed their gifts in their places. After tea we went for a drive.

*December 27th. Wednesday.*

The day was warm and sunny. Didn't take a long walk. I accepted two reports. Sukhikh had breakfast (dezh.). At 2 1/2, the metropolitan praised Christ with the brethren. I had a long conversation with Misha. After tea I read.

We dined together and then went for a drive.

*December 28th. Thursday.*

At 8 o'clock. went hunting in Ropsha with all those invited. We arrived there by troika from Peterhof at 10 o'clock. We took the Gorkinsky pheasant up and down. We had breakfast at the palace. The weather was very suitable: quiet and mild, in the morning there was fog, a cat. later dissipated.

Total killed: 1,056 game. **I have 160 pheasants, a partridge and a hare.** We returned to Tsarskoe at 5 1/4. Took Langof. Resin (dezh.) Dined. I did.

*December 29th. Friday.*

Walked in the morning. I accepted two reports. Tzvetsinsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/2 we were introduced to a new Austr. ambassador gr. Berchtold. At 4 o'clock we went to the Christmas tree in the military infirmary. Received Dubasov. Dined: Anya T [aneyeva] and Orlov. We spent the evening together.

*December 30th. Saturday.*

Cold sunny day, frost reached 20 ° in the evening. I took it all morning. Breakfast: Anya T [aneyeva] and Dubenskaya. At 3 o'clock he received Stanchev - a new Bulgarian mine. foreign affairs and Poprikov, appointed here in his place.

I took a walk. At 4 1/2 there was a tree for the officers. Children made everyone laugh. I worked hard. We dined together. Received Stolypin.

*December 31st. Sunday.*

The frost decreased to 12 °. We went to mass and had breakfast with everyone. Walked with Dmitry. I did a lot before tea and before lunch; finished everything that was on the table. The five of us dined. I played pyramid with Dmitry. At 10 1/2, Mom and Misha arrived. We drank tea together. At 11 1/2 we went to a prayer service and greeted the coming year with fervent prayer!

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*1st January. Monday.*

The day was sunny - a great omen for the coming year. Until 11 a.m. went to the palace. We stood in the church below. After mass there were congratulations and then a general breakfast in the gallery. We returned home at 2 o'clock. I read, answered telegrams and walked in 15 ° frost.

At 3 3/4, all the diplomats were received by the three of Mama, which lasted an hour and a half. After tea, Mom left for Gatchina. I studied until 8 o'clock. After lunch I played billiards with Dmitry.

*2nd January. Tuesday.*

Had two military reports; Izvolsky was not due to illness. We had breakfast as a family in the library. Walked with Dmitry at 15 ° frost. The day was sunny. I read a lot. The three of us dined with Ella.

*3rd January. Wednesday.*

Also a sunny day. In the morning the frost decreased to 12 °, in the evening it reached 19 °. Received 39 people.

Neatly sat down to breakfast at one o'clock. Walked with Dmitry for an hour and a half. I studied long after tea. In the evening I played pyramid with him. Ella read aloud to both of us over tea like all these evenings.

*4th January. Thursday.*

In the morning I had one report. We took the commander and one together

Sco tts Grays officer .

Daragan (dezh.) Had breakfast. I walked with Dmitry and rode with him and the children from the mountain on a skating rink. I studied for a long time. He drank tea with us for a walk. After dinner I played billiards.

*January 5th. Friday.*

At 10 o'clock. accepted the report of Kokovtsov. At 11 1/2 we went to Vespers, stood at the bottom. We had breakfast upon returning home. Received Benckendorff from London. Walked. After tea I read a lot. Mom and Misha arrived for dinner. They played billiards.

*January 6th. Epiphany.*

Clear calm weather, but with such a frost - 16 °, that we had to abandon the water blessing on the lake. I walked around the troops until 11 o'clock. After mass, the consecration of the water took place in the church hall between the platoons of troops and military schools. Then upstairs in the halls were carried banners and standards and a large breakfast. We returned home at 2 o'clock. Walked. The sunset was amazingly beautiful. Mom left for Gatchina after tea. In the evening, Ella, Maria and Dmitry departed for Moscow.

*January 7th. Sunday.*

In the morning the frost reached 24 °, in the afternoon the temp. rose a little. The day was sunny. We went to mass and had breakfast with everyone. Accepted Fredericks' report. Walked around the entire park. We drank tea at 4 1/2 with Anya T [Aneeva]. Was reading. We dined and spent the evening together.

*January 8th. Monday.*

The morning was busy. Parted with Birilev after the report; he asked to leave after my meeting. Breakfast Mandryk (dezh.). Received by Filosofov. Walked in sunny weather and 24 ° frost. From 6 to 7 1/2 I had Stolypin. We dined together and played billiards.

*January 9th. Tuesday.*

The same frosty clear day. The reports dragged on for a long time, sat down to breakfast at 1 3/4 with Anya T [aneyeva] and Arsenyev (dezh.). Walked well. After tea he received Ermolov on Lyceum affairs. Was reading. In the evening we played billiards.

*10-January. Wednesday.*

Took the lecture earlier to keep up with the huge reception of 48 people. Nirod (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked. The frost was significantly reduced, but the blow was strong. After tea he received Schwanebach. Was reading. In the evening we played billiards.

*January 11th. Thursday.*

Walked in the morning. Received Dikov, who was appointed Minister of the Navy. Andrey (dezh.) Had breakfast.

We walked together. A storm was blowing, but it was warm - only 4 ° frost. I read until 7 o'clock. Together we went to Gatchina. We dined with Mom and Misha. We returned at 11 o'clock.

*January 12th. Friday.*

The strongest wind continued to blow. Had three reports and received Skrydlov. Sashka Vorontsov (dezh.) Had breakfast. I walked for a long time. I studied until 8 o'clock. Dined: Anya T [aneyeva] and Orlov. They played billiards.

*January 13th. Saturday.*

The day was sunny and windy. Had three reports. Dabich (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/2 we received together the American Ambassador Meyer, a cat. goes back to his place.

We went to Pavlovsk, found no one at home, rode in the park and returned by 4 o'clock. I took a walk. I read until 8 o'clock. We dined and played billiards.

*January 14th. Sunday.*

Clear frosty day. At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast with everyone. Took Fredericks. We walked together. We drank tea half an hour earlier. Was reading. At 7 1/2 there was a dinner with the German Embassy on the occasion of Wilhelm's birthday. They parted at 9 1/2. Played great billiards.

*January 15th. Monday.*

Walked in the morning. Accepted two papers and several presenting ones. Komarov (dezh.) Had breakfast.

We examined the drawings of the projects of the porcelain factory. Walked. 6 to 8 hours received Stolypin. Anya dined. I studied the whole evening.

*January 16th. Tuesday.*

Walked between the first and second reports. I had breakfast with Trubetskoy (dezh.). I went down the mountain with children and walked. After tea I worked hard. In the evening we played billiards.

*January 17th. Wednesday.*

It became warm. Accepted 35 introducing themselves. Knyazhevich (dezh.) Had breakfast. I walked for a long time. After tea I had Goremykin. We dined, studied, and played billiards.

*January 18th. Thursday.*

In the morning I took a walk after the first report, which began at 10 o'clock. We had breakfast alone. I read and walked. At 4 o'clock we went to Gatchina. We drank tea and dined with Mama, Misha and Olga. Came back at 10 1/4. I studied for another hour.

*January 19th. Friday.*

After finishing my morning papers, I walked for more than half an hour. Had three reports. Anya Taneeva had breakfast and dinner. Received 30 wounded soldiers. I rode with the children from the mountain. Alexei was very happy that I went down with him. I read a lot. After dinner the two of us played billiards.

*January 20th. Saturday.*

The morning was busy. Anya T (Aneeva) had breakfast. I walked for a long time and rode with the children from the mountain. From 5 am to 6 1/4 Gan showed them cinematographic photographs - comic and from their stay at the "Standart". They were delighted. all the Konstantinovichs, after which they delighted them with the same cinema.

*January 21st. Sunday.*

It was a sunny, pleasant day. Were at mass. We had breakfast with everyone. We walked together; rode down the mountain with children. I read a lot until 8 o'clock. After lunch we played pyramid.

*January 22nd. Monday.*

I took a walk between two reports. The weather was calm and gray. After breakfast the two of us went to see G.S. Golitsyn. I studied until 8 o'clock. In the evening they played billiards with Ana Taneeva.

*January 23rd. Tuesday.*

From 10 o'clock. took until one o'clock. There was also Stolypin. Breakfast: Olga and Petya (dezh.). I walked for a long time. I received Izvolsky from 6 to 7 1/4. Was reading. Petya was having lunch. We played billiards together.

*January 24th. Wednesday.*

Accepted a report from 10 o'clock. and then 40 introducing themselves. Meshchersky (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received two more archbishops - Riga and Finland. I walked for a long time. I did. Stana dined.

*January 25th. Thursday.*

At 11 o'clock. received three metropolitans with a report on the work of the pre-council presence. At 12 1/2 I went to Peterhof to hunt in the Znamensky Pheasant. Total killed: 620. By **me: 116 pheasants, ser. kurop. 2 and a hare** - a total of **119**. It was windy at -8 ° C. Came back at 5 1/2. Accepted reports: bar. Budberg and Taneyev. Was reading. Chagin dined (dezh.). We played billiards with him in turn.

*January 26th. Friday.*

Clear frosty day. Breakfast: Tyutcheva and Dmitry Sher [emetev] (dezh.). The new American ambassador, Riddle, was received at 3 o'clock. Walked. Dined: Anya T [aneyeva] and Orlov. They played billiards one by one.

*January 27th. Saturday.*

On the occasion of the centenary of the Battle of Preussisch-Eylau, a church parade was held in the Exercirhaus. L.-Gv. Pavlovsky regiment with all its young, companies of 85 Vyborg and 91 Dvinsky regiments and the combined squadron of my Cuirassiers - as participating in the battle. There was a big breakfast in the Palace, from which we returned home at 3 o'clock. Mom was present and left for Gatchina at 3 1/2. Took Fredericks. Walked at 12 ° frost with the wind. After tea he received Kaufman. Dined Resin (bowls.).

In the evening we played billiards together.

*January 28th. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to mass. After breakfast, the officers of the Orenburg Hundreds of the Consolidated Cossack Regiment introduced themselves. We walked together. I read a lot until 8 o'clock. In the evening we played billiards.

*January 29th. Monday.*

The morning was light, so after both reports I was able to take a walk. The weather was sunny. Dikov had breakfast. Was reading. I also walked in the park for an hour and a half. At 6 o'clock. I had Nikolasha. Anya T [aneyeva] was having lunch - she is engaged to Lieutenant Vyrubov.

*January 30th. Tuesday.*

Great sunny day. Uncle Alexei had breakfast. I walked for a long time. I received Izvolsky from 6 to 7 1/4. We dined alone. I read a lot. We played pyramid.

*January 31st. Wednesday.*

After the lecture, he received 26 people. N.M. Yakovlev, appointed rev. D. Chief of the Main Naval Staff. We walked for a long time together. The weather was wonderful. I read until 8 o'clock. In the evening I received Stolypin.

*1st February. Thursday.*

Walked in the morning. From 11 am to 1 pm I had a meeting about arming Finland. Participants: Nikolasha, Stolypin, Izvolsky, Dikov, Rediger, Palitsyn and Rauch. Nikolasha was having breakfast. We walked together. The weather was great. At 6 o'clock he received Budberg. I read a lot. We didn't play billiards for long.

*2nd February. Friday.*



Between the reports he received Petyusha. The commander and officer of the Scots Grays and Prince. Orlov.

Walked. After tea I read and finished everything. At 7.10 we went to Gatchina. We dined with Mom, Misha and Olga. We returned to Tsarskoe at 11 o'clock. A strong wind blew.

*3rd February. Saturday.*

It was not cold, but windy. Had two reports. Breakfast: Birilev and Zhitkevich (dezh.). Walked around the entire park, accompanied by: Dedyulin, Peshkov and Komarov in order to resolve the issue of the gate of the fence, the cat. turn out to be superfluous.

Was reading. After lunch, I went through letters from the last two years.

*4th February. Sunday.*

We got up unacceptably late, at 10 o'clock. We were at mass and had breakfast without music, because today is the second anniversary of the death of Uncle Sergei. Walked. Anya Taneeva introduced her fiancé - Vyrubov. I read it with success, because I graduated from everything that had accumulated. After lunch we rode and played billiards.

*February 5th. Monday.*

Walked in the morning. Had three reports. Kira Naryshkin (dezh.) Had breakfast. We walked together, the weather was calm and pleasant. After tea he received Filosofov. Anya T [aneyeva] was having lunch. I spent the whole evening writing and studying.

*February 6th. Tuesday.*

Walked in the morning. Eristov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Metropolitan received. Anthony. Walked. A strong wind blew. After tea he received Izvolsky. In the evening I finished playing billiards with Drenteln.

*7th February. Wednesday.*

After the report, I took it for a long time. Breakfast: Count Palen and Ketkhudov (dezh.). We walked together - it melted away. At 6 o'clock. accepted Langof. Was reading. Dined: the Orlovs, the Fersens, Olga Dietrichstein with her husband, the Benckendorffs and all of our people who live here. Then we listened to the violinist Wolf with our orchestra. The music was great. We dispersed after 11 o'clock.

*February 8th. Thursday.*

At 9 o'clock. went by rail. dor. to Peterhof and from moving to Ropsha. The weather became splendid, sunny and warm. We had breakfast in the palace, where they saw the old general Lyalin.

Total killed: 538. By me: 94 pheasants, 3 partridges and 2 white hares - a total of 99 pieces.

We returned to Tsarskoe at 5 3/4. Received Budberg. I did. Dinner: Anya T (Aneeva) and Orlov. We played billiards and blowing.

*February 9th. Friday.*

A warm day like spring. Walked in the morning. Had three reports. Petyusha had breakfast. Walked and worked on the island. At 6 o'clock. accepted Schwanebach. After dinner, Wolf played. I listened to it until 10 o'clock. Then he took Stolypin until 12 o'clock.

*1 0th February. Saturday.*

Walked in the morning. Had three reports. Uncle Vladimir, who was leaving abroad the other day, had breakfast.

Received the deputation of the Vyborg regiment, which is carrying a picture of the battle on the Sykwantun heights - to Wilhelma. Walked and worked on the island. The weather was calm and warm. After tea I read for a long time. Stefanovich (dezh.) Dined. Have a ride.

*February 11th. Sunday .*

A wonderful spring day. In the morning I managed to take a walk. At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast with everyone. I had Kostya. I walked for a long time and worked on the island. I read until 7 o'clock. Let's go to Gatchina. Before lunch, Mom announced to us that she wanted to go to England to see Comrade Alix. At 11 o'clock. returned home by making a small tip from the station.

*February 12th. Monday.*

The same weather. Walked in the morning. Was a little busy. Svechin (dezh.) Had breakfast. We visited old man Hirsch. He worked on an island and fiddled there with children in the snow. Anya T [aneeva) was drinking tea. Received Gerard. Stana dined.

*February 13th. Tuesday.*

In the morning a blizzard began at 2 ° C. Had two reports. Breakfast: book. Orlov and Orlov life-cossack (dezh.). Walked. At 6 o'clock. received Ermolov, and then Izvolsky. We dined together, read and played billiards.

*February 14th. Wednesday.*

The tiles of my bathtub burst at night, so for several days I will be deprived of the pleasure of bathing in it. Received 26 people. Olga Dietrichstein had breakfast to see the children. Walked and worked on the island. The weather was clear and windy. I read for a long time. Arseniev (dezh.) Dined. In the evening we played billiards.

*February 15th. Thursday.*

The morning was busy from 9 1/2 to 1 pm. Skalon (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked and did a little work. The day was clear with a strong wind. I read until 7 o'clock. At 7 1/2 we gave dinner at the Grand Palace to all the diplomats. The conversations afterwards lasted an hour and a half. We were glad to return home.

*February 16th. Friday.*

Walked in the morning. Had three reports. Breakfast Mandryk (dezh.). He worked with children near Parnassus; cleared the whole road of snow. Let's go to Gatchina for dinner. We returned at 11 o'clock.

*February 17th. Saturday.*

At 11 o'clock. in the exerzirhaus there was a church parade to the 1st Cadet Corps on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of its existence. He congratulated himself as the boss. Then the cadets attended the dinner in the great hall. Themselves had breakfast in the portrait room - Mom was there too; she returned to Gatchina at 4 o'clock. He worked in the garden with children. I read a lot. Dined: Andrey (dezh.) And Anya T [aneyeva |. All evening he received Stolypin.

*February 18th. Sunday.*

The weather was great. At 11 o'clock. went to mass and had breakfast with everyone. Accepted Fredericks' report. Walked and worked in the snow. At 6 o'clock. received Golubev. Was reading. Dined: Anya T [aneyeva] and Nirod (dezh.). Played billiards with him.

*19th February. Monday.*

A real spring day, the sun was melting a lot. Walked for a long time in the morning. Had three reports. Breakfast: gr. Benckendorff and Ser. Dolgoruky (dezh.). Received Metropolitan Anthony. He worked in the garden. I studied until 7 o'clock. We went to Gatchina. Uncle Alexei was having dinner. At 10 o'clock we said goodbye to Mom - she went to England. We returned to Tsarskoe at 11 o'clock.

*20th February. Tuesday.*

Today at 12 o'clock. after a prayer service in the Tauride Palace, a meeting of the State Duma was opened. This was done on my instructions by Golubev. Received Rediger and Palitsyn. Breakfast: Anya T [aneyeva] and Mikheev (dezh.). Together we received the deputation of the 51st Infantry. Lithuanian regiment, cat. presented Alexey with an album.

We examined a good battle collection of Mazurovsky's paintings of the Russian-Japanese war in the Grand Palace. Walked and worked. It was a wonderful day. After lunch we went for a drive.

*February 21st. Wednesday.*

Busy morning from 10 o'clock. up to an hour. Received 23 newcomers, including the new chairman of the Duma - Golovin. Breakfast: Tinkhen with two daughters Alber and Komarov (dezh.). Walked and worked. It was a wonderful day.

Received Izvolsky at 6 o'clock. Was reading. Stana and Orlov dined. I played billiards with him.

*February 22nd. Thursday.*

At 9 o'clock. went with all the hunters to hunt for Remiz. The morning was gray, it cleared up by noon and the day became wonderful. Total killed: 544. **By me: 27 pheasants and 12 partridges. - total 39.** We returned at 6 o'clock. I studied until lunchtime, to the cat. called Sasha Vorontsov (dezh.).

*February 23rd. Friday.*

Walked in the morning. The day was frosty and windy. Had 3 papers and received 6 submissions. Dabich (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. We walked together; then i worked. I read for a long time. In the evening we played billiards.

*February 24th. Saturday.*

In the morning I examined new samples of uniforms for the infantry. Received three reports. Breakfast: Fredericks and Voeykov (dezh.). We went to the photo, where we saw two deer brought up from Mongolia. Walked and worked. He read until 8 o'clock. The whole evening he received Stolypin.

*February 25th. Sunday.*

During the mass, the Cossacks sang, owing to an epidemic of scarlet fever between the small chapel singers.

We had breakfast with everyone. I walked and worked for a long time. It was freezing and the wind was blowing. I read until 8 o'clock. Anya T [aneyeva] was having lunch. We played billiards.

*February 26th. Monday.*

Dear Dad's birthday. At 10 1/2, a memorial service was served in the camp church. I took a walk. Had three reports. D. Aleksey had breakfast. I worked in the garden for a long time. At 6 o'clock. received Taneyev. We dined together. We played billiards.

*February 27th. Tuesday.*

A gray day and quite cold. Walked in the morning. Between the reports, the new Uruguayan envoy was received together. I had breakfast and dinner with Trubetskoy (dezh.). Walked and worked. 6 to 8 hours received Izvolsky. In the evening we played billiards a little, then I worked.

*February 28th. Wednesday.*

Was busy from 10 o'clock. up to an hour and a quarter. Uncle Alexey, the cat, had breakfast. the other day he is going abroad. I worked in the snow for a long time. The day was calm and frosty. I did a lot until 8 o'clock. Stana dined and spent the evening with us.

*1st March. Thursday.*

Today, on the 26th anniversary of Anpap's death, we attended a funeral service in a camp church. Walked before the report. Marie and Dmitry came from Moscow for three days and settled with us. They had breakfast and gr. Sologub leaving the naval service. He worked and walked with Dmitry. After tea I worked hard. Four of us dined. In the evening we played billiards.

*2nd March. Friday.*

In the morning I took a short walk. After the reports he received the Austrian ambassador, Count Berchtold [a]. Marie and Dmitry, the cat, had breakfast. then they went to the ball in Pavlovsk. Walked and worked for more than two hours. The weather was gray and calm. Was reading. We had dinner 1/4 hour earlier, after which Alix drove towards the end of the ball. Studied until 11 o'clock when she returned.

*3rd March. Saturday.*

Walked in the morning. Received Nikolasha, German Ambassador Schoen, Alec and Fredericks' report. After breakfast, Alix went with all the children to Pavlovsk, where they rode in a sled, towed by a large sleigh. He worked a lot in the snow - he began to clean a distant forest path. I read until 8 o'clock. He played billiards with Dmitry, after which he and Marie went to Moscow. Stolypin was with me all evening.

*4th of March. Sunday.*

After reading the morning papers, I managed to take a walk. We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. Received Count Konovnitsyn, Chairman of the Russian Union in Odessa. Walked and worked for a long time on the same track. I studied until 8 o'clock. We dined together and played billiards.

*5th March. Great post.*

At 11 1/2 we went to the service. The Cossacks sang. Breakfast: Olga and Petya (dezh.). After the report of the philosopher, he walked and worked. The weather was clear and windy. I read until 7 o'clock. Misha came to the service on horseback from Gatchina. He also returned after lunch. I played billiards with Petya.

*6th March. Tuesday.*

Received the first report at 10 1/2. After hours we had breakfast with Prince Zhevich (dezh.). Then there was Palitsyn. I walked and dug a lot in the snow.

6 hours to 7 hours received Izvolsky. Knyazhevich dined.

*7th March. Wednesday.*

I managed to walk until 10 1/2 hour. The Cossacks sang excellently the previously consecrated Mass, and especially the trio "Let it be straightened out."

Drozd-Bonyachevsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. Took the gene. Jacobi going on vacation. I worked for a long time.

Yesterday I learned about the death of the gene. Werder Bremen in Berlin, c. Lamsdorf in San Remo; the kindest old man Gustav Ivanovich Hirsch died here today.

*8th March. Thursday.*

The morning was clear; took a walk. Took Kaufman. After the service, Chagin (dezh.) Had breakfast. It was snowing during the day.

Have worked. Yanyshv came from the city and stopped here for our confession. Anya T. and Chagin dined. At 9 1/2 we attended a memorial service for G. I. Girsche.

*March 9th. Friday.*

The morning was clear and warm. I had Kostya and then Kokovtsov. At 11 1/2 we went to mass. Misha (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received Taufus. I worked for a long time. After lunch we, Misha and Olga confessed with Yanyshv. He was completely blind, but he treats this with amazing patience and Christian humility. He drank tea with us.

*March 10th. Saturday.*

At 9 o'clock. went to Mass and were rewarded with partaking of the Holy Mysteries of Christ.

After tea, he took a walk with Misha. He and Olga had breakfast.

There was a ferment with Alec over Ramoni's affairs; talked about this with Nikolasha and Petya, then with Kostya.

Walked and worked. I read all the time until dinner, and could not go to the all-night vigil. We dined together. Received Stolypin for the first time after his successful speech in the Duma ("don't intimidate"! [11](#)).

*March 11th. Sunday.*

A splendid clear day. At 11 o'clock we went to mass. We had breakfast with everyone. Accepted Fredericks' report. Walked and worked from 2 1/2 to 5 hours. Alix had a very bad headache; drank tea alone while the children played. By 8 o'clock. Alix got up - the pain was lessened. In the evening I arrived from the city of Kostya with a final report on the Oldenburgskys' case. He drank tea with us.

*March 12th. Monday.*

The same wonderful day. Walked a little in the morning. We had breakfast alone with Anya T [Aneeva]. Walked and worked for a long time, very much moved the cleaning of a small path.

At 6 o'clock. I had a report from Langoff. After lunch I studied.

*March 13th. Tuesday.*

Wonderful morning, the sky is clouded. Had Rediger's report and a little reception. Breakfast Mandryk (dezh.). Received two workers of the Yekaterinburg factory, cat. made things and decorations for the Church of the Resurrection of Christ in St. Petersburg.

Walked with Alexey.

I took Izvolsky for a long time.

Anya dined. I studied in the evening.

*March 14th. Wednesday.*

Today the centenary of the existence of Konstantinovsky art was celebrated. school - the successor of the Noble Regiment. At 11 o'clock. went to the parade in the arena with a prayer service. Enrolled himself and Alexei in the lists of the school. When the cadets gathered at the tables in the great hall, we went there and were present at the beginning of the meal for the hungry cadets. The school presented itself in a brilliant form. We had breakfast with former pupils and military commanders. Returned home at 2 1/2. Received Shcheglovitov.

He walked and fiddled terribly with children and nannies - throwing snow at each other with shovels. I remembered my childhood.

The weather was wonderful. I read until 8 o'clock. After dinner we played billiards and rode on a wonderful moonlit night.

*March 15th. Thursday.*

A real spring day at 8 ° in the shade. Walked for a long time in the morning. Had a great welcome. Boisman (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked with Alix and then fiddled with the kids like yesterday. I read until 8 o'clock. Nikolasha and Stan had dinner. They spent the evening with us.

*March 16th. Friday.*

The same cheerful day. Walked well in the morning. Breakfast: Nikolay and Sukhikh (dezh.). Examined items found during last year's excavations by the Archaeological Commission. I walked and fiddled with the children until I fell. Received by Mackenzie Wallace. Dinner: Anya and Orlov. Played billiards with him.

*March 17th. Saturday.*

After reading the papers, I took a walk. The weather was wonderful. At 11 o'clock. in the arena inspected the Nikolaev and Alexander cadet corps. Introduced themselves as good fellows. Then we returned to our room to await the gathering of the cadets at the tables in the great hall. We attended the dinner. Took Fredericks. We had breakfast: he and Resin (dezh.). For the first time since October, the m-tsa traveled on horseback. The sun was burning

directly. When he returned, he fiddled with the children. Received at 6 o'clock Ikskul. Was reading. After lunch we played billiards.

*March 18th. Sunday.*

The same warm day. Walked in the morning. We were at Mass and had breakfast in the Grand Palace with the officers of the L.-G. Dragoon regiment.

He walked, worked his path and fiddled with the children. I studied until 8 o'clock. Drenteln dined (dezh.). Played billiards with him. Did a great walk around town.

*19th March. Monday.*

Walked a little in the morning. At 10 1/2 he arrived on horseback to the palace platform, where after the prayer service an excellent parade of life dragoons took place. The weather was marvelous, the sun was burning. After breakfast he appointed gr. Keller's aide-de-camp. Received Dikov and Brusilov from 2 to 3 1/4. I went to the Volkonskoe highway to see off the dragoons. Made a good walk and came back through Babolovo. I received Filosofov before dinner. Dined Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.). In the evening Stolypin stayed with me for a long time.

*20th March. Tuesday.*

The morning was busy, I managed to go out into the garden for 20 minutes. A new Spanish ambassador was received between the reports. Anya had breakfast. I walked, worked and fiddled with children. At 6 o'clock he received Izvolsky. I studied in the evening.

*March 21st. Wednesday.*

Gray and rainy day.

After the report was received by 48 people. presenting themselves. Breakfast: Petyusha, returning from abroad, and Tsvetsinsky (dezh.). Walked with the children and finished clearing the path. Although there was no sun, the snow is melting everywhere quickly. I read a lot before lunch. We spent the evening together and played billiards.

*March 22nd. Thursday.*

The sun came out again and it was a wonderful day. At 10 o'clock. looked at new samples of uniforms. At 11 o'clock. went to the arena for the review of the Corps of Pages. All three companies did the exercises. Then they dined in the palace. After breakfast they walked past us on their way to the station. Received Panteleev. He worked with children on the high road. After tea I read. In the evening we played billiards.

*March 23rd. Friday.*

At 11 o'clock. mornings were at a prayer service in the dining room of the Consolidated Guards Battalion on the occasion of its holiday. We went through all the barracks and examined the new soldier's shop. Received three reports. Breakfast: Anya and Kira Naryshkin (dezh.). Walked and worked with children. At 6 o'clock he received Schwanebach. I did. Anya dined.

At 11 o'clock. went to the meeting for the officers' supper of St. Guard. battalion.

*March 24th. Saturday.*

Had a good time, that is, the night, and returned home on foot by 7 o'clock. in the morning. Slept until 10 o'clock. I accepted two reports. We had breakfast as a family. We walked together. We watched the rehearsal of the Horse Guards parade. For a long time I cleaned the road with children. Was reading. At 6 3/4, Vigil began in the Great Church; there were officers and lower ranks of the Cavalry Regiment. We dined together and rode around the city.

*March 25th. Annunciation.*

A fresh and sunny day. At 10 1/2 I rode on horseback with Misha to the Horse Guards parade. Alix took all the children with her.

We sat down to breakfast at 11 3/4. The conversation ended soon. I was very pleased with the regiment - half of the combatants consisted of young soldiers. Walked with Alix and then worked with the children. After tea I did a lot. In the evening we played billiards a little.

*March 26th. Monday.*

In the morning I had a good walk. The weather was clear and cold. Had two reports. Breakfast gr. Tottleben (dezh.). Walked and fiddled with children; then worked. I read vigorously until lunchtime. We played billiards. From 10 o'clock. up to 12 1/2 - took Stolypin.

*March 27th. Tuesday.*

Great warm day. In the morning I did not take a long walk. I accepted two reports. Anya had breakfast. He walked, played with children and chopped the ice near the bridge. At 6 o'clock. received Izvolsky. Dinner: Nikolasha, Petyusha and Stan. We spent the evening with them.

*March 28th. Wednesday.*

Quite a spring day. Walked before the report. There was a reception - 25 people. We had breakfast alone. I walked and worked on the ice for a long time. At 6 o'clock. accepted Langof. Was reading. After lunch we played billiards.

In the evening I learned about the death of the adjut-general. Prince Grigory Sergeevich Golitsyn!

*March 29th. Thursday.*

The morning was very busy, I managed to take a walk. Arseniev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Made a nice walk with Alix. Then he chopped the ice. The weather was very good. After tea I wrote and read. Orlov dined. I played billiards with him.

*March 30th. Friday.*

Walked in the morning. It was a nice cool day. Accepted two papers and two presenting ones. Breakfast: Anya and Skalon (dezh.). We went together into a new room for our cars, there is also a workshop. Chopped the ice. We had lunch. I did a lot.

*March 31st. Saturday.*

Cool sunny day. In the morning I worked a little on the ice. Had two reports. Breakfast: Fredericks and Stefanovich (dezh.). At 2 1/2 we went to Peterhof on a motor with Olga and Tatiana. We got out at our house in Alexandria and walked along the frozen sea to Monplaisir, where we got into our car and returned to Tsarskoe by 5 o'clock. The walk was very successful.



I read until 8 o'clock. We dined together and played billiards.

*1st April. Sunday.*

With the change of the month the weather deteriorated, it became cold, and in the evening it snowed. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast with everyone. I walked and worked on the ice for three hours. I also did a lot. Daragan (dezh.) Dined.

*2nd April. Monday.*

At night, the frost reached 5 ° and snow fell. During the day, he melted from the sun. Walked in the morning. Had three reports. Nirod (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked with the children and then chopped the ice. After tea I received two more reports. Stana dined and spent the evening.

*3rd April. Tuesday.*

It got warmer. Walked for a long time in the morning. Between the reports he received Shilov, the former Preobrazhenets, the commander of the 21st East Siberian regiment. Breakfast: Sashka Vorontsov (dezh.) And Anya. Alix went with her on a motor to Peterhof to inspect her new dacha.

During the walk I climbed the white tower, the horizon was clear and the view was very beautiful. Long chopped ice with children. After tea he received Izvolsky and Gerard. We dined the same.

*4th April. Wednesday.*

Cold gray day. I managed to take a walk. After the report, there was a reception - members of the State began to introduce themselves in series. Sov. for elections. Komarov (dezh.) Had breakfast. I walked for a long time and broke the ice. Komarov dined. I read a lot.

*5th April. Thursday.*

It rained all day, but it was warm. At 10 1/2 we went to the Exercise House for a review of the Marine Corps. I watched the teachings of each company in turn, then the general ceremonial march. I was very pleased with the general appearance of the midshipman and cadets. Were at their dinner at the palace. After our breakfast, they walked past us on their way to the station. He walked and cracked the ice. He read until 8 o'clock. Chagin had lunch (dezh.). I played billiards with him.

*6th April. Friday.*

It was raining in the morning. At 10 1/2 we went to the exercirhouse for the church parade of L.-G. Consolidated Cossack Regiment. For the first time after its formation, I saw the regiment in full force. We had breakfast with the officers in the palace. Before leaving, they filmed as a group at the entrance. Received three reports. Walked and worked on ice.

After tea we went to the other side upstairs and there we had the joy to see and talk with Gregory! Anya dined. He took Stolypin for a long time.

*April 7th. Saturday.*

All night and all day it was snowing with a fresh breeze. Had three reports. Breakfast: Stana, Marina, Sergey and Elena. I walked in deep snow, everything took on a completely wintry look, trees and bushes bent from the weight. After tea and in the evening I worked hard. We dined together.

*April 8th. Sunday.*

13th anniversary of our engagement! In the morning I took a walk, the snow blinded my eyes. We were at mass and had breakfast with everyone. Walked with the children and then worked on the ice.

At 7 1/2 we had dinner in the palace with the guards' authorities.

We listened to the magnificent game of 234 guards balalaika players under the direction of their teacher Andreev.

We were delighted with the performance. I read it in the evening.

*April 9th. Monday.*

The day was warm; the snow began to melt quickly. I managed to take a walk. Took three papers; the third was Oliva. We had breakfast alone.

I walked for a long time and then worked with the children on the ice. After tea, I had Taneev and Akimov - a former min. Justice, cat. appointed by the chairman of the State. Council.

I studied in the evening.

*April 10th. Tuesday.*

Walked in the morning. Had two reports. Anya had breakfast. Received Golovin - Chairman of the State. Duma. At 3 o'clock in the Palace they said goodbye to the departing people of the Consolidated Guard Battalion. The newcomers also introduced themselves. At 6 o'clock. received Izvolsky. At 8 o'clock. went to the Hussar regiment for a month's lunch, cat. was also a bachelor party for Nikolasha.

*April 11th. Wednesday.*

Came back at 4 o'clock. It was a foggy morning. It rained during the day, but it was warm. The second series of members for the elections of the G [state] S [council] also had a great reception. Keller (dezh.) Had breakfast.

I walked for a long time and broke the ice.

At 6 o'clock. accepted Langof. I read it hard. Dinner: Nikolasha, Stana and Petyusha. Before their departure to Crimea, the first were blessed with icons for the upcoming wedding.

*April 12th. Thursday.*

At 10 1/2, the three of us went with Alexei to the Palace for a review of the young sailors of the Guards crew. They were grouped into four companies and introduced themselves perfectly, especially the 4th Company. The weather was gray but warm. Had a report and a little reception. We had breakfast alone. Walked for a long time and destroyed the ice with children. At 6 o'clock. accepted Akimov as chairman of the State. Council.

After lunch I did a lot.

*April 13th. Friday.*

It got quite warm, but in the morning it was raining a little and therefore appointed a parade of L.-Guards. The Grenadier Regiment in the Exercise House. The Life Grenadiers introduced themselves especially well. After

breakfast, at the end of our conversations, I appointed the commander of my company cap as aide-de-camp. Polivanov.

I walked for a long time and chopped the ice with the children. It was 13 ° in the shade. At 6 o'clock. said goodbye to Nikolasha. Received Kokovtsov. Anya dined. We played billiards. Was reading.

*April 14th. Saturday.*

At 10 1/2 we went to the Exercise House for a review of the 2nd Cadet Corps. I was very pleased with the bearing and drill training of the cadets. Before their dinner, several peasants from different provinces, members of the Duma, were received at the Palace. Breakfast: Petya (dezh.), Rediger and Fredericks. Took their reports after. Walked in the pouring rain. At 5 1/4 we went with Olga and Tatiana to Gatchina. Mom returned from Biarritz with Xenia, Sandro and all the children. We were together at the all-night vigil and then had dinner. We returned to Tsarskoe by 10 o'clock. I accepted Stolypin's long report.

*April 15th. Sunday.*

The weather is fine. Walked in the morning. Uncle Vladimir came to mass. We had breakfast with everyone. Was reading. I walked for a long time and broke the ice with the children. Received Heiden from 6 to 7 1/2. Meshchersky (dezh.) Dined. I did. We played billiards.

*April 16th. Monday.*

We woke up with an unpleasant surprise - again everything in the garden was covered with snow. By evening, however, he melted.

They began to fast. Ksenia, Sandro and Sergei came to the service and stayed for breakfast. I walked for a long time, looked through the gates at the rehearsal of the parade of the 1st and 2nd battalions and worked with children on an islet of a large pond. Before the service he graduated from the paper. Knyazhevich dined (dezh.).

*April 17th. Tuesday.*

During the morning walk I again looked at the rehearsal of the shooters. The day was good. Before mass he received Rediger, after breakfast Palitskhna. Walked and cleared a long pond of ice.

At 6 o'clock. Stolypin arrived unexpectedly about yesterday's scandal in the Duma [\[2\]](#) . Then he received Izvolsky. After the service, we dined with Anya. I read all evening.

*April 18th. Wednesday.*

There were no reports. In the morning I read and received. After mass they ate breakfast alone. I walked for a long time and broke the ice. Mom, Ksenia, Misha, Olga, Sandro and Petya came to live, except for Misha. After dinner we confessed at Yanyshyev's in a prayer room. We drank tea with him at Mom's.

*19th April. The Great Quarter.*

They had great consolation to partake of the Holy Communion. After general tea at Mama's, I took a walk. The weather was warm. Was reading. Breakfast was crowded with all of our children except Alexei and the three older Xenias. Walked with Dmitry. I watched the shooters rehearsal with him and then worked on the ice.

The service of the 12 Gospels lasted one hour and forty minutes. We parted early.

*April 20th. Great Heel.*

Great warm day. Walked in the morning. At 12 o'clock. were at the wonderful service of carrying out the Shroud. We had breakfast like yesterday in the amount of 18 people.

Chopped ice with Dmitry. We went on ice floes on the pond. It was very hot to work. We drank tea at Mom's. During the service, the Shroud was carried around the Round Hall. At 10 o'clock. received Stolypin with a short report.

*April 21st. Great Saturday.*

There were no reports. I read in the morning and then went for a walk. The weather was great. At 11 1/2 went to the last service, cat. lasted an hour and a half.

Nikolay, who had returned from abroad, had breakfast. I worked with Dmitry on the pond. After dinner, they presented each other with gifts in eggs and testicles.

*April 22nd. Bright Resurrection of Christ.*

Matins began at 12 o'clock, and mass ended at 2 1/4. Returning home, we straightened out in the Round Hall. Slept until 9 1/2. It rained all morning and it was fresh. Christ was celebrated with 700 people. We listened to three things sung by the singers. We had breakfast as a family. Walked with Dmitry and broke the ice on the pond. The weather has improved. Was reading. At 7 1/2 went to Vespers. After dinner we sat together. Alix received birthday gifts. We parted early after the general tea.

*April 23rd. Monday.*

Today, dear Alix's birthday celebration had an Easter flavor. At the dinner they stood below. Then I confessed with my retinue and Ulan officers, Alix distributed eggs to everyone. We had breakfast in a large gallery. Walked and broke the last pieces of ice with Dmitry. The weather was excellent. We drank tea with Mom, after which she left for Gatchina. Was reading. Ride a bike. Shuvalov (dezh.) Dined. Four of us rode.

*April 24th. Tuesday.*

It got colder again. Accepted only the military report and then took a walk. We had breakfast at 12 1/2. In the Palace, they consulted with the military commanders and with the lower ranks, almost 700 people. Took Fredericks.

The first time I went kayaking with Dmitry - I opened the local navigation. I read until 8 o'clock. Five of us dined. They played billiards.

*April 25th. Wednesday.*

At one o'clock in the morning I went on the train. d. to the Malo-Gatchinsky current. The night was clear, quiet at 2 ° C.

He killed **three wood grouses**. Returned at 5 o'clock. Slept until 10 o'clock. I accepted two reports. After breakfast he consulted with the schismatics and volost elders. Then the two of us went to the Alix almshouse for the wounded, with whom I also confessed. Walked and rode with children on a boat. The weather was warm. I read until 8 o'clock. In the evening we played billiards.

*April 26th. Thursday.*

At night there was the first thunderstorm, woke up from a strong thunderclap.

The weather became warmer. At 11 o'clock. on the palace ground there was a church parade to the 1st and 2nd Rifle Battalions and the 2nd and 6th Don Batteries. All introduced themselves as fine fellows.

We returned home at 2 o'clock. Received the report of Mamantov. Walked and rowed with Dmitry. It got colder than in the morning. I read until 7 1/2 hours. Went for lunch at 1st Shooter. baht. I had a great time in the officers' meeting, where, of course, I stayed for a long time. There were different numbers of amusement - two Italian singers, four American negro and eight English dancers.

*April 27th. Friday.*

Left at 4 o'clock after dinner.

I slept until 9 1/2 o'clock. Before the lectures we attended a memorial service for George. Resin (dezh.) Had breakfast. I walked and kayaked for a long time. The day was warm. Dined: Misha and Anya. I did.

*April 28th. Saturday.*

A real summer day. At 10 o'clock. in front of the house promoted 90 cadets of artillery schools to officers. At 11 o'clock. the review of young soldiers of the 1st Guards began. infantry. and 1st Guards. kav. divisions, rifle brigade, guard. artillery and L.-Guards. Sapern. baht. Cerem passed. march on the Palace platform.

We had breakfast with the superiors and all the frontline officers. We returned home at 2 o'clock. Took Kaufman and Fredericks. Walked and rode with children on the ponds. I read until 8 o'clock. I played billiards with Dmitry. At 12 o'clock. went by rail. road to the current in the Kovshovsky forest.

*April 29th. Sunday.*

The night was overcast, but very warm. The hunt was extremely successful - he killed **five wood grouses**. Returned at 5 o'clock. Slept until 10 o'clock. We went to mass and had breakfast with everyone.

Walked with Dmitry and children. I rode on the ponds. The rain drove us home. Elena drank tea with us. Took Heiden. After dinner I played billiards with Dmitry and read.

*April 30th. Monday.*

It rained at night, and a storm blew all day. Had three reports. Before 3 hours. went to the Palace. Anya dressed upstairs under the aisle. They blessed her and then went to church. After the wedding, everyone congratulated the young in the church hall. We got home at 4 1/2. I ran into the garden. Anya and her husband drank tea with us. Then we said goodbye to them. Received Stolypin and after him Gerard. I managed to read the papers.

The five of us dined. I played billiards with Dmitry.

*1st May. Tuesday.*

Cold day. Had two reports and received three Italians who had come to negotiate a trade agreement. Shuvalov (dezh.) Had breakfast. I walked with Dmitry and rode kayaks with him. From 6 o'clock he took Izvolsky for a long time. After lunch, Ella and the children left for Moscow. I read for a long time.

*May 2nd. Wednesday.*

Cold clear day. The report was at 10 o'clock, then received until one o'clock. D. Vladimir had breakfast. Walked with Alix. Young soldiers of the Samara and Caspian regiments were seen at the gate to the Volkonskoe highway on their way from the Aleksandrovskaya station here for tomorrow's review. Ride on the pond. I read until 7 1/2. Drozd-Bonyachevsky (dezh.) Dined. We played billiards.

*3rd May. Thursday.*

Atrocious weather; it was snowing in the morning. At 11 o'clock. began a review of young soldiers: 2nd Guards. infantry. and 2nd cavalry, 37th infantry. div. and Alex [andro] -Nev [skogo] and Izhor [skogo] res. regiments. After the ceremony. he made a march in the same place on the exercise site: to the companies of the Life Grenadier and the 1st Shooter. baht. and the squadrons of my Cuirassier and Kon. Grenada. regiments. All introduced themselves surprisingly well. I was completely satisfied. We had breakfast with our superiors and officers. It was snowing at the beginning of the show.

I took it after breakfast. We went for a walk together and just met Ulan and Kon. Grenada. on the way home. At 7 o'clock. went to Gatchina for dinner. We returned at 11 o'clock. home.

*4th May. Friday.*

Cold and lack of sun. Walked a little. Between the reports, a deputation of Old Believers from the Dvinsky and Ryazhitsky districts was accepted together. Stefanovich (dezh.) Had breakfast.

I walked alone - I didn't even feel like getting into a kayak. After tea he received Langof. We dined together and played billiards. I did.

*May 5th. Saturday.*

About 11 a.m. went on horseback in a naval frock coat to the Palace Square, Alix and Alexei in a charaban. He inspected the young sailors of the Baltic Fleet, including 2200 people. After the ceremony. march made one company teaching. The people looked great and were well trained. The weather improved and became warmer. We had breakfast with the naval authorities and officers. We returned home at 2 o'clock. Took Kaufman and Fredericks. Walked and rode with children in boats. I read until 7 1/2. Mom came to dinner with the others. In the evening Andreev with his choir of balalaika players delighted our ears with a wondrous game.

*May 6th. Sunday.*

The weather was fine and clear.

Today I am 39 years old!

In the morning telegrams, congratulations from people, kisses on the shoulder and gardeners. At 11 o'clock. a long mass, congratulations again and a big breakfast.

Returned home at 2 1/2. An hour later, Mom left for Gatchina.

Walked and rode with children on the ponds. The whole evening I unsubscribed and read. Dzhunkovsky (dezh.) Dined.

*May 7th. Monday.*

Wonderful day - 14 ° in the shade.

Walked in the morning. Accepted the report of Dikov and four introducing themselves. Andrey (dezh.) Had breakfast. I walked with him, climbed the white tower and rode with the children in "Gatchinka". Petyusha drank tea with us.

After lunch, we rode together. I read for a long time in the evening.

*May 8th. Tuesday.*

A sultry heat set in. There was a short thunderstorm at noon.

After two reports, I went to the Grand Palace, where I received 85 per person who graduated from the Academy of the General Staff.

Sandra Shuvalova had breakfast.

He walked and rode boats with the children. After tea he received Izvolsky. Arseniev (dezh.) Dined.

In the evening we rode around Babolov.

*May 9th. Wednesday.*

A very hot morning. Received Shcheglovitov's report and at 11 o'clock left with Alix for Gatchina. At 12 o'clock. there was a church parade of Cuirassier Her Vel. in equestrian ranks.

We had breakfast in the White Hall and talked on the balcony. Then it started to rain and pace. dropped from 18 ° to 7 °. We took a little walk. We drank tea with Mom. At 8 o'clock we dined at the Cuirassier assembly and listened to the Neapolitans and the friend of Sartinsky, the bey. At 11 1/4, Alix and I left by motor and arrived at Tsarskoe at 12 o'clock.

*May 10th. Thursday.*

We got up at 7 1/2 and an hour later went to Peterhof on motors. The weather was gray, squally and cold. On the new "Alexandria" we went to Kronstadt. We visited a midshipman detachment, recently returned from a foreign voyage: the battleships "**Slava**", "**Tsarevich**", and kr. "**Bogatyr**". The last to be visited was the training ship "**Duke of Edinburgh**", which was very difficult to moor because of the swell. I was very pleased with everything I saw. We had breakfast on the way back. We came to Peterhof at 2 o'clock. We stopped by Elena Milashevich's and at 41 minutes of time we drove to Tsarskoe. I took a walk. I read it after tea. Chagin dined (dezh.). In the evening he received Stolypin.

*May 11th. Friday.*

The day was clear. I took a walk before the lectures. I had breakfast with Zelena (dezh.). I went for a drive in a kayak and walked around the park. I read until 8 o'clock. I went with Misha for a month's lunch at my Cuirassier regiment. Remained in the meeting until one o'clock.

*May 12th. Saturday.*

Good weather. Didn't take a long walk. Had two reports. Breakfast: Uncle Vladimir and Nirod (dezh.).

They received a large deputation of the peasants of the Volyn province and Pochaevsky posad. I examined the arsenal in the park.

Ride in a kayak. Received Langof at 6 o'clock. Read. Nirod dined. We listened to a German choir from St. Petersburg. I studied until 11 1/2.

*May 13th. Sunday.*

The morning was sunny, and it started raining in the afternoon. Was at Mass and had breakfast with everyone. Then we went to the arena, where Konvoy and Svod are. Gvar. the battalion was shown cinematography along with a gramophone. We sat with the children for two hours - it was interesting.

Walked in the rain. After tea I read a lot. Orlov dined. I played billiards with him.

*May 14th. Monday.*

A memorable day, forever darkened by the terrible death of the fleet in the Battle of Tsushima! Was busy all morning with three talks. Breakfast Demidov (dezh.). The weather was cold with occasional rains.

Walked and rode with children on the pond. Was reading. After lunch we played billiards.

*May 15th. Tuesday.*

When we woke up, we saw that snow was falling in large flakes, a storm was blowing and it was 2 ° C.

Very nice weather.

After the reports, he went to the Grand Palace and received 66 officers who had graduated from the military-legal academy and the quartermaster course.

After breakfast, 19 members of the Duma - landowners - were received together.

Walked; whipped and blew. At 6 o'clock. received Izvolsky. Solova dined. Began to prepare for styling.

*May 16th. Wednesday.*

The cold, bad weather continued. The report was at 10 o'clock, and then a big reception until one o'clock. I had breakfast with Trubetskoy (dezh.). Walked in the rain. Fitted. After tea I read. I dined with Trubetskoy. In the evening we examined the entire basement floor, which I had never been to.

*May 17th. Thursday.*

It's cold, but there was no rain during the day. After the report, 24 officers were received by Mikh [Ailovskaya] artil. academy. Breakfast: Sergey and Ketkhudov (dezh.). I walked and rode in kayaks and in "Gatchinka" with Alexey. At 6 o'clock. received Krivoshein. We dined alone. We played billiards for the last time. In the evening he received Stolypin.

*May 18th. Friday.*

In the morning the weather seemed to be better and warmer, but during the walk it snowed and became cold - 4 °. Had three reports. Dolgoruky (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/2 we left Tsarskoe Selo and moved on our train to **Peterhof**. The sun greeted us there. In Aleksandrovsky Park, parts of the garrison stood trellis. The rooms were pretty cool. I took a walk. Soon I got a job. I read until 8 o'clock. We dined together. I studied in the evening.

*19th May. Saturday.*



We had a great night's sleep for the housewarming.

The day was sunny. After reading the papers and talking with Dedyulin and Heyden, I went for a walk.

Received Rediger, then gr. Vorontsov, who came from the Caucasus, and Fredericks. Breakfast: Count and Countess Vorontsov and Komarov (dezh.). At 2 1/2 we went to the Farm, where 32 members of the (right-wing) Duma were received. Returning home, we went for a walk. At 6 o'clock. received Golovin - Chairman of the State. Duma. Was reading. Komarov dined. I did.

*May 20th. Sunday.*

The weather has improved significantly.

Were at mass. For breakfast came from Moscow: Victoria, Marie and Dmitry. Ella arrived later. We followed them to the Farm and made a general walk. We drank tea together. At 6 o'clock. received Akimov - chairman. Gosud. Council. Was reading.

After dinner we also sat together.

*May 21st. Monday.*

At 11 o'clock. a church parade to the Pavlovsk military school took place on the palace ground. Then they went around the tables of the cadets in

tent and returned home at 12 1/4. Accepted Dikoda's report. He came on the steamer "Petersburg", a cat. stranded against our windows. The tugs could not pull him off. I had breakfast with other d. Aleksey. At 3 o'clock, the Palace hosted a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Palestinian Society, first a prayer service was served in the Peter's Hall, after which a meeting took place in the Merchant Hall.

Returned home at 4 1/4. The weather was excellent. I took a walk. We drank tea and dined together. Received Gazenkampf and Schwanebach. I read the whole evening.

*May 22nd. Tuesday.*

At 9 o'clock. went with Dmitry on horseback to the back parade ground for the squadron reviews of the life dragoons. At first it rained, then the weather improved and it got hot. Alix and Marie were also present. At 1/4 o'clock I returned home and at breakfast I learned that poor Anastasia had diphtheria. Now it was decided: I and the other children should move to the Farm - Alix stayed with her. A pleasant parting on troubled days! The resettlement took place quite quickly, the children were put to bed in due time. I found myself in my old lavatory upstairs next to them. Received Izvolsky at 6 o'clock. Dined with everyone. In the evening, Alix came and gave the reassuring news. The first vaccination was given at one o'clock in the afternoon.

He walked with her to our house and returned to the Farm at 11 o'clock.

*May 23rd. Wednesday.*

Got up at 8 1/4. Alexei burst in at this time and made me hurry up with washing and dressing. Was reading. Went down to our house and sat with Alix in the garden. Thank God, Anastasia spent the night calmly and had norms. pace. At 11 o'clock. Simanovsky examined our throats and noses. I took it. We had breakfast on the balcony. The heat was healthy. At about 3 o'clock I went with Marie and Dmitry to the pier and on "Peterhof" went to the detachment of mine ships in Essen, which was stationed in two lines. It was very fresh and we arrived by min. cruise. **"General Kondratenko"** is completely wet.

I examined this new vessel, then moved to the "Scout" and on it went around both lines, greeting the crews. Came back at 4 1/2 very happy with the view. Visited Alix for a short time and drank tea with everyone on the balcony. It started to rain - for the whole evening. Received Stolypin.

After dinner, Alix came to visit us. I read a lot.

*May 24th. Thursday.*

Anastasia's health is in the same position, pace. below normal, sleep is satisfactory. The morning was cold — a splendid day. I went down to Alix's four times and walked with her. I had breakfast and dinner with Victoria, Ella, Marie and Dmitry. Finally I finished everything I had accumulated. In the evening, Alix received gifts from a distance at the Farm below, in Anmam's room.

*May 25th. Friday.*

My dear Alix's birthday, which this year passed in an unusual way. In the morning I rode my bike downstairs. I was at mass with the children and had breakfast with everyone on the balcony. Received Kokovtsev and Fredericks. Walked with Alix and sisters. The weather was good, but cool. After tea I fiddled with the children in the fire shed.

Took Kaufman. Was reading. After dinner Alix came, sat with us as usual, and I accompanied her home.

She was appointed chief of the 21st East Siberian Rifle Regiment today.

*May 26th. Saturday.*

Until 9 o'clock. went on horseback with Dmitry to review the squadron exercises of the Ulan regiment. The weather was fine and warm. The deep ditch jump was unsettled and there were quite a few falls. Everything else and the felling of the vines were done very well. The best of all, in my opinion, was the 6th squadron. By one o'clock the show ended, and I went to the officers' meeting. After a good breakfast, I returned home at 3 1/2 and received Rediger's report. Walked a little with Alix. After tea I read. I sat in the nursery. After dinner, we sat with Alix on the balcony until 11 o'clock, then escorted her home.

*May 27th. Sunday.*

A wonderful hot day. In the morning I saw Anastasia through the window. After Mass, Gustav's second son, the Swede, arrived. - Wilhelm is the future fiancé of Maria Pavlovna. He had breakfast with us. Took him to the Gothic home for living. I walked and sat with Alix, saw Anya Vyrubova. Then Ella and Victoria brought the young Swede to Alix. We drank tea at our Farm, at that time there was a thunderstorm. Received Stolypin. Dined together on the balcony. Alix saw him off in the evening.

*May 28th. Monday.*

At 8 3/4 he went with Dmitry to the reviews of the squadron exercises Horse-Grenadier. The weather was wonderful and hot. I was very pleased with the look, jumping over the ditch as well. About an hour and a half left the parade ground for the officers' meeting of the regiment, where he had breakfast. Returning home at 3 1/2, I accepted Dikov's report. Ride with Alix in the boat. After tea he received the book. Vasilchikova. The five of us dined on the balcony. In the evening I took Alix home.

*May 29th. Tuesday.*

Tatyana is 10 years old; again this [day] has to be spent at the Farm. In the morning I went to see Alix. I saw Anastasia through the window. Received three reports. Knyazhevich (dezh.) Had breakfast.

Ride well with Alix on the boat; the sea was like a mirror, the weather was hot. About 5 hours. unexpectedly, Mama, Minnie and Georgy arrived from Gatchina on a motor. They drank tea with us, at 6 1/2 received Izvolsky. After lunch we listened to the excellent balalaika players of the Ulan regiment. Walked with Alix to our house by the sea.

*May 30th. Wednesday.*

It's a great clear day. After reading the papers, he went downstairs and walked with his little wife. Accepted the report and 10 presenting. We had breakfast on the balcony with gr. Keller [ohm] (dej.). Walked and sat with Alix by the sea; watched the workers move the floating bath to its place. After tea we played tennis. We dined together. Alix accompanied.

*May 31st. Ascension.*

On the day of the regimental holiday, Orlov brought a small uniform of the Uhlan regiment for Alexei.

I was with the children at mass.

We had breakfast at 12 1/4. It was a wonderful day. Received an Abyssinian messenger with gifts from Menelik. Walked and rode with Alix in the sea on a boat. After tea I played tennis with others. We dined and sat in the garden. Walked with Alix in the evening.

*1st June. Friday.*

At 10 o'clock. at our house, the departing and newly arrived Cossacks in the Convoy were introduced - Alix handed them out a photo. cards. Had two reports. We had breakfast together on the balcony. At 2 1/2 I accepted 30 lyceum students who had completed the course. Nikolasha and Stana came from Krasnoye and visited Alix after me. 6 to 7 1/2 played tennis. I read for a long time in the evening. Walked Alix home.

*2nd June. Saturday.*

In the morning I went out into the garden early and managed to walk with Alix and the children. Accepted reports from Rediger and Fredericks. We had breakfast on the balcony. By 3 o'clock Mom arrived and the family gathered; a prayer service was served in the church on the occasion of the engagement of Mary and Wilhelm of Sweden. Then I had a shared tea downstairs with chocolate and champagne. At 5 o'clock. Mom left for Gatchina. It rained at times.

We played tennis successfully.

We dined in the room as it got cooler. Alix visited here in the evening.

*3rd June. Sunday.*

The weather was wonderful. The mood was the same bright on the occasion of the dispersal of the Duma. In the morning I visited Alix. I introduced myself to 8 fellows of the 16th Infantry Regiment, a cat. accompanied Nikolasha from Crimea. I was at Mass, had breakfast with music. At 2 1/4 I went with the children to the pier, and from there with Victoria, Maria, Dmitry and William to the "Princess", from where they watched the motorboat race. They walked from St. Petersburg to Kronstadt, then past the "Princess " and back to the city. Only one French boat was in full swing. After tea on deck, we returned to the pier, where I showed the guests the new Alexandria.

We arrived at the Farm at about 6 o'clock, stopping to talk with Alix at our house. We played tennis. Walked with Alix in the evening.

*4th June. Monday.*

The same wonderful day. In the morning I was at Alix's. Had two reports. Only Obolensky (dezh.) Had breakfast, the rest were in the city. I walked for a long time with Alix and Alexei by the sea. Drank tea with others and played tennis until 7 1/2 hrs. After dinner I read and walked Alix home.

Thank God, for the second day after the dissolution of the Duma, complete peace is everywhere!

*June 5th. Tuesday.*

At 9 3/4, he rode on horseback to the back parade ground with Dmitry, where he inspected the Nikolaev Cavalry School. The squadron studied well, a hundred excellent. There was a stand-up breakfast for the cadets in the tent near the Palace. Then he accepted the reports. Had breakfast with everyone on the balcony in the rain. Did a great ride with Alix on the dinghy. After tea he received Izvolsky. Uncle Alexei was having dinner. Walked Alix home. I did it for a long time.

Today Anastasia is 6 years old.

*June 6th. Wednesday.*

Great day. In the morning I was very much delayed by various receptions, I rode a bike at 10 1/2 down to Alix. At that time, everyone was with her. I showed Wilhelm my rooms. Received 22 nominations after the report; late for breakfast by 20 minutes. Walked with Alix and sat by the sea.

After tea we played tennis.

At 10 o'clock. escorted Victoria, Ella, Maria, Wilhelm and Dmitry to the station - they all went to Moscow. Ride with Alix for the first time since moving to Peterhof and the establishment of our quarantine. I read for a long time.

*June 7th. Thursday.*

A very hot day. Walked with Alix in the morning. After the reports, he went to the Grand Palace, where he received 30 officers who had graduated from the Nikol [aevskaya] Engineering Academy. Heyden (dezh.) Had breakfast.

Received a new Mexican envoy. Walked with Alix, got caught in a downpour and disappeared on the balcony of the Farm under the nursery. Took Stolypin from 6 - 7 1/2.

Alix arrived at 8 1/4 for dinner on the balcony, ate together for the first time after two 1/2 weeks. We made a great walk to Sergievka and Own, dacha. Was reading.

*June 8th. Friday.*

After two reports, he received several presenting and a deputation from the 43rd courses of the Lyceum, including eight people with an address. Stefanovich (dezh.) Had breakfast. It rained from time to time. Received Palitsyn on his return from a field trip. Walked with Alix. Was reading. Dined and rode with her.

*June 9th. Saturday.*

The weather was warm with falling rains. Had three usual reports. Daragan (dezh.) Had breakfast. Afterwards, the children were busy on the balcony. Walked with Alix and Alexei. After tea I read and rode my bike. We dined together on the same balcony. We rode and sat down at the farm.

*June 10th. Trinity day.*

Excellent day. In the morning I went to see Alix on a bicycle. At 10 1/2, the church parade of the L.-Gds began. Izmailovsky regiment and L.-GV. Sapper battalion. Both parts presented themselves brilliantly. After breakfast, I did not talk for long and filmed with the officers in a group at the entrance. Nikolasha and Stana visited Alix. Walked with her for a long time. At about 5 o'clock the Izmailovites and the sapper were allowed past the gates at the Farm. Took Heiden. Was reading. We dined and rode together.

*June 11th. Whit Monday.*

The day was hot, it rained during the day, then it cleared up and became cool. In the morning, Alix and I could not meet in any way and for a long time were looking for each other. Breakfast: Tatishchev and Drozd-Bonyachevsky (dezh.).

We walked with the children.

I did not read for long. Accepted Prince. Orlova. We dined on the balcony. Alix had a headache and we parted at 10 o'clock.

*June 12th. Tuesday.*

It's a great clear day. In the morning we had a good walk together. After both military reports he received Count Vorontsov. He and Meshchersky (dezh.) Had breakfast. We rode in the sea - Alix with me on one boat, Marie and Alexey with Derevenko and Streltsov in another. At 6 o'clock. received Izvolsky.

We dined together. Stana came from Krasnoye and sat with us on the balcony. At 11 1/4, Alix drove home.

*June 13th. Wednesday.*

After the walk, 5 Cossacks from the Viceroy's convoy introduced themselves at the Farm in crimson Circassians and white beshmets. Alexey also watched them with me. After the report, he received 16 representatives. Breakfast: book. Orlov and Arseniev (dezh.). We walked with children by the seashore; the weather was hot. I read a little. We dined, rode around Mikhailovka and sat together until 11 o'clock. Drove Alix home.

*June 14th. Thursday.*

Marie is 8 years old. In the morning she received gifts. Walked in the rain. Had two reports.

At 12 o'clock Alix came to pick me up and we drove to the Grand Palace.

Pages and cadets - Pavlovsky, Nikolaev., Inzhenerny, and Nikolay were lined up in the Petrovskaya hall. Cavalry schools. After they were produced, we went down to the garden and walked around them along the tables in the tents. Have breakfast with me: Comrades Olga, Kostya, Mavra, John and Gabriel - new cornet.

Walking with children; the weather has improved. From 6 - 7 1/2 he received Stolypin, after which he went to sea on the Neva for several days.

We dined, rode and sat together until 10 3/4.

*June 15th. Friday.*

Today Anastasia went out for a walk for the first time. Had three reports.

Boisman (dezh.) Had breakfast. The weather was excellent with a strong W. We walked for a long time in the afternoon. After tea he received Gerard. Was reading. We dined and rode.

*June 16th. Saturday.*

The weather was perfect. Alix came here in the morning and we went for a walk together. Breakfast: bar. Fredericks and Komarov (dej.).

At 2 1/2 Alix, Anastasia and I went on the "Marev" to Kronstadt and by 4 1/2 returned to the pier. The air was delightful, the sea like a mirror. After tea he received Langof.

The three of us dined with Orlov. In the evening we walked to the sea.

*June 17th. Sunday.*

In the morning the heat was tropical. At 10 1/2 I went with Alix to the back parade ground. Horse-grenadiers and Lancers were in full dress and in horse ranks. The brigade looked very beautiful against the background of the forest. Cerem. mar passed twice. There was a great breakfast at the palace. Rode bike. At 4 o'clock we went to the meeting of the Ulan regiment.

We sat on the balcony, drank tea and other moisture, listened to songwriters and balalaika players until 6 o'clock. The old lancers also remained. Was reading. I said goodbye at 7 1/2 to my dear little wife. At 8 1/2 went to the meeting of the horse-grenadier for lunch. We sat in the garden for a long time and listened to the songwriters. The gypsies were singing in the dining room.

*June 18th. Monday.*

Returned home at 1/4 o'clock. I slept well. At 9 o'clock. got on a horse and rode, hurrying, along the Ropsha highway. I drove up just in time to the pheasant's house, where Alix was already waiting for the Ulan regiment, a cat. approached on a soft road. He drove with the regiment to Nastolov, from where he turned right, and the lancers went to Krasnoe Selo. The heat was colossal, sweating like in the tropics! Came home at 11 1/4. Victoria came from Ilyinsky. She and Trubetskoy (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/2 we set off on the Mareva to Kronstadt and to the sea to the London lighthouse. The air was perfect, there was a light breeze from S. They landed back at 6 o'clock. Received Taneev. The three of us had dinner and rode for a long time; were exactly one hour late for the train, with the cat. Victoria had to go. She still left, but with an emergency trip to the border.

*19th June. Tuesday.*

The same tropical heat. Walked with Alix in the morning. Had two reports. Breakfast: D. Alexey and Sergey Mikh. At 3 o'clock we went with Alix in her cart to Znamenka. We met Stan on the terrace in front of the palace, entered it and there they had the joy of seeing Gregory. We talked for about an hour and returned to our place. Received Izvolsky. Khan Nakhichevan (dezh.) Dined. At 9 1/2 we set off with Anya in the Dozorny for Kronstadt as yesterday and returned by 12 o'clock. The sea was perfect.

*June 20th. Wednesday.*

In the morning we walked together as usual. After the lecture, I had a small reception. Breakfast: D. Vladimir and Prince. Orlov. It was raining lightly. Went with children in the water, then swam with Alix in the sea at 16 °. We dined and rode.

*June 21st. Thursday.*

At 10 1/2 we went to the Cadet parade ground for the church parade of my Cuirassier regiment. He passed the cer. march. three times and introduced himself perfectly. After breakfast at the palace, he appointed Comstadius to his retinue. Came back at 1 1/2. Took gr. Ignatiev. A light rain began to fall, a fresh W blew out, and it became cooler. After the walk, we went swimming. I read before July 1 / 2. I sat, as always, Alexis before bedtime. We dined together and rode well.

*June 22nd. Friday.*

A wonderful warm day. In the morning we walked together. I had three reports, among them I received a Hungarian traveler Docchi, a cat. presented a beautiful edition of his trips to the Caucasus. Mikheev (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 3 1/2 I went by motor along Volkhonka with Dedyulin, Trubetskoy and Mikheev. He was present at the live firing of the 2nd division of the L.-GV. 1st art. brig. and the 1st division of the L.-GV. 2nd art. brig. I watched her at the village. Vittolov. Got home the perfect evening right in time for lunch. We rode together.

*June 23rd. Saturday.*

Hot day. We walked together. Had three reports. Breakfast: Nikolai Mikh., Fredericks and Valya Dolgorukov (dezh.). Children swam in the sea near our house. I went in a kayak. Then we swam ourselves, it was nice. I read for a long time. After lunch, the two of us went on the "Razvedchik" to the Elaginsky lighthouse and back. A warm rain fell towards the end. We returned at 12 o'clock.

*June 24th. Sunday.*

It rained all night and morning. At 9 1/4 we got into a closed engine and flew to Krasnoe Selo. We arrived at Shungorov at exactly 10 o'clock, when the consecration of the church of the Ulan regiment, built at the expense of Alix, began. At 11 1/2 Mass ended and we sat down to breakfast right there in the tent. The rain stopped by our arrival and the weather was fine. We left at two and a half. I read and bathed in the sea.

Wilhelm arrived for tea on the way from Ilyinsky to Stockholm. We dined together. We rode on an electric boat around the "Princess" and "Voyskovy". The evening on the water was wonderful.

*June 25th. Monday.*

A hot gray day. After a morning walk I accepted two reports.

Breakfast: Drenteln and Dmitry Sher [emetev | (dezh.). While the children were bathing, there was a heavy downpour. Swam with Alix. After 4 o'clock the weather improved. About 6 hours. went together to Krasnoe. On the military field, I inspected my Ulan regiment. The whole teaching was audible, and despite the thick dust the regiment presented itself brilliantly.

We dined at Nikolasha's and Stana's. We returned home at 10 1/2 o'clock.

*June 26th. Tuesday.*

It became less hot. At 10 1/2, a church parade began to the 85th Vyborg regiment, which presented itself in a surprisingly good form. There was an early breakfast and at 1 1/2 we returned home. Received Izvolsky. Walked with Alix and swam in the sea with a large wave. At 6 o'clock. received Stolypin.

We dined together on the balcony. We walked for a long time all over Alexandria.

*June 27th. Wednesday.*

It was a wonderful day. In the morning I went for a ride with Alix in a boat. At 12 o'clock. I drove to the palace, 70 artillery cadets were lined up behind the guardhouse. schools. After production, they were taken away and fed in the Merchant Hall. Knyazhevich (dezh.) Had breakfast. I rode with Alix and Alexei in a boat. Then they swam together in the sea. I did not read for long. After lunch we immediately set off in the Patrol for Kronstadt. Having reached the traverse of Tolbukhin, we turned back and came to the pier at 12 o'clock.

*June 28th. Thursday.*

Eighth anniversary of the death of dear George. We were at 10 1/2 at the memorial service. Had two reports. Received Klyuev, the commander of the L.-GV. Volyn regiment, which arrived yesterday at the Krasnoselsky camp. Sukhikh had breakfast (dezh.). The weather was wonderful. I went for a drive in a kayak while the children were swimming. Then we both swam at 18 ° in the water. Was reading. We dined together and took a ride on an electric boat.

*June 29th. Friday.*

The same wonderful day with a light breeze from the sea. Rode with Alix in the boat. Breakfast: book. Orlov and Resin (dezh.). I took a walk. I went in a kayak while bathing children at a small pier. We swam after, it was 18 ° in the water. Anya dined. We wanted to go sailing on the Svetlansky boat; but it was completely quiet and we barely made it to the "Rabotnik". A duty boat took us in tow from him and brought us to the harbor, from where the two of us returned to the house on an electric boat.

*June 30th. Saturday.*

In the morning I went for a ride with Alix on a boat from the Creighton factory, of the type ordered by Birilevish for the new "Neva".

The heat was intense. Breakfast: Fredericks and Prince. Eristov (dezh.). At 3 o'clock I set sail with Nilov on a Svetlansky boat. A good wind was blowing. We swam together, the water was 19 °. At 7 1/2 we went to Ropsha, where we had a great lunch with Nikolasha and Stana. We also returned by motor at 11 o'clock.

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*1st January. Tuesday.*

I read it in the morning. At 10 1/2 I went with the children to mass. Breakfast was Sergey Leichtenb [ergskiy] (dezh.). I took a walk. At 3 1/2 I went to the palace and received congratulations from the ministers, top officials and retinue. Then diplomats \* worked in the Great Hall. Came home at 5 1/2. After drinking tea, he accepted the report of Sazonov and Fredericks.

At 7.40 I went to St. Petersburg. Dined at my dear Mom; she, thank God, is better. By the end of lunch, Ksenia and Olga arrived. Returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 10 1/2 h.

I answered telegrams. I read Alix out loud at tea.

\* So in the text.

*2nd January. Wednesday.*



Today is a holiday for me. On the occasion of the anniversary of the repose of St. Seraphim of Sarov, he went with Olga A [leksandrovna] and his daughters to mass and prayer in the lower church of the regimental church. Returned at 12 1/4. Ksenia arrived for breakfast. Alix continued to ache in her face and head. Did a nice walk with Olga, daughters and Irina in Babolov [sky] park and around the big lake.

After tea I studied for a long time. In the evening I read aloud.

*3rd January. Thursday.*

Before breakfast I received two usual reports. Alix lay in bed until tea. After breakfast, I rolled with my daughters from the steep bank of a narrow pond near the regimental church and then from the rampart around the white tower. It was incredibly slippery; rising, we fell and moved out for nothing endlessly. Until lunchtime I studied successfully and calmly. In the evening I read aloud "Raid" by gr. Tolstoy.

*4th January. Friday.*

In the morning I had Komarov. At 11 o'clock. Kokovtsov, at 12 1/4 Vernarder, and then Dumbadze. He had breakfast with me and his daughters. Olga and Tatiana went to the city. Walked with Marie and Anastasia. The weather is still the same, frost at 5 ° and constantly gray sky. Received by Serezha Sheremetev - vice-governor. Volynsky.

At 6 o'clock I. L. Goremykin was with me.

The older daughters returned at 7 1/2. After dinner, I read aloud "The felling of the forest".

*January 5th. Saturday.*

In the morning he received Maksimovich with a report. At 11 1/2, the service was at home in the camp church. After the consecration of water, Kedrinsky sprinkled all our rooms and children's rooms. Olga A [leksandrovna] had breakfast. Received Kochubei and Volkov. Then we walked together. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil in the regiment. cer. After dinner Olga left for the city. I studied and then read aloud.

*January 6th. Sunday.*

Having finished my morning papers, at 10.20 I went to St. Petersburg. Epiphany exit was the same, but only without the ladies.

It was not cold at all on the Neva, despite the 7 ° frost. Sat down to breakfast with a little family for an hour and a half. After changing clothes, I went to the Hermitage and examined the newly perfectly arranged porcelain and silver gallery, as well as some rooms, cleared of the soot of the previous heating. From there I drove to Comrade Mikhen and then to Mama. Returned to Ts. S. by 7 o'clock. I read it before dinner and out loud in the evening.

*January 7th. Monday.*

Got up late, but managed to walk. After Grigorovich's report, he received two governors and a general. Dobronravova.

Minnie arrived for breakfast. Walked with my daughters. At 4 1/4 there was an officer's tree. Olga Alexandrovna, a cat, came to the aid of her daughters. then she drank tea with us. From 6 o'clock to 7 1/2 he received the first report of Maklakov. May God grant him a good hour! Grabbe dined (dej.). I read it in the evening.

*January 8th. Tuesday.*

At 10 o'clock. accepted Nikolasha. Then he took a walk. Uncle Pavel had breakfast.

Made a walk with the three seniors. At 4 o'clock he received Bartenev, the compiler of the Kremlin monograph. 6 to 7 1/2 Sazonov. Dined Petrovsky (dezh.).

In the evening I studied and wrote to Wilhelm for a long time.

*January 9th. Wednesday.*

In the morning I read, and from 11 o'clock. received military and civilians for up to an hour. Walked with all the daughters; they rode off the big Caprice on a sled. The day was good and sunny.

At 4 o'clock I had Goremykin. After tea he received Shcheglovitov.

I studied before and after lunch.

*January 10th. Thursday.*

After the morning papers, I walked for 1/4 hour. Between reports he received the Bishop of Kostroma and a deputation from the Ipatiev Monastery. Veselkin (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received a deputation from Mongolia, who presented gifts and amble horses. Walked a little with my daughters. The day was wonderful and bright. At 4 o'clock I had a sep. Markevich on Humanitarian Society. I read a lot; out loud in the evening.

*January 11th. Friday.*

The same sunny day at -10 ° C. Breakfast: Kostya (dezh.) And Rennenkampf. I drove down with my daughters from the mountain on a skating rink. At 4 o'clock he received Langof. After tea he studied until 7 o'clock and went to the cuirassiers for a comradely dinner. We listened to the songwriters of the 4th squadron, then there was an interesting cinema. Returned to 12 o'clock. home.

*January 12th. Saturday.*

Tatyana's birthday. From 10 am to 1 pm I received: Svechin - at the automobile exhibition, Sukhomlinov, Maksimovich, Kochubei and Volkov. Olga A (leksandrovnna) and Sashka Vorontsov (dezh.) Had breakfast. We rode with them from the mountain on a skating rink. In 6 1/2 we were at the all-night vigil in the regimental church. The Cossacks sang as a result of scarlet fever between the small singers. Dined: Irina, Anya and Sashka. I studied and read aloud.

*January 13th. Sunday.*

At 10 1/2 I went with the children to mass. At 12 o'clock. in the round room there was a big Sunday breakfast in the old way - with music. Received Kedrinsky.

Walked with Olga and Anastasia. At 6 o'clock. I had Meshchersky.

At 7.20 I went with all my daughters to the theater. They gave "**The Little Humpbacked Horse**" in a new production. Very nice.

We returned to Tsarskoe S. at 12 1/2 o'clock.

*January 14th. Monday.*

In the morning I read, then accepted: Goltgoer, Kasso, Krivoshein and Timashev. I had breakfast with the German Embassy on the occasion of Wilhelm's birthday. 3 to 4 hours. walked with Olga and Anastasia around the lake. It was quite cold and windy. Before tea I accepted Grigorovich's report. I studied calmly until 8 o'clock.

After lunch, N.P. Sablin appeared on his return from a business trip to Sevastopol. We spent the evening with him until 12 o'clock.

*January 15th. Tuesday.*

After the military report was received by the Metropolitan. Flavian of Kiev, three bishops and two governors, and another general. Shvedova. Olga and Petya (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked with her, Olga and Tatiana. At 4 o'clock he took the gene. Zane. At 6 o'clock Sazonov. I finished everything I needed and at 8 o'clock. went to the Hussar regiment for a month's lunch. Had a good time and returned at 12 noon. home.

*January 16th. Wednesday.*

In clear frosty weather, I went to St. Petersburg at 11 o'clock. to the Winter Palace. Accepted 70 introducing themselves.

He walked through the guardroom, into the cat. there were senior midshipmen who had just replaced Preobrazhentshev. I went to Mom and had breakfast at her place. Then he visited Comrade Mari, Comrade Mikhren and Xenia. He returned to Tsarskoe at 5 1/4 o'clock.

After tea I accepted Langof's report and read until 8 o'clock. Dmitry had lunch. I played pyramid with him.

*January 17th. Thursday.*

Today I had an easy day. Two lectures before breakfast. Walked alone. After tea I studied until 7 1/4. I went with Olga and Tatiana to the city - to the Mariinsky Theater. There was Puccini's beautiful opera M-me Butterfly. Kuznetsova sang. The scenery and costumes are great. We returned at 11.45. We drank tea with Alix.

*January 18th. Friday.*

It was a sunny, cheerful day. Walked a little. Accepted reports: Kokovtsev and Maklakov. Sat down to breakfast with the children at half past one. Walked with Tatiana and Anastasia. At 4 o'clock they received the kind Gregory, the cat. we have an hour left with 1/4.

After tea I quietly practiced until 8 o'clock. In the evening I read Alix aloud.

*January 19th. Saturday.*

The frost increased to 15 °. After the papers he received Benckendorff and Nilov.

Until one o'clock there were the usual reports. Breakfast: Olga and Fabritsky (dezh.). Did a good walk with six of us. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. After dinner Olga left. I studied until almost 11 o'clock.

*January 20th. Sunday.*

He got up late and barely had time to read the papers before mass. After her there was a great breakfast. At 2 o'clock the daughters left for the city to see Mom and then Olga. Walked and went to say goodbye to Comrade Eugenia, the cat. goes abroad. Received at 4 o'clock due de Montpensier. I drank tea together with Alix; Alexey was present as

always. Was reading. At 7 1/4 I went to the city, took the children from Olga and took them to the theater. There was a ball. Don **Quixote**. Pavlova danced wonderfully well. We all returned to Tsarskoe very happy at 12 o'clock.

*January 21st. Monday.*

A lot of snow fell during the night. Walked for 1/4 hour. After the reports of Grigorovich and Krivoshein, he received Bishops Anthony Volynsky, Mikhail Grodno and Vladimir Omsky; then another Adrianov - the Moscow mayor. Walked with the three elders. At 4 o'clock he received four governors. After tea - Shcheglovitova. I studied a lot and read aloud in the evening.

*January 22nd. Tuesday.*

At 10 1/2 I went to the 4th rifle IF regiment to consecrate the new barracks of the 2nd battalion. Walked around all the rooms, the cat. spacious, comfortable and light. After breakfast in the congregation, I arrived home at 2 o'clock. Received Sazonov. He took a walk with all his daughters and at 4 o'clock received the prince. Hohenlohe, who arrived from Vienna with a letter from the Emperor.

D. Pavel drank tea with us.

I read until 8 o'clock. Veselkin (dezh.) Dined.

*January 23rd. Wednesday.*

At 10 1/2 I went to Petersburg. He received 44 people in the Winter Palace, examined the main guard - the midshipman who had replaced the Pavlovsk regiment, and went to Anichkov. Had breakfast with Mom. Visited Comrade Mikhen and returned to Ts. S. at 4 1/4 - on foot from the pavilion.

It was warm, but windy, and it snowed at times. At 6 o'clock. accepted the book. Lieven. I finished all the papers before lunch.

In the evening I read aloud.

*January 24th. Thursday.*

Was busy all morning until one o'clock. We had breakfast alone. I took a walk with all my daughters and went with them to the city at 4 o'clock. I visited Ksenia to congratulate her on her name day. Then to Anichkov at Mama's. We drank tea, and at 5 1/2 a Christmas tree took place, a month later due to Mom's ill health. At 7 o'clock. went to Olga and Petya and dined with them. At 8 o'clock. went to the Alexander (insky) theater with Olga and Tatiana. We saw an interesting play "**Assembly**". We returned to Ts. S. at 12.

*January 25th. Friday.*

I slept for a long time, read a lot and walked for 1/4 hour. Received only Kokovtsev. Gave breakfast goodbye to Italian Ambassador Meregali. About 3 hours. went out into the garden and took part in rolling the daughters from Parnassus on shovels. At 4 1/2 he received prof. Rhine [a]. After tea I had a gene. Wendrich.

I studied until 8 o'clock. After dinner I read aloud.

*January 26th. Saturday.*

In the morning I read and walked until the reports 1/4 hour. Olga arrived for breakfast. Took Hohenlohe, cat. gave a response letter to Franz Joseph. The six of us took a walk, but at first the children went down the mountain on

shovels. After tea we went to the all-night vigil. At the end of lunch, Olga left for the city. In the evening we sat with both elders, read aloud.

*January 27th. Sunday.*

The thaw has begun. At 10 1/2 I went with the children to mass. Breakfast was with everyone and with music. Walked from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2. After tea there was a movie, very funny. I read and finished everything. At 8 o'clock. I went to the 1st Rifle Regiment for lunch. Had a good time until 12 1/2 hrs.

*January 28th. Monday.*

In the morning, among the reading of papers, the gene was supposed to be accepted. Nikolaev and Voeikov. After the usual reports and the reception of the deputation of the 7th Hussars. Belorussian regiment, went to Gatchina and had breakfast on the way.

In Ilkinskaya dacha, a lynx, a cat was covered. killed Dietz.

On the way to the train we took two small circles, where I killed **9 pheasants**. Returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 5 1/2.

After tea he received Maklakov.

I studied until 8 o'clock. Nirod had lunch (dezh.). In the evening I read Alix aloud.

*January 29th. Tuesday.*

Walked a little. He considered a plan for strengthening the city of Revel under the ministers of war and naval and approved it. Adopted six governors. N.P. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast. We skied with him and our daughters from the mountain. Before tea I received Akimov, and after 6 o'clock. Sazonov. Was reading. Dined: Anya and Sablin. We played dominoes.

*January 30th. Wednesday.*

At 10.25 I went to Petersburg; received 33 presenting themselves in the Winter, went to the main guard, the 2nd company of Pavlovsky was standing. school, and went to Anichkov. Had breakfast with Mom. He examined about 200 military vehicles and trucks in the Mikhailovsk arena and returned to Ts. S. at 4 o'clock. After tea he received Bulygin.

At 7 1/2 I went back to town; took Olga and Tatiana to the **“Legend of the City of Kitezh and the Maiden Fevronia”** \*. An interesting thing, the music is difficult, but beautiful. I liked her. Returned at 12 1/2.

\* This is Rimsky-Korsakov's opera Nick. Andes. “The Legend of the Invisible City of Kitezh and the Maiden Fevronia”.

*January 31st. Thursday.*

At 8 o'clock. 50 minutes went to the city to take out the body of gr.

Ars. Ark. Kutuzov. Drove into Anichkov to change clothes and ran to Mom. At 10 1/2 I went to the Horse Guards Manege.

I saw the ride of all the squadrons, the vaulting of old and young personnel, jumping, cutting and using a pike. Then Skoropadsky made an officer's ride. He walked around all the squadrons and came to one o'clock in the officers'

meeting. After breakfast I examined the regiment. Museum. I sat up a bit, listening to songwriters. He returned to Ts. S. with Dmitry (dezh.) At 4 1/2. Received Mamantov. After Sabler's tea. I read everything. Dined. Pavel, the cat. spent the evening with us until 11 1/2 h.

*1st February. Friday.*

I slept well. I read and took a walk. Received Kokovtsov and Rukhlov. Now, after breakfast, I went to the Sofia parade ground, where a smoke screen was shown and a battalion of riflemen and two squadrons, a hussar, were passing through it. Then he went with Nikolasha and others to the shooting range, where he shot twice. He returned home at 5 o'clock. Tinkhen and Olga - the bride was drinking tea with us. Received Taneev. After lunch, he began to read aloud "Book. Skopin-Shuisky".

*2nd February. Saturday.*

Received Maksimovich's report and at 10 1/2 went with Olga A [leksandrovna] and her daughters to mass. After breakfast we made a circle in the park and then skied down Parnassus. The weather was pleasant, frost-5 ° and quiet.

6 to 8 hours I read, there were a lot of papers. After lunch we went to Anya's. She had the Dens and the officers from the yacht. We saw a funny little performance of a ventriloquist. Then they played a general game and ate; houses at 12 1/2.

*3rd February. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to the church parade of L.-Gv. 2nd art. brigades. She introduced herself superbly. After breakfast at the palace, I returned home by 2 o'clock. I rode with my daughters from the mountain. The day was good and clear. From 4 1/2 we watched cinematography. Was reading. At 7.25 I went to the ballet with my daughters. They gave us "**Pharaoh's Daughter**". Pavlova danced wonderfully. Ksenia and Olga were there too. We returned to Ts. S. at 12 1/2.

*4th February. Monday.*

In the morning Voeikov visited me. I took a walk. Accepted by: Grigorovich, Kasso and Timashev. Petrovsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. I went skiing well with my daughters. Alexei looked at this fun, sitting in an armchair. I received Kochubei before tea. At 6 o'clock. Shcheglovitova. I read for a long time. In the evening a little out loud.

*February 5th. Tuesday.*

It was a great sunny day. Walked a little. After Sukhomlinov received Gondatti - Priamur. gen.-lips. and several introducing themselves. Kostya (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Excellent skiing downhill with my daughters; Alix and Alexey watched. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. In the evening I studied and read aloud.

*February 6th. Wednesday.*

At 10 1/2 I went to St. Petersburg for a reception at the Winter Dv. I went to the main guard again, the cat. occupied the 2nd midshipman company. I had breakfast at Mom's and returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 3 1/2 o'clock. Rolled with my daughters down the hill near the white tower.

After tea I took the gene. Shmita - Omsk. I read it long after dinner. During tea he continued reading aloud.

*7th February. Thursday.*

At 9 1/2 I went to Petersburg. From the station directly to the cathedral of the Semenovskiy regiment. After a short prayer service, I went down to the lower church and examined the tombs of the gene. Mina and three killed lower. ranks. From there he moved to the regiment's barracks and consecutively walked around all the premises and saw the occupations of each company and team inside or outside. I got to the officers' meeting at 12 1/2, where I had breakfast. Examined an interesting regiment. Museum. I sat and listened to the songwriters of the 10th company. At 4 1/2 he returned to Ts. S. very pleased with everything he had seen. Received Sabler and Maklakov. After dinner I read it.

*February 8th. Friday.*

I slept well. I read, accepted Nikolasha, gen. Novitsky and Benckendorff, and took a walk. The day was sunny. Received Kokovtsov and Mamantov. George had breakfast. At 2 1/2 the deputation of Petersburg, the nobility presented itself.

I rode great with children from the mountain near the white tower. Alix watched. After tea I studied. I went with Olga and Tatiana to the city - to the wonderful **Lohengrin**. Enjoyed the wonderful music. We returned to Ts. S. at 12 1/2 o'clock.

*February 9th. Saturday.*

The same sunny and frosty day. In the morning I read a lot, walked for 1/4 hour and received four long reports. Breakfast: Olga A. [leksandrovna] and Pogulyaev (dezh.). For a long time we skied down the mountains with enthusiasm. Ksenia was drinking tea. At 6 1/2 went to vigil, Alix also. After lunch, Olga left, and Pogulyaev remained until 10 o'clock. Was reading.

*February 10th. Sunday.*

Clear frosty day. At 10 1/2 I went with the children to mass. We had breakfast with everyone and with music. All the daughters left for the city to Mom and then to Olga. Walked the whole park with Alix, the cat. rode in a sleigh. I worked at a skating rink. I read a lot after tea. Dined: Petya, Dmitry and Gabriel. I went with them to the Chinese Theater for a very successful performance by the **"Crooked Mirror"** troupe . They laughed a lot.

I returned home at 12.40.

*February 11th. Monday.*

I got up early, studied for a long time, went to Alexei and took a walk. It was snowing. Received senators: Count Medem and the bar. Nolken, then Krivoshein. Sergey Leicht (enberg) (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. I went skiing with Olga and Anastasia. After tea I read a lot. Out loud in the evening.

*February 12th. Tuesday.*

After reading the papers, I went to Alexei and took a walk. At 11 o'clock. I had a meeting on Mongolia; then he received Sazonov. Olga and Petya had breakfast. We went skiing. The weather was frosty and sunny. He received two governors before tea. At 6 o'clock. Grigorovich. I read until 8 o'clock. Petya (dezh.) Dined and spent the evening.

*February 13. Wednesday.*

Having finished the papers, he went to the city in the Winter Dv., Where he received 40 introducing themselves. Bypassing the midshipmen who were in the main guard, I went to Anichkov to see Mama. I had breakfast with her and at 3 1/4 returned to Tsarskoe Selo. I went skiing down the mountain. At 6 o'clock. accepted Langof. I did. In the evening [read] aloud.

*February 14th. Thursday.*

At 10 o'clock. went to Petersburg to Glav. gymnast. - fencing officer school.

I spent two hours in it with great interest. The matter has been set up correctly and firmly. The gymnastics is done dashing and distinctly. Drove into the Winter Palace to receive two introducing themselves and then to Olga and Petya. I had breakfast with them and Sasha (dezh.). He returned to Tsarskoe at 3 1/4, right on the slide down the mountain. It was a wonderful day.

At 4 1/2 I received Sabler, at 6 o'clock Taneyev until 8 o'clock. After lunch I studied.

*February 15th. Friday.*

In the morning I read, accepted the report of Mamantov, Benckendorff and gr. Heiden and walked for 1/4 hour. Received Kokovtsov and at 12 1/2 went to the Grand Palace, where he received the Emir of Bukhara and had breakfast with him. Came home at 2 o'clock. For a long time I went skiing with my three daughters. Gregory came to us and stayed for more than an hour. At 6 o'clock. received Maklakov. In the evening I studied and read aloud.

*February 16th. Saturday.*

The frost intensified; an unpleasant wind was blowing. Took it without interruption from 10 o'clock. up to an hour. Olga and Ella arrived for breakfast. We walked and went skiing. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. After lunch we watched the cinema. "Election to the kingdom of Mikhail Feodorovich." Good and true enough in history. relation. Then we saw funny pictures.

*February 17th. Sunday.*

Frost at night reached 15 °, during the day it was less. At 11 o'clock. went to the arena for the church parade of the 1st Cadet Corps. I was very pleased. I returned home before 12 o'clock. and had breakfast, and then drove to the palace for the cadets' dinner. About 2 hours. an icon of the Pochaev Mother of God was brought to us in the procession of the cross to the marching church. After the prayer service, she was taken to the regimental cathedral.

Made a great walk. After tea I looked at the cinema for Alexey and his comrades. I read until 8 o'clock. At 9 o'clock. went with Olga, Tatiana and John (dezh.) to the town hall for a charity. a performance well played.

*February 18th. Monday.*

The morning was busy - three lectures and at 12 1/2 o'clock Khan Khiva's reception at the palace. I ate breakfast with him and his retinue. Upon arrival home, I went for a walk with all my daughters and went skiing with them from the mountains. After tea was received by Rodzianko - the chairman. State Duma.

Dined: D. Pavel and Ella. I read for a long time and drank tea with them.

*19th February. Tuesday.*

At 10.30 I went to St. Petersburg to the Mikhailovsky Manege, against which. the laying of the monument to the village of Nizi took place. Came back now

to Tsarskoe Selo. After breakfast I packed the necessary things and papers and took a short walk.

At 4 o'clock the whole family moved to **St. Petersburg**. From the station we went to the Savior, where we found a prayer service, and then arrived at about 5 o'clock. in the Winter dv.



Children looked around their rooms and ours with joy. We drank tea and dined in Alix's corner sitting room. Received Bulygin and Sazonov. Was reading.

*20th February. Wednesday.*

All morning from 10 o'clock. was very busy. Went out for a walk in the kindergarten for 1/4 hour before breakfast. Ella and Dmitry arrived to him. By 3 o'clock. the whole family gathered in the fortress. A solemn memorial service was served there for all the kings and sovereigns of the Romanov dynasty. Returned home at 4 o'clock. Mom sat with us. I read for a long time and dealt with a huge number of telegrams. I went to Anichkov and had lunch with Mama. Olga and Minnie came after. There was a thaw, and it was blowing hard.

*February 21st. Thursday.*

The day of the celebration of the **300th anniversary of the** reign of the Romanov dynasty was bright and very spring. In the morning I received several people. and then took a walk in the garden. At 12 1/4 o'clock, Alexei and I in a carriage, Mom and Alix in a Russian carriage, and finally all the daughters in the landau - set off for the Kazan Cathedral. Ahead a hundred Convoys and a hundred behind too.

A manifesto was read in the cathedral and then a solemn prayer service was served. We returned to Winter in the same order at 1 1/2. The mood was joyful, which reminded me of the Coronation. We had breakfast with Mom. At 3.45, everyone gathered in Malakhitovaya, and in the Concert Hall they received congratulations until 5 1/2 o'clock - about 1500 hours passed. Alix was very tired and lay down; Tatyana had a fever. I read and parsed a sea of telegrams. Ella and Olga dined. In the evening she left for Moscow. I looked through the windows at the illumination and at the glow of the searchlights from the Admiralty tower. A strong SW was blowing.

*February 22nd. Friday.*

The same warm bright day as yesterday. Alix was very tired and did not take part in both receptions. At 11 o'clock. in the Concert Hall, Mom and I received deputations from the nobility, zemstvos, cities and all kinds of learned societies.

After breakfast I took a walk with the children in the kindergarten. At 5 o'clock. there was a reception of diplomats with their ladies. I read and responded to telegrams. At 8 1/4, the three of us went with Olga to the Mariinsky Theater for a ceremonial performance. It was **"A Life for the Tsar"**. It was very beautiful. Alix left after the first act.

*February 23rd. Saturday.*

Wet snow fell all day.

In the morning I took a short walk. Received Sukhomlinov. At 12 1/2, when Mom began to favor ladies in her hand, I received the volost elders in the lower corridor, where a dinner was arranged for them. I still managed to look at baise-main. Mom had breakfast with us. He walked around and furiously sorted out the telegrams, the cat. from 20th Feb 1050 pieces arrived. I read it until lunchtime. At 9 o'clock. got ready and went three of us with Olga to the ball in the Assembly of the Nobility. In the big hall Saltykov brought some bread and salt, then a new cantata was played, then we all went through Polish and then the dancing began. Olga danced a lot. Alix left first, then Mom left and finally Olga and I at 11.40. There was a great order and a beautiful ball.

*February 24th. Sunday.*

Wonderful bright day. At 11 o'clock, on the way to the church, all our people are from the stable part and country palaces. administrations brought us icons and bread and salt. After breakfast, I went to the People's House, where performances for 4,500 people were staged in both theaters at the same time. students of different

studies. institutions. I sat in each theater for an act and returned home at 2.45. Walked in the garden alone. Sat with Tatiana, the cat. the fever continues. Until 7 o'clock. gathered in Malakhitova and went out. Many peasants from different unions stood in the Nicholas Hall. The ceremonial dinner was in three rooms and a gallery in 1812. Until 9 o'clock. were in their rooms. We spent the evening quietly together.

Thanks be to the Lord God, who has sent mercy to Russia and to us by the fact that it was so worthy and so light that it was given to us to celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of the accession of the Romanovs.

*February 25th. Great post.*

Tatiana's doctors found that she had typhoid fever. At 10 o'clock. received Grigorovich, then Nikolasha. They began to fast, for so long I had not been to the Small Church. Breakfast: Boris, Tatiana Konst [antinovna] and her husband Bagration (dezh.). I walked with my daughters all over the roof of the palace and then in the garden. Mom came to visit us. I went to Minnie's for tea. After lunch, Olga came to us. Was reading.

*February 26th. Tuesday.*

Birthday of the unforgettable dear Dad. At 10 o'clock. received Sukhomlinov.

I stayed with Tatiana and walked a little. He arrived at the service at 11 1/2 d. Pavel, a cat. had breakfast with us. At 2 o'clock there was a memorial service in the fortress. Mom stopped at the Winter Palace to see us off. At 3 o'clock we moved to **Tsarskoe Selo**. Sleet was falling. Tatiana was separated and placed next to a large playing room. I walked around the whole park with pleasure. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov and was ripe for the beginning of the efimon [\[1\]](#). We dined alone. I studied for a long time and then read aloud.

*February 27th. Wednesday.*

Tatiana's illness is proceeding normally. From 10 am to 11 am I received Maklakov. I was at the Presanctified Mass. Zhitkevich (dezh.) Had breakfast - now the commander of 70 infantry. Ryazhsky regiment. From 2 hours to 4 1/2 hours. I did a good job with my three daughters at the rink - they started building a big tower. After tea I read. In the evening too.

*February 28th. Thursday.*

From 10 o'clock. took up to 12 1/4, so did not get to the service. Tatyana had a good day and took a bath in the evening. Grabbe (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. At 2 1/2 took Kirghiz from Altai. I worked with my daughters on ice.

It continued to melt today. I sat at Tatiana's before tea. I read until 7 o'clock. Alix and Alexei were also at the service. After lunch I studied for a long time.

*1st March. Friday.*

From 10 to 11 1/4 took Kokovtsov. Everyone was at mass. N.P. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. The weather was wonderful. We worked with him \* over the tower, the cat. has grown a lot.

Tatiana felt well. I sat with her until tea. At 6 o'clock. received Rukhlov. In the evening we confessed to Fr. Kedrinsky.

\* An arrow is drawn from the words "with him" in the original to "N. P. Sablin".

*2nd March. Saturday.*

Today we were honored to receive the Holy Mysteries of Christ. At the end of the Mass, Kedrinsky went upstairs to Tatyana and also gave her Holy Communion! She felt fine and slept for two hours during the day.

Walked until 12 noon; it rained all day. Received Count Frede-Ricks with a lecture. He had breakfast with us. Olga has arrived; worked on the tower and took a walk.

At 6 1/2 we went to a nice regimental church. After lunch I studied and read.

*3rd March. Sunday.*

Having finished a large portion of papers, at 11 1/2 I went to the city to the Alexander Nevsky Lavra for the funeral service for the good Nikolai Sergeevich

Dolgoruky. Returned to Tsarskoe in an hour and a half.

I sat with Tatiana, then went for a walk with the other daughters. It is melting strongly, our tower on ice is surrounded by water. After tea I read for a long time. In the evening, we considered all sorts of offerings on the occasion of the 300th anniversary.

*4th of March. Monday.*

The day was warm, with snow falling from time to time. Was busy from 10 o'clock to one o'clock. After breakfast at 2 1/2 I went to the palace area with the children.

He inspected the young sailors of the 1st and 2nd mine divisions and the scuba diving squad. They were commanded by Fabritsky.

I was very pleased. Came home at 3 1/2 and went for a walk.

I sat with Tatyana until tea.

At 6 o'clock. received Shcheglovitov.

After lunch I studied for a long time.

*5th March. Tuesday.*

In the morning I took a short walk. After Sukhomlinov's report was received by the French. Ambassador Louis, cat. leaves Russia. I had breakfast with him and the embassy. Then he received Sazonov. Olga came, took a walk with her. After tea I studied until 8 o'clock. I went to the hussar regiment for lunch. There were a lot of old ones.

Stayed until 12 1/2 - it was busy.

*6th March. Wednesday.*

The overwhelming news of the death of D. Willy, the Greek king, who was killed yesterday in Thessaloniki during a walk, arrived.

From 11 am to 1 pm I had a conference on military affairs.

Fabritsky (dezh.) Had breakfast.

About 3 hours. went with Alix to the city and visited poor Mama. Let's go with her to the funeral service. We returned to Tsarskoe at 5 1/2. Walked a little. I read for a long time.

*7th March. Thursday.*

I got up early, read a lot and walked a little. It was a clear spring day.

Between the reports, they received the Patriarch of Antioch and the accompanying Metropolitan of Tripoli. We received from him gifts of Arabic products and many ancient valuable manuscripts and books. After breakfast I received a deputation with Alexei from the Ural army, a cat. brought him the uniform of L.-Gv. Ural Kaz. hundreds.

Walked with three daughters.

At 6 o'clock. received Meshchersky. I studied in the evening until 10 1/2. Then he read aloud.

*8th March. Friday.*

The morning was busy. Between the reports Alix and I imagined 30 bankers of St. Petersburg and Moscow, who brought us a million rubles in memory of the 300th anniversary - for the cause of goodness. After breakfast he took a walk with his three daughters; there was slush both above and below. Before tea he received the General Director. Ivanova, after Langof's tea. I managed to finish the papers before 7 1/2. I went to Mom and dined with her. At 10 1/2 he returned to Ts. S.

*March 9th. Saturday.*

Took Nikolasha for 10 minutes, read a lot and did not take a long walk. Received Sukhomlinov and Fredericks. He, Olga and Nirod (dezh.) Had breakfast.

At 2 1/2 he received a son and a relative of the Makhin Khan from Persia.

Did a great walk with Olga.

At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. After lunch I studied for a long time and read aloud.

*March 10th. Sunday.*

I slept well. At 10 o'clock. were Gadon and Meshchersky, traveling to Athens for the funeral with Mitya. I went with the children to mass. Knyazhevich had breakfast. I walked for a long time and went to look at the rehearsal of the maritime review near the gate. After tea I read well.

In the evening - out loud. Thank God, Tatyana's illness is proceeding normally and easily, she does not complain about anything.

*March 11th. Monday.*

The whole day was quiet and foggy.

Between the reports he received Delcassé, who was appointed here as ambassador. At 2 1/2 on the palace ground, the second review of naval recruits was held. They came from Reval and Sveaborg - from a brigade of cruisers and a brigade of battleships. Introduced themselves as good fellows. Walked a little. Georgy arrived at 4 1/2; drank tea with him. I read a lot. Out loud in the evening.

*March 12th. Tuesday.*

In the morning I took a short walk. After the report, Sukhomlinov received the Bulgarian general Radko Dimitriev, the hero of the last war \*. During the day I worked with Olga in different places on the ice. The weather was still foggy. At 4 1/2 took Casso. At 6 o'clock. Sazonov. In the evening I read aloud.

\* This refers to the Balkan War of 1912-1913. against Turkish domination.

*March 13th. Wednesday.*

Great sunny day. At 10 1/2 I went to the city for a reception at the Winter Palace.

I had breakfast at Mom's. I returned at 3 1/4 and from the station walked straight to work on the ice. Marie helped me. I sat, as always, before tea at Tatyana's. At 6 o'clock. received Maklakov. Finished papers before 8 o'clock. After dinner we went to the other side and examined the china.

*March 14th. Thursday.*

Wonderful sunny day. I walked a little before the reports. We had breakfast alone. I worked with Marie at the bridge near the kitchen pond. The sun was very warm. At 6 o'clock. received Taneyev. In the evening I had a meeting of the Imp. Rus. Historical Society. Reports were read by: Platonov, Myshlaevsky and Bar. Taube. They all related to the time of the election to the kingdom of Mikhail Feodorovich and were interesting in every way. Dispersed at 11 1/2.

*March 15th. Friday.*

There was a decent frost at night and it was clear and cold [day]. Walked for half an hour. Was very busy until 1 1/4. Then he received another old man gofm. Arapov and Dedyulin, who recovered from an illness. At 3 1/4 I went out with Marie into the garden and worked with her for an hour and a half. Ksenia and Sandro were drinking tea. Took the gene. Petrov and read all evening without end.

*March 16th. Saturday.*

Was busy from 10 o'clock to one o'clock. Didn't walk.

Breakfast: Olga, Gabriel (dezh.) And Fredericks. Accepted together kn. Golitsyn, Ditsa and the deputation of the gamekeepers with congratulations to the 300th anniversary. He worked with Marie on ice.

In the end, Alexei drove up there with V. N. Derevenko, as yesterday. After tea I read a little and at 6 1/2 went to the all-night vigil with the removal of the Holy Cross. Proto-sweater Shavelsky served. I studied for a long time in the evening.

*March 17th. Sunday.*

It was a wonderful spring day.

At 10 1/2 there was mass in the regimental church. Breakfast: John (dezh.) And Gabriel. Walked and worked on the ice for almost three hours in a row. At this time, a rehearsal was going on in the courtyard of the 1st Baltic team. I sat with Tatiana. The rest of the daughters were visiting Olga in St. Petersburg. I read and wrote until 8 o'clock. In the evening I managed to read aloud.

*March 18th. Monday.*

Great warm day. I managed to take a walk. Had three reports: Timasheva, Panteleev on vocational school and Krivoshein. Kostya (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/2 I made an inspection to the young sailors of the 1st Baltic crew and the school of young men - 2177 people. Introduced themselves very well and in great order.

I worked on ice. At 6 o'clock. received Grigorovich. I did. In the evening I read aloud.

*19th March. Tuesday.*

Wonderful day - 10 ° in the shade.

Walked well in the morning. Received - Sukhomlinov, Akimov and Shcheglovitov. Dmitry (dezh.) Had breakfast. I worked for a long time with him, Alexei and his daughters. ice. The sun was very warm - I went out in a crimson shirt. Tatyana spent half a day on the couch today. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. Was reading. After lunch I played billiards with Dmitry.

*20th March. Wednesday.*

At 10.25, I went with Olga to the city directly to the Greek church, where a solemn memorial service was served on the occasion of Uncle Willy's funeral in Tatoya. We had breakfast at Mom's. We returned to Ts. S. by 2 o'clock. Now I went to the garden. The weather was amazing - 11 ° in the shade and quiet. Did a great job with the kids on the ice; have done a lot. I was drinking tea upstairs at Tatiana's, because Alix had a severe headache. I read for a long time. After dinner I spent time with Alix in the bedroom.

*March 21st. Thursday.*

The same wonderful weather continues, but from 10 am until half past one I was very busy and did not go out into the garden. Tatyana went down to Alix for the first time and sat there until 6 o'clock. Did a good job with the rest of the daughters on the ice. I studied until 8 o'clock. In the evening [read] aloud.

*March 22nd. Friday.*

At 9.45 he went to Petersburg with Olga, Marie and Anastasia. In the morning there was a thick fog. We went to Aptekarsky Island, where in the new building of the Botanical Garden we visited a huge and very interesting exhibition of handicrafts. Examined her for exactly two hours. We had breakfast at Mom's. We returned to Ts. S. at 3 o'clock. Did a great job on the ice. The weather has cleared up. At 5 o'clock. Pavel of Mecklenburgsky arrived for tea. Received Kokovtsov. Dmitry was having lunch. I studied in the evening.

*March 23rd. Saturday.*

The weather is colder today. Walked in the morning. After Sukhomlinov, the two of them accepted a deputation from the Lyceum, a cat. brought us a beautiful icon of the Feodorovskaya Mother of God.

We had breakfast and dinner: Olga and Veselkin (dezh.). Walked with her and the children and then worked on the ice. We were at the all-night vigil, at the beginning of the cat. was late due to the sudden arrival of Nikolasha. I read it in the evening.

*March 24th. Sunday.*

Today the choir of Ioanchik sang very beautifully during the mass. Breakfast was Sunday. I worked with children and Irina on the ice. The weather was gray and warm. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil.

Bagration (dezh.) Dined. NP Sablin spent the evening with us.

*March 25th. Annunciation.*

At 10.20 I went to the city with my daughters; the two younger ones went to Anichkov, and Olga and I went to the Horse Guards Manege for the traditional parade on foot. The Horse Guards presented themselves brilliantly. After carrying the standard, he went to the regiment's barracks, where he drank health. I had breakfast in the Winter House. Kozlyaninov appointed a wing-adjut. I visited Comrade Mikhlen, a pillar of the family, stopped by Mama's and returned to Ts. S. at 4 o'clock. It was cold gray. I took a walk. At 8.20 I went to St. Petersburg again - to a concert of disabled people. It went well, especially the balalaika department. I changed clothes in the theater and at 11 1/2 went to dinner with the regiment.

Time passed quickly and cheerfully.

After the songwriters there were gypsies.

*March 26th. Tuesday.*

Left the congregation at 4 1/2 o'clock.

Slept until 9 1/2. I took a walk. Received Sukhomlinov and six governors. Sergei Leicht [enberg] (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. At 2 1/2 he received Dorzhiev and the Buryats. I worked with children on ice, cat. split easily.

At 6 o'clock. I had Sazonov. I studied for a long time in the evening.

*March 27th. Wednesday.*

It was a clear, cool day.

At 11 o'clock. went to the arena for the church parade of the Life Dragoons. The regiment introduced itself perfectly. I had breakfast with officers in the palace. Received several people and at 2 1/2 went to the garden. Chopped ice with children. At 6 o'clock he received Taneyev. At 8 o'clock. went to the 1st Rifle Regiment. Dined and sat in the meeting until 11 1/4.

*March 28th. Thursday.*

Snow fell during the night. At 11 o'clock. I went with Olga A [leksandrovna] and the children to the arena for the church parade to the Consolidated infantry. shelf. He introduced himself brilliantly and dapper. We had breakfast with the ladies in the Round Hall. Received several people.

Walked and worked. At 6 o'clock. I had a Sabler, before tea Shirinsky-Sh [Ikhmatov]. At 8 o'clock. I went to dinner at the officers' meeting of the Consolidated Regiment. I played pyramid with Poretsky. Then Plevitskaya sang, alternating with Lersky and Paul Robert. They made us laugh very much. Had a really good time.

*March 29th. Friday.*

I returned home at 5 o'clock, it was light, but everything was covered with snow. Slept until 9.45. Was reading. From 11 to breakfast there were the usual reports. Petya was on duty. He worked with children and chopped ice floes. At 6 o'clock. received Maklakov.

I studied all evening.

*March 30th. Saturday.*

Walked for 10 minutes. Was very busy until 1 1/4.

Breakfast: Olga, Mitya - those who returned from a funeral in Greece, and Mordvinov (dezh.). Accepted a deputation from Volhynia at 2 1/2.

Walked with Olga and the children and worked with them on the ice. It rained from time to time and snowed, sometimes the sun came through. At 6 1/2 to all-night vigil. Dmitry had lunch. I read and played billiards with him.

*March 31st. Sunday.*

After the papers, he received Benckendorff and then Gadon and Meshchersky, who had returned with Mitya from Greece. At 10 1/2 I went with my daughters to mass.

We had breakfast with everyone. I worked for a long time and broke the ice. The weather was cold and like yesterday's. Drank tea at 4 1/2. I read a lot and for a long time.

*1st April. Monday.*

We woke up with a winter look, everything was covered with snow, but at the same time it was melting. Ran out for 10 minutes.

Took Buchanan - eng. ambassador, then Timashev, Krivoshein and Shcheglovitov. Olga had breakfast and went with me and the children to a review of recruits: Guards and 2nd Balt. crews and naval training and shooting team. Sleet was falling all the time. I was very pleased with the look. I took a walk. I did a lot before and after lunch. In the evening I read aloud.

*2nd April. Tuesday.*

In the morning Nikolasha came to say goodbye before leaving for Crimea. After the report, Sukhomlinov received the headquarters and chief officers of the Artillery School at the Grand Palace. As a result, we sat down to breakfast at 1 1/2. I worked with children on ice.

At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. Was reading. At 8 o'clock. went with Olga and Marie to the city at the Mariinsky Theater. V.V. Andreev gave a wonderful concert with his orchestra, after which he was honored on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his musical activity. We returned late, as the reading of the addresses took a long time.

*3rd April. Wednesday.*

The morning was clear. I took a good walk. I took from 11 to 1 hour with 1/4.

I.P.Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast.

We walked and worked with him. In the evening it started to rain. At 6 o'clock. I had Akimov. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined: Anya and Sablin. We played dominoes.

*4th April. Thursday.*

Warm weather set in right away.

In the morning I managed to take a walk. Took up to an hour from 1/4. Breakfast: Olga and N. Leuchtenbergsky (dezh.). At 2 1/2 I went to the shooting range, where I stayed until 5 1/4 and took part in doublet shooting at two wild boars. At 6 o'clock. received Taneyev. Went into town and had dinner with Mom.



He stayed with her until 10 o'clock. and returned to Tsarskoe Selo until 11 o'clock. The evening was warm.

*5th April. Friday.*

After the morning papers I took a walk. Received Kokovtsov, Kharitonov and Botkin - the envoy in Lisbon. Arseniev (dezh.) Had breakfast.

He broke the ice well and successfully with children; from the warm weather, he began to melt quickly. Aunt Marie drank tea with us. Took Etter - BP. isp. d [lg. | Min. art-secret. In the [great] Paganism] of Finland [sky |. I read and finished everything. At 8 o'clock. went to the meeting 4 p. Imp. Fam. shelf for a friendly lunch.

When the glasses were drunk, I left home at 11 3/4, I was engaged.

*6th April. Saturday.*

At 1.45 he went for Gatchina to the Zamostskiy current and killed the **wood grouse**. The night was warm, there was a lot of snow in the high forest. Came back about 6 o'clock. Slept until 9.45. The day was wonderful. At 11 o'clock. went with all the children to the arena for the church parade of L.-G. Consolidated Cossack Regiment. The Cossacks introduced themselves exceptionally well. Breakfast was at the palace.

Took several submissions. and went into the garden; walked with Tatiana and then chopped the ice with all the daughters. At 6 o'clock. received Rodzianko.

Let's go to the all-night vigil; Alix, Alexey and Tatiana arrived later. We got a pussy willow. Grabbe dined (dej.). I read a lot.

*April 7th. Sunday.*

Wonderful warm day - 15 ° in the shade.

I went with the children to mass.

After breakfast I went out with everyone to the balcony by the round hall. Alix walked with the children behind a stroller; saw Derevenko, the cat. I finally got out of the hospital yesterday; then chopped the ice and roasted in the sun. At 6 o'clock he took the gene. Markova, vice-chairman. The Finnish Senate, appointed by Min. Stats-Secret. I read a lot. From 9 o'clock. Prokudin-Gorsky showed beautiful new colors. photographer, pictures. We went to bed early.

*April 8th. Monday.*

19th anniversary of our engagement!

The weather was heavenly. Walked up to 11 1/4. With all the children I went to the pre-fighter. mass in the cave temple. It is very cozy in the prayer room at the altar, in which I was with Alexey. We returned home at one o'clock for breakfast. Walked and chopped ice with children. Two warm rains have passed. Received Maklakov from 5 1/2 to 6 3/4. I was at Matins. After dinner I read it.

*April 9th. Tuesday.*

The same weather. Walked for 1/4 hour after Sukhomlinov's report. I was with the children at mass. After breakfast, they received Fredericks, who was leaving for Paris for ill health.

He walked, climbed with the children on the white tower and chopped the remnants of the ice.

Ksenia and Sandro drank tea with us.

At 6 o'clock. I had Sazonov and then went to the service, Alix also. In the evening I studied and read aloud.

*April 10th. Wednesday.*

From this day on I am not accepting reports. After the papers, he took a walk, enjoying the wonderful air. At 11 1/2 we went to mass with Olga A [leksandrovna]. After breakfast I walked and broke the ice between the two rail. bridges.

At 6 1/2 we went to Matins and Akathist. At 10 o'clock. confessed to Fr. Kedrinsky.

*April 11th. Thursday.*

At 9 o'clock. went to Mass in a cave church and received Holy Communion of Christ's Mysteries. We returned home at 11 o'clock.

After drinking tea, I went for a walk.

The day was radiant; on all bushes buds begin to turn green. After breakfast, I broke the last ice floes with the children. We drank tea early and at 6 o'clock. went to the service of reading the 12 Gospels - in the Main Church. We sat down to dinner at 8 1/4. I studied for a long time and then read aloud.

*April 12th. Friday.*

The morning was almost free, I rode with Marie and Anastasia in a boat around our pond. At 2 o'clock we all went together to take out the shroud. Came back at 3 1/2. Walked and rode in a kayak. The weather was wonderful. I read vigorously until lunchtime. We went to bed until 12 o'clock.

*April 13th. Saturday.*

Got up at 4 1/4 in the morning and by 5 o'clock. was in the regimental church with Olga, Tatiana and Marie by Matins. The procession around at the wonderful sunrise reminded me very much of Moscow, the Assumption Cathedral and the same service! We also returned on foot for about 6 hours. Slept until 9 1/2. I took a walk. We all went to mass, cat. ended at one o'clock. Ride with Alexei in "Gatchinka" and took a walk. I went to Anya's for tea. Children painted eggs with the yacht officers. I read until 8 o'clock. Gave each other after dinner. At 11 1/2 we went to church at the beginning of the midnight office. Alexey was for the first time and after matins with Anastasia he returned home.

The service was solemn and remarkably beautiful in our lovely church. Served as a cathedral. Shavelsky. We were at home at exactly 2 o'clock.

Straightened out with the three seniors.

*April 14th. Easter of the Lord.*

Went to bed at 3 1/2, got up at 9 1/2.

The morning was gray and the sun came out in the afternoon. Before breakfast there was christianity - about 720 people. We had breakfast alone.

I rode for a long time with Olga and Tatiana in kayaks. At 7 o'clock. went with everyone to Vespers. After dinner I read it.

*April 15th. Monday.*

I slept great. The day was cool and clear. At 10 1/2 I went with the children to mass, after which there was a procession of the cross around the church.

After breakfast they received Zelenetsky, who had been appointed commander of the Shtandart.

At 1.45 in the Grand Palace, I consulted with my retinue, surrounded by the authorities and lower ranks - only 915 people. Came home at 3 1/4.

Ride with Alexei and daughters in "Gatchinka" and a kayak. After tea I read. At 7.40 he went to Petersburg with Olga and Tatiana. We dined at Mom's.

We returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 11 o'clock.

*April 16th. Tuesday.*

The weather was great. At 11 o'clock. I went with all the children to the palace ground, where there was a church parade for the Leib-Grenadiers. The regiment introduced itself in great order. After breakfast I returned home at 1.45. There was the last Christianization - with fellow believers, Old Believers and volost elders. three local counties. Then they received the Patriarch of Antioch; we said goodbye to him, since he is leaving. We walked with Olga A [leksandrovna], went kayaking and watched the rehearsal of the shooters. After tea he received Sazonov. I read it in the evening. NP Sablin spent the evening with us.

*April 17th. Wednesday.*

A bitter cold set in, but the day was sunny. At 11 o'clock. an excellent parade took place on the site to the 1st and 2nd Rifle Regiments. Breakfast and conversation ended soon. He returned home before the daughters left for the city to Mom and then to Olga.

Alix had a bad headache, she spent the day in bed. I walked for a long time and rode on the ponds with Alexei. Drank tea in the bedroom.

I read until 7 1/2 o'clock. I went to the meeting of my shooters for dinner. The traditional program took up the whole of it imperceptibly; after a light supper, having a good time, returned home at 5 1/4.

*April 18th. Thursday.*

I woke up at 10 o'clock. and was busy in the morning. Received Budberg and engineer-general. Petrov. Kostya (dezh.) Had breakfast. I took a walk with my children, went kayaking and cycling with them. In the afternoon the weather became warmer. After tea we sat with Grigory for a long time. I studied until lunchtime, and in the evening I read aloud.

*19th April. Friday.*

It was freezing at night, and the day was very cold. At 11 o'clock. began a review of young soldiers, a cat. presented themselves perfectly. Gabriel (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 o'clock I went with all the children to the Svod barracks. shelf. Games and all kinds of entertainment were arranged on the site. We looked at it until 4 o'clock. Ride in a kayak. Received Kokovtsov after tea, and at 8 o'clock went to the 2nd Rifle Regiment for lunch.

Obviously stuck as many interesting rooms were prepared. The performance of the Bat troupe was especially good.

*April 20th. Saturday.*

I returned home at 5 o'clock. with frost at 3 ° Slept until 9 1/2 and took all morning until one o'clock. Olga had breakfast. We were again present at the soldiers' games until almost 5 o'clock. I went to the all-night vigil with the children. It started to rain. I read for a long time in the evening.

*April 21st. Sunday.*

My right shoulder ached from rheumatism. At 10 1/2 I went to mass, after which I planted trees: Alix and his own, opposite the church. I had breakfast with everyone. The musicians presented the icon to commemorate the 300th anniversary. Walked and rode in "Gatchinka" with Alexey. The cold was doggy. We drank tea together, because our daughters went to the city to see Olga. I studied until lunchtime. I read it in the evening.

*April 22nd. Monday.*

The pain in my shoulder is almost gone. It snowed at night and it was so cold that everyone wore coats and greatcoats to watch the young soldiers. The sight of the people and the passage made the best impression on me. After breakfast he received Grigorovich. I rode bicycles and kayaks with my daughters. At 6 o'clock. received Maklakov. John (dezh.) Dined.

In the evening, Alix gave his gifts. I studied for a long time and then read aloud.

*April 23rd. Tuesday.*

On the occasion of the name day, dear Alix Mama came with Ksenia and Olga directly to the regimental church for mass. We all had breakfast together in the library. At 2 o'clock Mom left for the city. I rode bicycles with my daughters, listened to music playing in the park and went kayaking. The weather was cool and sunny. At 6 o'clock he received Sazonov. I also studied in the afternoon.

*April 24th. Wednesday.*

From 11 o'clock. up to an hour and a half took 36 people. Had breakfast

Daragan (dezh.). In the afternoon, I traveled around the entire Babolovsky Park with children

on bicycles and then rode on the pond. After tea I read in

6.50 drove to Peterhof in a car. Came to the meeting of the Ulan regiment at 7.35 for dinner, the cat. was arranged instead of the regimental holiday. Had a good time and stayed for supper.

*April 25th. Thursday.*

He left at a wonderful sunrise and at exactly 5 o'clock. arrived at the Alexander Palace. Slept until 10 o'clock. The weather was excellent - it got warmer. Received Budberg and Sabler. Sergey Georgievich had breakfast! (dezh.). I made a good walk with my daughters to the railway station. of the Warsaw bridge. f. village across Krasnoselsk. highway. I returned with them at 4 o'clock and went kayaking. At 6 o'clock. I had Zane. I read before and after dinner.

*April 26th. Friday.*

In the morning he received Benckendorff and Saltykov, read, took a walk; at 11 o'clock. took Kokovtsov and then the gene. Markov, the new Min. Art.-Secret. In [great] K [greedy] Finl [yandsky]. Sashka Vorontsov (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Received a deputation from the Kiev Exhibition Committee. I rode bicycles and kayaks with my daughters. At 6 o'clock he received Shcheglovitov, Kasso and Dedyulin. In the evening I studied until 11 o'clock. I read aloud over tea.

*April 27th. Saturday.*

It's a very summer day. At 11 o'clock. rode on horseback to the platform in front of the palace to the church parade of L.-Gv. Horse artillery. Olga and Alexei followed behind in a carriage.

The parade was brilliant. Breakfast ended early. Enlisted Oranovsky in the retinue. Received Kochubei with a report. I took a walk and rode kayaks with my daughters for a long time. At 6 1/2 I went to the all-night vigil. Sandro Leuchtenb [ergskiy] (dezh.) Dined. Was reading.

At 11 o'clock. went to Petersburg in horse-artillery. meeting for dinner.

*April 28th. Sunday.*

Time passed quickly, stayed until 4 1/2 and drove off to Ts. S. Lay down until 6 o'clock. Got up at 9 1/2 o'clock. Took the bar. Meindorf and Kaufman, cat. go to Tashkent to unveil the monument to gen. Kaufman [\[2\]](#); and also Oranovsky. At 10 1/2 [went] with the children to the regimental church for mass. I had breakfast with everyone and talked on the balcony. The weather was summer. We walked and rode on the ponds. Drank tea for the first time on the balcony. I read endlessly before and after dinner.

*April 29th. Monday.*

The weather turned cold again. In the morning there were: Benckendorff, Nilov and Goltgoer. I took a walk. Accepted reports: Grigorovich, Krivoshein and Kister. Nikolay had breakfast. I rode bicycles and ponds with children. At 6 o'clock. received Timashev. I went to dinner at Mom's in Anichkov. He returned to Tsarskoe at 11 o'clock.

*April 30th. Tuesday.*

A very cold day. I took a walk. Received Sukhomlinov and five introducing themselves. Breakfast: Ducky, Kirill, Boris and Dmitry; everyone has just returned from Paris.

Alix walked with the children behind a stroller, then went kayaking with them. Received Sazonov. I read for a long time in the evening.

*1st May. Wednesday.*

It's also a cold day. Took all morning from 10 am to 1 1/2. Olga had breakfast. We did a great walk together and then went kayaking. From 6 hours. until 7 1/2 took Taneyev. Dined: Olga and Grabbe (dezh.). I read all evening.

*May 2nd. Thursday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to the 4th IF Infantry Regiment to lay the regimental church in the courtyard. I had breakfast at the officers' meeting and at 2 1/2 I returned home and received Budberg. Ride a bike and kayak. The weather was clear and slightly warmer.

At 6 o'clock. accepted Sabler. Petya (dezh.) Had lunch. I read and wrote the whole evening.

*3rd May. Friday.*

At night it rained, reviving the greenery, and the weather became warmer. Got up early; received Goltgoer, Fan der Fleet - Nikolasha's new assistant and then Markov's report on Finland. Walked for half an hour. From 11 to 12 o'clock [received] Kokovtsov, and from 12 o'clock to 1 1/4 - representatives of foreign academies who came here for the congress. At 2 1/2 I went with Olga and Anastasia to the foundation stone of the museum, which was being built with donations from E.A. Tretyakova. Came home at 3 1/4; rode a bicycle and kayak. At 6 o'clock. took Gondatti and then Sen. Garina. Dinner N. Leuchtenberg-sky (dezh.).

I read a lot in the evening.

*4th May. Saturday.*

Summer has finally arrived. From 9.45 he received: Benckendorff, Nilov, Maklakov, Maksimovich, Kochubei and Volkov. Putting on his dress uniform, he mounted his horse and rode to the palace grounds.

Alix arrived with Alexey.

The Ulan parade was on account of the future regimental holiday. We had breakfast at the Alexander Palace with the regimental ladies. After that, I walked and rode with my daughters on the ponds. At 6 o'clock he received the book. Shcherbatov on the horse farm [sts]. I went to the all-night vigil. Arseniev (dezh.) Dined. I read in my house all evening while Alix worked, lying on the couch.

*May 5th. Sunday.*

A wonderful day. At 10 1/2 I went with the children to mass; sang the court choir under the direction of gr. Sheremetev \*. I had breakfast with everyone and talked on the balcony. The sun roasted great. The officials of the palace police and the palace administration. Command. they brought an old icon to mark the 300th anniversary.

Olga A [leksandrovna] came, took a walk and rode together on the ponds; N.P.Sablin also (dezh.).

At 6 o'clock. Gregory was with me.

I read until 8 o'clock. Mom, Ksenia, Sandro and Petya arrived for dinner and for the night. We listened to the marvelous choir of balalaika players Andreev until 11 o'clock.

\* "Gr. Sheremetev "is written instead of the crossed out Andreev.

*May 6th. Monday.*

It's strange to think that I'm 45 years old! The weather was wonderful. Unfortunately, Alix felt bad and stayed at home all day. At 11 o'clock. followed Mama to the Palace. Dinner, congratulations and a big breakfast, everything is the same as before. The only difference is that there were all daughters. Returned home at 2 1/4; and Mom left for the city at about 3 o'clock. I went for a ride with children on bicycles and kayaks. The weather turned gray and at about 7 o'clock. poured down the life-giving rain. I read and answered many telegrams.

## Started on the way to Berlin

*May 7th. Tuesday.*

In the morning I finished writing the answers to the telegrams. I managed to take a walk. The weather was foggy. Received Sukhomlinov and Grigorovich. At 12 1/2 I went to the regimental cathedral with the children for a parting prayer service, it was good to pray with the Cossacks and soldiers. After breakfast, he took a walk with the children and went kayaking with them. It started to rain all evening. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. I read everything before dinner. Alix said goodbye to the road and drove to the station with Olga and Tatiana.

At 10 1/2 I **hit the road**. Coming with me are: Kochubei, Dediulin, Don Schlobitten, Mosolov, Orlov, Drenteln and Nirod. We drank tea together.

*May 8th. Wednesday.*

I slept little and badly. It rained at night and it was cold. I read a lot and accepted small reports.

After Vilna, it cleared up and became warm. At st. Vil-kovichki inspected the 3rd Uhlan Smolensk Regiment on foot called by a telegram. The lancers introduced themselves well. At 7 1/4 I arrived at the border and got on another train. Tatishchev met and drove on together.

*May 9th. Thursday.*

Slept well. Woke up at 8 1/4 on a wonderful morning. In Kustrin at 9 1/4, the ambassador Sverbeev and the German retinue with the general. Moltke is at the head. I ate with them. At 11.38 I arrived in **Berlin**. Wilhelm and English Georgie met me; honor, guard from the 1st Guard. shelf. The entrance to the city was beautiful - the troops were trellis, the mass of people and everything was in bloom - the passage was through the Tiergarten. The palace is also good. guard from the Alexander grenadier regiment. The Empress, Mei, and the princesses were waiting at the top of the stairs. Having brought me to my rooms, they left. At one o'clock there was a family breakfast for 40 people. After that, I made visits to the motor and finished by visiting a guest. Kaiserhof, where many relatives stayed, at the cat. I drank tea. Having driven some more, I arrived at the castle at 6 o'clock.

I bathed with pleasure. At 8 o'clock. went to a formal dinner - in the White Hall. The conversation ended at 10 o'clock. and we went to our apartments.

*May 10th. Friday.*

At night there was a thunderstorm and after it it became cooler. Ate my breakfast at 9 o'clock. Half an hour later I went with Wilhelm in a motor to Charlottenburg, examined the mausoleum and went on along the magnificent military road to the lakes. We climbed the tower named after the old man Emperor and admired the beautiful view from it on all sides. Returned to Berlin at 11 1/2. Received Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg. About an hour I went with Wilhelm to the barracks of the Alexander Grenades. shelf. Three battalions were built in the yard, a cat. the ceremony took place. march.; and the 2nd Dragoon Guard passed from behind. regiment Alix. Then there was breakfast at the officers' meeting, after the cat. returned at 3 1/2. All the relatives from Kaiserhof came to me and treated them to tea. Visited T. Thyra across two yards. At 7 o'clock. there was a family dinner. Went with Georgie to the theater for a parade performance. They gave the 1st act of "Lohengrin".\* and it got hot. We returned to our place at 10 1/4. I went to bed early.

\* Reception.

*May 11th. Saturday.*

While drinking tea, D. Valdemar sat with me. At 10 o'clock. went with Wilhelm [th] to Zeikhgauz, cat. examined in detail. Came back at 11 1/2. I went to our embassy. A prayer service was served in the church, after which he had breakfast with all the Russians and the German retinue. He examined the premises in the house and at 3 o'clock returned to his place. Received by Yagov - min. foreign cases.

At 4 1/2, the procession began to the palace church, where the wedding of Victoria-Louise of Prussia with Poll (Ernst August Braunschweig v. Liineburg) was performed. Then, in the White Hall, congratulations were given to the newlyweds; I had to stand for a long time. After that there was a big dinner and finally a torch dance, which reminded me of Mossy's wedding in 1893 \* At 9 o'clock. the celebrations were over and it was time to go and change. Georgie and May stayed with me until Wilhelm came with a cat. went to the station. At 10 1/2 **left Berlin**. I sat for a long time in the dining room with my companions and chilled out with them with Schatz berger \*\* .

\* Margarita (Messi), Princess of Hesse, who married Frederick Karl of Hesse.

\*\* Wine brand (German).

*May 12th. Sunday.*

Both the companions and I poured out for a long time; drank morning tea at 10 o'clock. Soon after breakfast we crossed **our border**.

In Verzhbolov, he received the officers of the local border brigade and the deputation of the Pavlograd regiment. Two miles from Kovna the train stopped and I climbed the so-called "Napoleon Mountain" with a beautiful view of the Neman. Having traveled further 8 versts, I got off the train and inspected the 3rd drag. Novorossiysk regiment on foot. He introduced himself remarkably dapper.

By the evening it became cooler. I read two thick bags from the border.

I played dice with Drenteln.

*May 13th. Monday.*

I woke up at 8 o'clock on a wonderful morning. Drank tea with companions; instead of Don \*, Tatishchev returned with me. Exactly at 9 o'clock. arrived in **Tsarskoe Selo** and was greeted by all the children.

Poor Alix had a bad headache. Walked with Marie. All the greenery has moved a lot. Received Delcassé and Admiral Bruix, then Grigorovich and Taneyev. Examined the plans of the fortresses in Bolshoi. palace. After breakfast I went for a ride with the children on bicycles and on the pond. It was a great day. After tea I read for a long time; put things in order. By lunchtime, Mom, Ksenia, Olga, Sandro and Petya arrived. At 10 1/2, Mom was escorted to the station - she went to England.

\* Don Schlobitten.

*May 14th. Tuesday.*

I slept well. It rained at night and until morning. From 10 o'clock. began to clear up. I read and received Benckendorff and Kochubei. I went with the children to mass and prayer. I studied after breakfast. Andrew and John appeared. He took a walk with the children and rode with them in boats. Alix felt better, but spent the whole day in bed. Received Sazonov. Anya dined. I studied until 11 o'clock.

*May 15th. Wednesday.*

In the morning the weather turned bad. At 10 o'clock. went to St. Petersburg and attended an automobile exhibition in the Mikhailov (skiy) arena. More than 140 different companies have sent their cars. He returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 1 1/4. After breakfast I read and then walked and rode with the children on the pond in the rain. At 6 o'clock a parting prayer was served at Alix's. At 7 o'clock. left Tsarskoye Selo with the whole family through Gatchina to Tosno and further to Moscow. We sat down to dinner at 8 o'clock. Then I read and lay down for about 12 hours.

*May 16th. Thursday.*



We woke up at a bus stop in Moscow at 8 1/4. The weather was clear and warm. We sat down to breakfast until 12 o'clock. At exactly one o'clock we approached the city of **Vladimir**. At the station there is a guard of honor from the 9th grade. Siberian regiment, senior citizens. persons, nobility and zemstvo. He sat down with the children in our motor and drove to the city upstairs to the beautiful Kremlin, to the Assumption Cathedral After examining it after a short prayer service, went with his daughters to **Suzdal**, where arrived at 3 1/4. Visited: Cathedral, Spaso-Efimovsky, Robe Deposition, Pokrovsky monasteries. In this mon. in the cells the abbess ate and drank tea. With enthusiasm and interest, he examined the wonderful treasures preserved in the sacristy, and the churches themselves of ancient Russian architecture. On the way to both ends, people left the villages and villages with icons. We arrived at 7 o'clock. in Bogolyubov. He visited the cathedral of the Bogolyubsky monastery and examined the surviving part of the chambers of Andrei Bogolyubsky. Received volost elders and farmers of the Vladimir province. and by 8 o'clock. arrived at the Train.

I missed 250 funny railroad tracks. Schools Cerem. march. When we got under way, we sat down to dinner. Not tired at all, the impressions were so strong and good.

*May 17th. Friday.*

Arrived in **Nizhny Novgorod** at 10 o'clock. mornings in cold gray weather. At st. - honor, guard from the 37th infantry. Yekaterinburg regiment. We went to the cathedral, from where, after a prayer service and a litiya at the grave of Minin, we went for the procession to the square behind the Kremlin, where the laying of the monument to Minin and Pozharsky was made. Then the Yekaterinburg and Tobolsk regiments passed the ceremony. march. I arrived at the palace with my daughters at 12 1/4. The view of the Volga reminded us of our stay there in 1896. We had breakfast as a family. Received the clergy and all the officials in the hall above and the volost elders in the garden. At 4 o'clock I visited the new office building of Gosud. Bank in the Old Russian style. He returned for Alix and the children and went together to the meeting of the nobility. Everything there was like in Smolensk. At 6 o'clock. left for the pier, where a large deputation of the Volga shipowners brought us some beautiful things.

We went over with joy to the boat prepared for us. message "**Mezhen**". Our cabins are cozy and carefully arranged. At 8 o'clock I went with Olga and Tatiana to the steam. dining room "Tsar Mikhail Feodorovich". Having said goodbye to everyone, they returned to their place and at 10 1/4 they rolled away with the illumination of the city and all the ships and went up the mother Volga. Having passed the brightly lit Sormovsky plant, I went down to my cabin and went to bed early.

*May 18th. Saturday.*

He slept for a long time, lulled by the calm sail of the steamer. The day was clear, but very cold with a strong wind, so it was even unpleasant to go up. From all the villages, people came to the river bank, arches were arranged everywhere, many saw off the ship at a run. We walked very well. At 10 o'clock. evenings were on a barrel, before reaching Kostroma 20 miles. By evening it was completely quiet. I read the papers and went to bed at 12 1/2.

*19th May. Sunday.*

About 6 hours. mornings went up and at 9 o'clock passed by **Kostroma**. A wonderful sun illuminated many white churches. We stopped at a new pier in a field 3 versts above the city. At 10 o'clock. went ashore. My company of the Erivan regiment stood directly opposite the pier on the high bank. It was nice to see her. We got into carriages and went to the Ipatiev Monastery [\[3\]](#) ... On the way there were trellises: Erivan and 183rd Pultu infantry. shelves. In the monastery, on the other side, I met a procession with the Feodorovskaya Mother of God, who had come from Kostroma, and then entered the cathedral. Lunch and prayer services were served in less than an hour and a half. We examined the house of Mikhail Feodorovich with all the name, where the rich sacristy from the cathedral was assembled, and returned to the steamer by the same way. We sat down to breakfast; it became quite warm. At 3.40 our steamer went to Kostroma, at 4 o'clock we went ashore. After the city дума, he accepted honors. car. from the Pultu regiment and went to the new Romanov regional museum. From there to the assembly of the nobility. At 6 o'clock. back by steamer and to the old Ipatiev pier. At 8 o'clock. had a great lunch for a couple. dining room. He sat between Comrade Mari and Comrade Mikhen. Then they looked at the fireworks, the cat. let in front of the city.

*May 20th. Monday.*

I woke up on a wonderful morning. At 10 o'clock. approached the pier in Kostroma and drove to the cathedral, around the cat. the troops stood with trellises. He walked around them, then entered the cathedral and soon went for the cross, on the way to the site of the laying of a large monument to the 300th anniversary of the reign of the Romanov dynasty. Each of us put our own name stone. After the laying, the troops went through the ceremonies. march. There we split up - Alix went with the children to the Epiphany wives. monast., and I - in the house of the governor. Received from him in the garden officials and volost elders and representatives of the white-paved people. Dinner was prepared for them. From there I drove into the Pultu regiment and examined the officers' assembly. Returned to "Mezhen" at 2 1/4. After breakfast I went to the old Church of the Resurrection in the wilds, then to the new building of the Red Cross community and, finally, to the exhibition organized by the zemstvo. Interesting but exhausting. After drinking tea and saying goodbye to everyone, he came on foot to the steamer. We departed again to our Ipatievskaya pier; the people stood like a solid wall along the shore, even knee-deep in water.

At 8 o'clock. there was also a great lunch at our floating diner. A good thunderstorm has passed. At 10 1/2 pm we went further up the river. The air was wonderful.

*May 21st. Tuesday.*

On a wonderful morning at 9 o'clock. arrived in **Yaroslavl**. The city looked so clean and beautiful from the river.

At the pier, the usual meeting and post. car. from 181 infantry. Ostrolensky regiment.

Let's go to the Assumption Cathedral. Then Alix returned with Alexei to "Mezhen", and my daughters and I visited: the Church of John the Baptist, the Spassky Monastery, immediately examined the chambers of Mikhail Feodorovich and, finally, the Ilyinsky Church. One is more beautiful and better than the other.

At one o'clock there was a large breakfast in the "dining room". He sat in the cabin and worked up to 3 1/4. It got very hot. I went to the orphanage in memory of the 300th anniversary, the cat. in our time they were consecrated, and then examined the zemstvo exhibition of the production facilities of the Yaroslavl province.

Returned to the steamer at 5 1/4 very much. We went up the rivers and visited the interesting Tolgsky monastery, standing on the left bank of the Volga, surrounded by a beautiful cedar grove. About 6 1/2 returned to "Mezhen" and had just retreated to the middle of the river and anchored when a thunderstorm with a real downpour began. During lunch we weighed anchor and returned to Yaroslavl to the pier.

Small children left at 9 1/4 to the station on the train. At 10 o'clock. went with Olga and Tatiana to the assembly of the nobility for a banquet. After the performance there was a short concert and then tea. At 11 1/2 they left the meeting and at 12 o'clock left Yaroslavl.

*May 22nd. Wednesday.*

We stood all night at the small station Kozmodemyansk. At 10 o'clock we arrived in **Rostov**. Alix was very tired and besides she had a sore throat, so she lay all day. After the meeting, I went with the children in a car to the ancient city of Rostov-Veliky. He visited the Assumption Cathedral, listened to the famous ringing of bells, walked along the Kremlin wall to the White Chamber and the Prince's Tower, examining the inner churches along the way. Returning to the train, we stopped at the Church of the Annunciation, where the miraculous icon of the Tenderness of the Mother of God appeared in 1910. After breakfast I went back to the city and examined the Yakovlevsky monastery. on the shores of Lake Nero and in 3 ver. the old wooden church of St. John the Evangelist on Ishna. Returned to the train with children at 4 1/4. I drank tea and studied. At 6 1/2 with his daughters he went to the Kremlin to the beautiful Church of the Resurrection of Christ for the All-night Vigil. We left Rostov at 8 o'clock. and stopped at 8 1/2 for the night at a tiny st. Debolovskaya.

*May 23rd. Thursday.*

At 10 o'clock. arrived at the station. **Petrovsk**, near the cat. in the field he received the volost elders of the Yaroslavl province. From there I went with my daughters to Petrovsk for the Mass on the occasion of the Ascension.

Got back on the train at 12 1/2 for breakfast. About 2 hours. went with them to **Pereslavl** along an excellent highway; at the 13th verst they moved to the Vladimir province. Before reaching the city, he stopped at the Nikitsky monastery; then in the city he visited the Danilovsky Monastery. and the Fedorovsky Convent. It was going to rain several times, but it passed safely.

I drove out of town along the beautiful Pereslavl Lake to the estate of the Vladimir nobility. His reception was excellent and broadly arranged. We examined the boat of Peter the Great and a monument to him, erected in the place where his house once stood. I went down to the lake and from the pier looked at the riding of the sea funny on boats. Then he went up to the pavilion, into the cat. we were treated to tea, etc. For the public, tents were pitched between the trees. After mutual drinking of health, we left and arrived in Petrovsk at 7 1/2 (40 miles in 45 minutes). Anya was also at the reception with her parents; she rode with us on the train to the next. station. We stopped for the night at the station. Balakirev at 10 1/2.

*May 24th. Friday.*

At 10 o'clock. in the morning, in excellent weather, we arrived at the Trinity-Sergius Lavra. Ella met us. I went with my daughters to mass and prayer. Then we went into the metropolitan chambers and drank tea. At 12 1/2 they continued their journey.

After breakfast it got hot in the carriages. At 3 1/2 we arrived in **Moscow** for the former. Brest [sky], now Aleksandrovsky railway station. Poch. guard from the Astrakhan grenada. shelf, family and all the highest beginning. He sat astride; Alix with Alexei and kept everything. The princesses rode in carriages to the Iverskaya and the Spassky gates. The meeting of the people in the streets resembled the entrances to the Coronation. From the gate I went on foot for the procession to the Archangel Cathedral, where I lit a lamp built by the whole family over the tomb of Mikhail Feodorovich. After serving the lithium, according to our ancestors, they went to the palace. Received hon. car. from the Yekaterinoslavsky regiment. At 5 1/4 he came to his place. We drank tea with Ksenia and Olga. I did.

Dined with Ella and the kids. Was reading.

*May 25th. Saturday.*

A wonderful day with a breeze. At 11 o'clock. the exit began. In the St. George Hall, Samarin from all the nobility brought a chest with a gramota. The Red Porch with a sea of heads was beautiful.

A prayer service was served in the Assumption Cathedral. Then they venerated the relics and for the first time bowed to the tomb of St. Hermogenes. We went to Chudov Mon. and from there they returned to themselves. The whole family had breakfast. At 3 o'clock I went with my daughters to the Chudov Monastery, where in the Patriarch [her] sacristy I examined the most interesting exhibition of church things over the past 300 years. I went to the newly built church at the place of the death of St. Hermogenes.

I went to the Znamensky Monastery and examined the house of the Romanovs. Came home at 5 1/4. Maria Pavlovna drank tea with us. Took 6 1/2 to 7 1/2. At 8 o'clock. there was a ceremonial dinner with three salutes during a health drink.

I read it in the evening.

*May 26th. Sunday.*

From 10 o'clock. accepted deputations. At 11 o'clock I went with the children to the Novospassky monastery for mass. The metropolitan served. Macarius, the synodal choir and the folk choir sang. After mass we went into the dungeon to the tombs of our ancestors, where lithium was served.

Alexei arrived at the end of the mass. From there to the community of Ella, cat. gave us breakfast. At 2 1/2 we went home, received Sazonov, and at 3 1/4 with the children went to the meeting of the merchant society, where there was a concert of bourgeois schools, boys 'gymnastics in the courtyard, a presentation of students' embroidery and tea. We got home at 4 1/2. After his tea, he took it endlessly until 7 1/2, did not even have time to read. At 10 o'clock. went with Olga and Tatiana to the ball at the Noble Assembly. The hall was very beautiful in the evening. It started with a polonaise - I went from Bazilevskaya. Alix left in an hour. I walked around, looked at the dancers and smoked in the room. At 12 1/4 he left with Olga and his daughters. Was very sweaty.

*May 27th. Monday.*

Again from 10 o'clock. began reception: the Bulygin Committee, the Moscow City Council and graduates of the Lyceum of Tsarevich Nikolai. Then he examined the excellent things of the Stroganov School, exhibited in the Armory. At 12 1/4 there was breakfast with the Metropolitan, bishops and all the provincial leaders. Finally sat down on his feet from fatigue.

About 4 hours. left the Kremlin courtyard. and on the way to the Alexandrovsky railway station visited the Ascension Convent. All along the way were troops on one side and people on the other. The farewell was very warm. We said goodbye to the family and others, and at 4 1/2 set off on our **way back**. Rested after tea. I read it in the evening.

*May 28th. Tuesday.*

At 5.50 we drove up to our station in **Tsarskoe Selo**. Everyone got up quite late; drank tea with daughters and maids of honor. At 10 1/2 we went to the regimental cathedral and a thanksgiving service was served in the cave church. We drove into our house with a joyful feeling of a fulfilled duty by the grace of God.

I read it and went for a walk - walked around the entire park. All the greens have become thick and beautiful, the lilacs are still in full bloom. From time to time there were showers, it was warm, but fresher than in Moscow. Veselkin ate breakfast and dinner (on the second day).

I considered a huge number of icons, dishes and objects presented during this trip. Ride with the children on the ponds. I read it in the evening.

*May 29th. Wednesday.*

I slept well. Today Tatyana is 16 years old.

The weather was fresh, 4 - 5 showers passed in the afternoon. Walked until 11 o'clock.

Together with Tatiana, he accepted the deputation of her Voznesensky Uhlan regiment. Received Sazonov and gr. Witte.

At 12 1/2 we went to a prayer service in FSU. church. They came to him and stayed for breakfast: Ksenia and Sandro with children and Olga. I rode a lot in a kayak and in a boat. Mama wrote. After lunch I studied and then read aloud.

*May 30th. Thursday.*

The day passed without rain, only later at night it did pour again. In the morning I had: Nilov, Drenteln and Voeikov. Walked for 1/4 hour. Received Sabler and Budberg; in the Grand Palace - the Italians of the Chamber of Commerce. After breakfast I paid a visit to Benckendorff and the Countess.

I found Countess Shuvalova with them. Ride with Alexei on the pond. After tea he received Meshchersky. I bathed with Alexei in my bath. Mavra dined. I studied until 10 1/2.

*May 31st. Friday.*

At 10 o'clock. in the courtyard he said goodbye to the Cossacks leaving the Convoy, and watched the new arrivals. The rain moistened us. Received Kokovtsov and Rukhlov. Gabriel (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/2 I accepted graduation students. Walked with Olga and Anastasia and rode on the ponds. At 6 o'clock. received Maklakov. After lunch I studied and wrote for a long time.

*1st June. Saturday.*

The same cold weather with occasional showers. At 10 o'clock, Alec, John and Benckendorff arrived at my place. I took a walk. After Sukhomlinov's report, Gr. Fredericks is in very good shape. Received Kochubei and Volkov and then went to the Grand Palace, where the court clergy presented a large icon of the Feodorovskaya Mother of God, and all the employees of the Ministry of the Court - a statue of Patriarch Filaret Nikitich <sup>[4]</sup> - on the occasion of the 300th anniversary. From there he went to the Hussar regiment. In the exerzirhaus, he handed over the prize for the best shooting to the regiment - the third in four years. Sat down to breakfast in the meeting at 2 o'clock. He returned home, surrounded by officers. Ride half an hour with Anastasia in "Gatchinka". After tea Gregory was received. At 6 1/2 I went with the children to the all-night vigil, with the cat. there were also Izmay-catchers and sappers. Silaev (dezh.) Dined. I read to 11 1/4.

*2nd June. Trinity day.*

It was a cool, sunny day. At 11 o'clock I went with the children to the Grand Palace, where the church parade of L.-Gv. Izmailovsky regiment and L.-GV. Sapper battalion. They introduced themselves brilliantly. After breakfast he starred in a group with officers. Walked and rode with Alexei on the pond; the daughters were visiting Olga in Peterhof. For tea arrived: Marie, William and Dmitry. I started to pack and read. Andrey (dezh.) Dined.

At 10.40 I went with him on a motor to the camp to Izmailovtsy. Had dinner and had a good time.

*3rd June. Whit Monday.*

Returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 5 1/2 in the morning. Slept until 9 o'clock. At 10 o'clock I watched the young soldiers of the 1st Railway Regiment. In great shape. Received Grigorovich and then took a walk. The weather was excellent. We had breakfast at 12 1/2. Received Krivoshein. Walked and rode with Alexei in "Gatchinka". At 6 o'clock he received Timashev. I read and packed my things. After lunch, they dismantled the icons presented during the trip. There are a lot of them, as well as dishes.

*4th June. Tuesday.*

It became gray and cold again. At 10 o'clock. on the site of the Grand Palace he handed over to the 4th rifle Imp. fam. regiment the prize for the best shooting last year from all rifle units.

Received Sukhomlinov, and then together with Kokovtsov and Prince. Shcherbatov on the Don private horse breeding. Bagration (dezh.) Had breakfast. We stopped at the Church of the Sign and at 2 1/2 said goodbye to Tsarskoe Selo.

**In Peterhof there** are lancers and sailors at the station and a garrison in the park.

Walked around Alexandria. After tea Olga dined and spent the evening. Anastasia in the afternoon.

*June 5th. Wednesday.*

Today Anastasia is 12 years old.

From 10 o'clock. before breakfast I was busy with the reception and presentation of many. Nicky arrived, with whom I had a long talk after breakfast about matters concerning the consequences of the war. Didn't take a long walk with my daughters. The weather was cold and it rained at times. Olga and Sonya Den were drinking tea. Received Neratov. I read a lot. John (dezh.) Dined.

*June 6th. Thursday.*

Was also busy in the morning as yesterday from 10 o'clock to 1/4 o'clock. Breakfast: Ksenia, Sandro and their children. Received Taneev and walked all over Alexandria up and down. We drank tea together, since the daughters were with Olga. At 6 o'clock. received Kharitonov.

I read and finished everything until 8 o'clock. In the evening I read aloud.

*June 7th. Friday.*

The hideous weather continued; at night it was 4 ° - all this with an incessant N wind. Walked for 1/4 hour. Took it for a long time. Breakfast: Niki and Dmitry (dezh.). Walked with my daughters. At 4 1/2 we visited Comrade Eugene. After tea he received Maklakov. By 8 o'clock. went to the meeting of the Horse Grenadier, where he dined on account of the regimental holiday. Sat until 12 o'clock. and returned home.

*June 8th. Saturday.*

To the general joy, the weather immediately changed for the better - it became calm and warm. I was busy all morning, I walked for 1/4 hour. The Prince of Monaco came and stayed for breakfast; also Dmitry.

He received a deputation from the Jaeger Regiment, who presented Alexei with the entire regimental uniform.

I rode with him and Dmitry in a two-man team, and then in a kayak to a white buoy. The sun warmed wonderfully. After tea he received a Koros-tovets authorized in Mongolia. Was reading. We dined as a family.

*June 9th. Sunday.*

The morning was cold, but about 11 o'clock it began to clear up when I went with the children to the church parade of the Horse Grenadier in horse ranks. I arrived at the palace on horseback. After breakfast I talked to the officers on the balcony. The weather became fine, calm in the sea. Nicky came to say goodbye. About 4 hours. went to the "Alexandria" in **Kronstadt**. We moved with quiet joy to our "**Standart**", cat. shone and burned in the sun.

Now Maria and Anastasia are placed on the starboard side next to me, and the ladies are below. At 7 o'clock. accepted Grigorovich's report. We dined after the prayer of the team. Balalaika players played. Alix had a headache.

*June 10th. Monday.*

Got up at 8 1/2 on a wonderful morning. At 10 o'clock I went with my daughters to the Petrovskaya pier. [Greeted] the naval guard of honor and the deputation of the mountains. Kronstadt. On both sides of the street there were ship crews and garrison units. **Consecration of the new Marine**

The council ended at 12 o'clock. Its interior makes a wonderful impression. Returning to the yacht, we sat down to breakfast. In 2 1/4 we took off the barrel and went to sea, passing between two lines of ships. We made the transition to the **"Shtandart" raid** under wonderful conditions, arriving there at 7 1/4. We were escorted by: "Polyarnaya Zvezda", destroyers - "Ukraine", "Voiskovoy", "Terrible", "Turkmenets-Stavropolsky", "Kazanets". On the roadstead we found the "Princess" and numbered destroyers - Cyclops. It's warmer than it was at sea. Played dominoes in the evening.

*June 11th. Tuesday.*

The day was excellent, pace. reached 14 ° in the shade. About 10 a.m. I went with Kira Naryshkin in kayaks around Tuholm to the tennis place and back to the yacht by the strait.

All the commanders of the ships had breakfast. At 2 1/2 I went to Padio with Olga, daughters, ladies and officers. I made the usual walk through with a halt on the bank of the strait. It was hot on the shore. After dinner I read aloud.

*June 12th. Wednesday.*

Got up early. It did not rain for long in the morning. Made a nice canoe trip with Kira to the old roadstead. By noon it was clear and warm.

At 2 1/2 we left at the telegraph station and went on foot to the village, where we rested in the meadow and returned to Alexei's tent. Instead of "Voiskovoy" I came with a courier mines. "Guarding". I started reading. In the evening I played dice - with Zelenetsky for the first time.

*June 13th. Thursday.*

It was a wonderful day. In the morning I went kayaking with Kira around the islands near Tucholm. Took Zane, cat. had breakfast with us. At 2 1/2 we went to Padio and made a walk to the bay at the old roadstead and along the familiar paths back. After tea I read intensely. In the evening I played dice.

*June 14th. Friday.*

Marie is 14 years old. It was a wonderful day. Ride in a kayak, making the opposite of yesterday's walk. All the commanders came with bouquets for Marie. At 12 o'clock a moleben was served on the poop. Soon after breakfast we went ashore and began to play tennis with enthusiasm.

It was very hot there. After tea I went for a ride with Voronov in a kayak. Alix remained downstairs in the cabin. I played dominoes in the evening.

*June 15th. Saturday.*

It rained at night, stopped by morning, and the day became wondrous. Ride in the company of four kayaks; near the village on Padio I met Olga, who was skating in a pair with Semyonov. After breakfast until 5 o'clock. played tennis and ran at giant strides. At 7 o'clock. there was an all-night vigil in the poop. The courier arrived. I played dice with the commander, Zlebov and Soltanov.

*June 16th. Sunday.*

It was a hot day. I got up at 8 1/2 and began to study until mass. It ended at 11 1/2, then a detour of the team and breakfast with all the commanders.

At 2 o'clock we went ashore and played great tennis. Ride in a kayak before lunch; Olga and Tatiana with Rodionov in a pair.

In the evening I read and played dice.

*June 17th. Monday.*

The morning was gray, but very warm. I watched the rowing of the giants of my boat, who arrived yesterday from Peterhof on the yacht. Ride with O [lga] and T [atyana] in two. I was strenuously reading the mass of papers. At noon it became clear and very hot. At 2 1/4 we went ashore and I played a lot of tennis.

After lunch, the usual dominoes.

*June 18th. Tuesday.*

A very hot day with a gusty Om \*. Did a little kayak ride. After breakfast we played tennis. We put on all white today. At 5 o'clock. drank tea with Olga and the children in the wardroom of the Polar Star. Then there were games on the quarterdeck, despite the intense heat. At 6 1/2 we returned to the "Standart".

Just before lunch, I found a squall of pouring rain. He moderated the pace a little. air. Played dominoes.

\* **The** initial letter of the word Ost (German) with a Russian ending.

*19th June. Wednesday.*

The morning was gray with uncertain weather. I did not go ashore. After breakfast I went to tennis with Kira and Voronov in kayaks. It started raining, under the cat. were playing. By 5 o'clock. cleared up, and the evening was quieter and cooler. He played dice.

*June 20th. Thursday.*

Great day. I went in a kayak with three others far away in a circle of Vehka-sari. It was calm and wonderful on the water. After breakfast we went ashore and played great tennis. The heat is terrible there. Many have tried walking on stilts. We returned to the yacht at 5 1/2 o'clock. Graduated from the paper before lunchtime. Played dominoes in the evening.

*June 21st. Friday.*

A very warm day with little SW. Ride with Marie and Anastasia in a pair. In the afternoon I went ashore and played great tennis. Then he swam with pleasure in the old place. Before dinner I read Alix aloud. The evening was wonderful. I played dice.

*June 22nd. Saturday.*

In the morning, in the company of kayaks, I made a good walk around Tucholm to the strait and almost to the telegraph office. It was hot, but SW was blowing. Breakfast gr. Stackelberg, who came here on his yacht. We played tennis with enthusiasm and bathed. At 7 o'clock. All-night vigil was served in the poop. After dinner it was overcast and there was a little rain. Played dominoes.

*June 23rd. Sunday.*



It was a gray day. I read it in the morning. At 10 1/2 there was mass, breakfast with all the commanders. At 2 1/4 we went to tennis. We returned from the game directly to the yacht without swimming. At 6 1/2 he went with our daughters and ours to Padio, and Olga with the officers of the Polar Star. The crews from both yachts were also brought together; went in a crowd to a **picnic spot** on a flat rock. The sailors played two plays very vividly, then dances with the locals began to the music. About 9 o'clock. sat down to supper, after which the songwriters sang and danced; Artemyev amused everyone. The ball lasted until 12 noon. We returned to the yacht at 12 1/2 o'clock.

*June 24th. Monday.*

In the morning I made an excellent kayak trip with others past the village. Padio and round the islands back. He visited the sick - Nilov before breakfast, Anya after. I played tennis well. Redeemed with the officers. The weather was wonderful and the water was pleasant. Arrived to replace: Drenteln and Grabbe, instead of Kira and Arseniev. I read the whole evening.

At 8 o'clock. a detachment of minelayers anchored in the former roadstead. Later "Neva" came with Grigorovich.

*June 25th. Tuesday.*

The morning was great. At 10 o'clock. began a review of a detachment of minelayers consisting of: "Amur", "Yenisei", "Onega", "Ladoga" and "Volga". Visited "Cupid" and "**Ladoga**" and on esc. minon. **The "border guard"** went to sea. I looked at the setting of mines by the first two minelayers. Returned to the yacht at about 12 o'clock. very pleased with the state of the crews and ships. Grigorovich, Essen and all the commanders arrived for breakfast. At 2 1/2 I went ashore; I bathed after playing tennis. At 6 o'clock. Maklakov arrived with a report. He stayed for dinner and then went to Peter. In the evening there was a cinema - the whole journey along the Volga.

*June 26th. Wednesday.*

After a dark night came a wondrous hot day with a good wind. Ride with Grabbe and Nevvarovsky in kayaks. I played tennis during the day and had a wonderful bath. Before lunch, I visited the sick - Anya, Nilov, Schepot'ev and Butakov. In the evening I played dice.

*June 27th. Thursday.*

At 8 1/4 Olga A (leksandrovna), I and many officers of both yachts set off on the "**Scout**" to the quarry, from where we went on foot along the familiar road to our telegraph station. It was very hot to walk, nevertheless we covered the entire distance of 13 versts in 2 and a half hours. After the walk, I bathed with pleasure. At 2 1/2 we went ashore and played tennis. Then he bathed again. Kokovtsov arrived on "Roxane"; took it before dinner. I read all evening. We said goodbye to dear Olga.

*June 28th. Friday.*

"Polar Star" with Olga left at 6 o'clock. morning in Kronstadt. Got up late. It was a wonderful day with the same fresh SO. At 12 o'clock. a memorial service for dear George was served. After breakfast I went with others to the shore around Tucholma in kayaks. We played tennis and then bathed with pleasure. He returned to the yacht, with great difficulty rowing against the wind and waves. We dined without balalaikas. He said goodbye to dear Alix and moved to the "**Princess**". Immediately weighed anchor and went to sea at 11 1/2.

*June 29th. Saturday.*

It shook a little to Narva, because O. was blowing. I sat with a snack in the wardroom and then admired the beautiful sunrise for a long time. I spent the night in Xenia's cabin. I woke up at about 9 o'clock. at anchor. At 9.45 he left the Tsarevna for Peterhof harbor and drove to our house. At 11 o'clock. on the palace ground there was a church parade to the Erivan regiment on the occasion of his holiday. The regiment introduced itself in a wonderful way. After

breakfast I filmed as a group with officers. Accepted Nikolasha's report, changed clothes and went to the pier, and straight to the "**Ukraine**". Now he went to sea. In Peterhof it was very fresh in the roads, but the sea was excellent. Convoy "Guarding". We walked 23 knots and reached the "Standart" roadstead at 3 hours 50 minutes. time. We caught up with the "Polar Star" not far from the entrance to the roadstead.

The crossing was surprisingly pleasant and calm. At 7 o'clock. All-night vigil was served. After dinner I read and played dominoes.

*June 30th. Sunday.*

I slept well. During mass it was raining lightly, cat. stopped to bypass the command. At 2 1/4 I went ashore and played a lot of tennis. Then he bathed; it got cooler due to the wind. From 6 o'clock to lunch I read papers. In the evening there was a domino.

*1st of July. Monday.*

The morning was quiet; rode with Grabbe in a kayak during a boat exercise. After breakfast we went ashore; played tennis well with Khvoschinsky. By the end of the game, there was a downpour. Redeemed excellently. I read before dinner and after it until 10 1/4, and then I played dominoes.

*2nd July. Tuesday.*

Great day with an Oh breeze. Early in the morning came from Revel "Voiskovoy" and "Don Cossack" from the beginning. Essen headquarters - cap. 1 p. Kerber [om] for orders.

After breakfast we went to tennis and played well. Then he swam with many. In the evening there was a heavy storm of rain; after that the wind died down. I played dice.

*3rd of July. Wednesday.*

In the morning I made a good kayak trip with Grabbe and Nevyarov [skim] far into the bay with reeds. I returned at 12 o'clock. After breakfast I went to tennis. I had a wonderful bath. Dined at 7 1/2 o'clock. At 9 o'clock. took off the barrel and went with the "Polar Star" and esk. destroyers **at sea**. The evening was wonderful, stayed upstairs until Gochland passed.

*4th of July. Thursday.*

Early in the morning, due to fog, we anchored after entering Revel Bay. At about 6 o'clock it cleared and we approached the port and anchored in **Revel**. At 9 o'clock. moved to the cr. "**Rurik**", cat. Now *also* I appeared and went to sea with Lin. cor. "Andrew the First-Called" and "Imp. Paul I". They both fired at the shield, the cat. smashed in 12 minutes. time from a distance of 48 cables. Returned to Revel at 1/2 hour. Then there was breakfast on the yacht with the admirals and commanders. At 3 o'clock I examined the account. ship art. neg. "**Peter the Great**" and cr. "**Pallas**"; found them, like "Rurik",

in a shiny condition. The weather was fine and hot. At 5 1/2 we weighed anchor and, accompanied by the entire fleet, went to sea. At 7 1/2 at the Kokshkher lighthouse, the fleet turned back after the salute. I was extremely pleased with the shooting and the condition of the ships.

Appointed a cap. 2 p. Kedrov's wing - adjutant. I read a lot before and after lunch. In the evening squalls began to swoop in. We passed Gochland at 12 o'clock. the nights and the weather improved, the air became very warm.

*July 5th. Friday.*

We started on a barrel at 3 o'clock in the morning at **the Shtandart roadstead**. Slept well and got up late on a wonderful morning. I went in a kayak with Grabbe and Nevyarov [skim] past the village. Padio; chasing a duck on the way back! After breakfast we went ashore and played good tennis. The bathing was very pleasant. After tea I read. Played dominoes in the evening.

*6th July. Saturday.*

Got up early and did a great kayak ride with the same to Pukion Sari. I returned at about 12 o'clock. The day was hot and quiet. I played tennis a lot and then swam in wonderful water. At 7 o'clock. All-night vigil was served. I played dice in the evening. There was lightning in the north.

*July 7th. Sunday.*

A wonderful quiet day. I read it until mass. All the commanders of the detachment had breakfast for the last time. At 2 o'clock went to Peterhof: "Alexandria", "Patrol" and "Scout". We went to tennis and played hard despite the heat. I studied after swimming. Before dinner, I starred with Alexei and all the lower ranks ending their service. In the evening bones.

*July 8th. Monday.*

A very hot day. At 9 o'clock. went with Olga and Tatiana for min. "**Turkmen-Stavrop [Olsky]** >>, cat. weighed anchor and went next to the mine. "Guarding". They showed a new trawling on the move. Returning to the roadstead, he visited and examined the destroyers: "**Guarding**", "**Ukraine**", **No. 218th and No. 219th**. Both ships and crews are in excellent condition. The show ended at 11 1/2 o'clock. In the afternoon there was tennis and an excellent swim in the shower. I read hard and finished all the papers. After dinner I played dominoes.

*July 9th. Tuesday.*

At 9 o'clock. with all the daughters went for min. "**Kazanets**" and, having examined it, moved by min. "**Scary**". To show the children the big move, they went to sea on it. It was a wonderful day with a fresh O; We met a decent excitement and returned half an hour later soaked through and through, but very satisfied. I changed my clothes and then examined the yacht. After breakfast we went to tennis and played well. The bathing was wonderful. By evening, it subsided, and the swell that had entered here subsided. I played dice.

*July 10th. Wednesday.*

At 9 o'clock. inspected the destroyers - No. **215 and No. 216**. Then I went in a kayak with Grabbe and Nevyarov [skim] around Pukion-sari and back at 2 1/2 hours. The heat was great, the sea was calm and the rest of the swell. Came back in time for breakfast. I drove ashore and played tennis well. The bathing was delightful. I read until lunchtime and filmed with Alexei and the musicians. We spent the evening in the wardroom.

*July 11th. Thursday.*

I slept until 9 o'clock. Did a good walk with the same ones in kayaks around Tucholm and across the strait. The heat was great. On the occasion of Olga's name day, a prayer service was held on the quarterdeck.

All the commanders had breakfast for the last time. A thunderstorm passed at about 2 o'clock. We drove ashore and played tennis. As soon as the game was over, a second, stronger thunderstorm began. Swam under a real tropical downpour. After tea I read. By 8 o'clock. the weather has improved. Before lunchtime, we filmed as a group; the Count (Stackelberg) dined. I played dominoes in the evening.

*July 12th. Friday.*

The last [day] of our summer vacation has come. Until 9 o'clock. went ashore and bathed. At 10 o'clock. took off from the barrel and, accompanied by the "Polar Star" and our destroyers, went to Kronstadt. It was a wonderful day and the sea was calm. I was finishing the last papers. About 4 o'clock sadly left "Standart" and moved to "Alexandria". Arrived at **Peterhof** at 4.45. During our tea "Standart" passed to St. Petersburg. I took a walk and then read until lunchtime. We went to bed early.

*July 13th. Saturday.*

Got up at 8 1/2. It was a great day. I read a lot in the morning. Made a walk on foot. Received Vernander, Nechvolodov and gr. Fredericksz. He was having breakfast. I played tennis with my daughters and Nastenka Gendrikova. I returned home for tea. Took Kokovtsov, cat. forgot to bring my papers. After dinner I read endlessly.

*July 14th. Sunday.*

The weather was clear, but much cooler. After the morning papers I managed to take a walk. At 11 o'clock. went to mass with the three elders. Had breakfast with everyone on the balcony of the Farm; music was playing in the garden. At 2 1/2 we went to play tennis. Rodionov arrived from the yacht and played with us until 5 o'clock. After tea I had Sergei Mikhailovich. I read all evening.

*July 15th. Monday.*

I woke up at 8 1/4, when the "Standart" passed through the channel from St. Petersburg, leaving for the Black Sea. In the morning I was very busy and went out for a walk after Grigorovich's report - at 12 1/4. The day was clear, but cool and windy. We had breakfast upstairs in a room with a balcony, since Alix did not come down these days.

I examined two new cars in the garden with a kitchen, accessories and a tent. I played tennis with my daughters and Anya. At 6 o'clock. received Timashev. After the papers, I rode in a kayak for a short time.

*July 16th. Tuesday.*

Nice weather with a crisp 0-m. In the morning I visited Nikolasha. Walked up to reports - military and foreign affairs. After breakfast we played tennis with Leith :: Semyonov and Pototsky.

Ministerial reports.

At 6 o'clock. received Rodzianko. Aleksey got a pain in his right elbow from the intensified movements of his hands during the game. For a long time he could not sleep and suffered greatly, poor!

*July 17th. Wednesday.*

At 8 1/4 Alexei brought Derevenko to our bedroom and he spent most of the day with Alix in bed; his pain lasted until the evening with short interruptions. Accepted the reports of Sabler and Taneyev. Den (dezh.) Had breakfast. We played tennis with each other. The weather was great. At 7 o'clock. Grigory arrived, stayed for a short time with Alix and Alexei, talked to me and my daughters, and then left. Soon after his departure, the pain in Alexei's hand began to disappear, he himself calmed down and began to fall asleep. In the evening I pasted photographs into my album.

*July 18th. Thursday.*

Alexei spent the day better, the pains diminished; he spent most of the day lying on his balcony and Alix with him. The weather was wonderful and the sea was calm. In the morning I rode well in "Gatchinkek". Accepted reports by Mamantov and Taneyev. Breakfast: Ella and Nikolai Mikhailovich. Played excellent tennis with

Khvoshchinsky and Semyonov. After tea he received Krivoshein and read. Ella and Dmitry were having dinner. I played dice with him.

*19th July. Friday.*

Wonderful weather came again, the same as it was in the skerries. After the morning papers, I took a ride in Gatchinka. Received Kokovtsov and Dashkova. At 2 o'clock I went to the palace to nail the banner of the Yenisei regiment. I changed clothes on the farm and played tennis with my daughters and Anya. After tea I took gr. Velepolsky and Senator Markovich - according to the Humanitarian Society. Ride in a kayak. We dined downstairs. Alexey had a good day; slept in the afternoon for two hours. I read all evening.

*20th July. Saturday.*

It's a wonderful day. At 11 o'clock. the jubilee parade of the Yenisei regiment took place on the palace ground. Everything went amazingly smoothly. The regiment introduced itself brilliantly. After breakfast I was filming with the officers in a group .. Returning home, I took gr. Fredericks and Shcheglov. I played tennis with the children and Anya. It was really hot. After tea I read and sat with Alexey, the cat. better. In the evening I was busy with my papers, which were rather stale.

*July 21st. Sunday.*

Such a hot day. I went with Olga and Tatiana to meet Irene at 9 1/4 to the station and took her to live at the Farm.

After mass we had breakfast at home. At 2 o'clock he received a deputation from his Westphalian hussar regiment on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of my appointment as his chief. Ride with the children in the sea: Tatiana and I in kayaks, others in boats. A fresh warm SW was blowing from the shore. I took a walk with my daughters. At 6 o'clock. accepted Dedyulin. After reading, I took a ride in Gatchinka. I studied for a long time in the evening.

*July 22nd. Monday.*

The name day of Mom and Marie stood wonderful. At 10 o'clock. accepted a French military mission at the Grand Palace, which arrived

on the local maneuvers with the gene. Joffrey at the head. At 11 o'clock. went with the children to mass. A lot of people had breakfast and the music of the Guard played. Crew. We played tennis well. Sailing races took place in front of Peterhof. At 6 o'clock. received Grigorovich. After lunch I walked in "**Bunchuk**" with Olga, Tatiana and Mari past "Tsarevna" and "Ukraine", a cat. were illuminated. The evening was quiet and warm.

At 11 o'clock. took Ella to the station; she goes to the Solovetsky monastery.

*July 23rd. Tuesday.*

Got up later than usual; I took it all morning. Walked for 1/4 hour. Irene and Andrey had breakfast. At 4 o'clock I went to Krasnoe Selo. Honor. car. - my Erivan company. At the Palace of Deputies. peasants with an icon. At 5 o'clock I got on my horse and just drove out the gate, poured a healthy downpour. Everyone got wet instantly, but soon they dried out. Narrated by L.-Gv. To the Moscow regiment my prize for the best shooting. **The detour** ended at 6 1/2. After dawn, I arrived in Krasnoe and dined in the garden in a tent. At 9 o'clock. went to the theater and returned to Peterhof at 12.40.

*July 24th. Wednesday.*

At 10 1/2 went to "Alexandria" in Kronstadt with Olga, Tatiana, Comrade Mikhen, Cyril and Ducky. On the square near the Naval Cathedral he attended the consecration of the monument to Admiral Makarov. After the service, the

troops participating in the parade underwent a ceremony. march. The whole ceremony was successful and beautiful. On the way back we had breakfast. The weather was great, SW was blowing. We played tennis. At 7 1/2 I went to the palace and received the Greek embassy headed by Zaimis. Dined with him. I returned home at 10 o'clock. I read it.

*July 25th. Thursday.*

At 9 1/2 I went to Krasnoe Selo for a general parade. The troops were going well and calmly. Irene was present with Olga and Tatiana. They had breakfast at WALix. I came with them to Krasnoe and showed Irene our houses and garden. Then they left. About 4 hours. went to the military field and examined in detail Sikorsky's new large airplane.

He received officers of a variable composition of various military schools in a large cafeteria because of the beginning of the rain and went to the races. I dined with the cavalry guards. The theater was giving "The Beggar Student". Houses at 12.45.

*July 26th. Friday.*

In the morning it rained like a bucket. After noon he stopped. Received Krivoshein and three introducing themselves. Irene had breakfast. At 2 1/2 I went to Krasnoe directly to Kavelakhty. I looked at the live fire of the 2nd artillery division. brig., a regiment of combat strength from the 2nd infantry. Div., Hussar regiment and my 1st con. baht. The shooting came out interesting and very successful; the weather too. I arrived in Krasnoe at 6 o'clock. Received Dzhunkovsky. At 7 o'clock there was lunch in the Great Dining Room. Then he went to the theater for a wonderful performance. The play "Under Siege" and the ballet were performed superbly. Returned to Peterhof at 12 1/2 o'clock.

*July 27th. Saturday.*

At 9 1/2 I again went to Krasnoe Selo and through the large camp in Nikulino. I arrived at the beginning of the brigade maneuver. The units were in double composition, the 50th Infantry. division with Kavalergard, the regiment occupied this village, and the 1st Guards. infantry. div. with the Atamans and the Erivan regiment, it advanced. The actions of the troops were correct. The French were present.

After a brief analysis, I returned directly to Peterhof at 2 o'clock. The weather was great. Ride with Alexei on the sea. I drove to the military harbor.

I read it before tea. At 6 o'clock. accepted Kokovts [ova]. Dined at the Palace with the French. I finally spent the evening at home.

*July 28th. Sunday.*

The weather was lovely. In the morning I read the required portion of papers. At 11 o'clock I went with my daughters to mass. We had breakfast at home. At 2 o'clock he went by motor to the English Palace, where he examined the projects of Anpav's monuments for St. Petersburg. He returned to the Farm and played tennis. After tea he received Krupensky - the ambassador in Rome and Grigorovich with a report. From 7 1/4 to 8 hours I rode well in a kayak. After lunch I pasted photographs into an album.

*July 29th. Monday.*

On a wonderful hot morning I left at 9.35 for the Ust-Izhora camp through Tsarskoe Selo and Kolpino. Arrived at 11 o'clock. The brigade maneuver consisted of attacking a fortified position and a redoubt with all the latest inventions. From the bank of the Neva I saw the end of the pontoon bridge tip. I had breakfast in the tent of L.-

G. Sapper battalion. At 4 1/2 I arrived in Krasnoe. I walked in the garden and read. At 7 o'clock he dined in a large tent. They gave very good "Gypsy Baron". He returned to Peterhof at 12 1/2, having made 104 versts.

*July 30th. Tuesday.*

The morning was busy; accepted with Alexei his godfathers of the Manchurian army and many regimental deputations, as well as from the Ussuri Cossacks. troops. Unfortunately, the weather was far from festive - it was blowing and pouring. At 11 o'clock. I went with my daughters to mass. We had breakfast at the Farm on the balcony. Walked in the rain. I answered telegrams. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. Was reading. After lunch I pasted photographs.

*July 31st. Wednesday.*

On a gray morning and with menacing clouds I drove at 9 1/2 to Krasnoe Selo on a military field. I made a drill inspection of the Erivan regiment. By 12 o'clock. Olga and Tatyana arrived from Peterhof for breakfast for the officers of the regiment. At 2 1/2 I went with them to the local infirmary, and then to the review of the Elisavetgrad and Voznesensky regiments, the cat. introduced themselves perfectly. Irene, Marie and Anastasia arrived at this show and after tea went back home. Was reading. At 7 o'clock. dined with both cavalry regiments. Olga and Tatiana returned to Peterhof. I went to the theater. They gave a play - "Over the Edge" and two acts of the ball. "Swan Lake". Was at home at 12.40.

*1st August. Thursday.*

Poor Alexei again had a pain in his arm and did not sleep well at night; but dozed during the day. The weather was warm and foggy.

Fine rain fell occasionally. Walked min. 20. Received: Mamantov, Taneyev, Kasso and the Argentine envoy. Irene's retinue ate breakfast. About 3 hours. went to inspect the cutting factory. Walked with Anastasia. After tea he received Meshchersky. I read a lot. He began to pack things and books for the Crimea.

*2nd August. Friday.*

At 9 1/2 o'clock he went through Krasnoe Selo to Kavelakhty, where he sat on horseback and rode to Kirchhoff. From a familiar height, he watched the progress of the brigade maneuver, the cat. was conducted in military units. The weather was good. The retreat was given at one o'clock in the afternoon. After the analysis, I returned to Peterhof at 3 1/2 o'clock. I played tennis. After tea he received Timashev and then Kokovtsov. I read a lot before and after lunch. - Alexey felt very good and cheerful.

Today at 7 pm "Standart" arrived in Sevastopol.

*3rd August. Saturday.*

A fun filled day. From 10 o'clock to one o'clock he took: Maklakov, Sukhomlinov, Kister and Fredericks. Breakfast: Comrade Mikhen, Ducky and Kirill. At 3 1/2 I went to Krasnoe with Irene and daughters. Nikolasha personally maneuvered the cavalry corps to the military. field. The weather was wonderful, I had to ride a lot. Returning to Krasnoe, I saw again all the troops.

I sat down to have dinner with the authorities instead of 7, at 8 o'clock. A friend of the operas was playing in the theater. "Mascoton" in Russian. Returned to Peterhof at one o'clock.

*4th August. Sunday.*

At 8.45, I set off through Tsarskoe Selo to Ust-Izhora, crossed the pontoon bridge across the Neva on foot, got into another motor and drove along the sandy forest road to the village. **Koltushi**. I spent a whole maneuver on the spot, on a hill with a beautiful view of St. Petersburg and other environs. This was the center of the position of the squad consisting of the Guards. P. brigades with the Erivan regiment. The 1st and 2nd Finnish riflemen were advancing from the north, brigades with their artillery. and the Finnish [skim] dragoon regiment and the Orenburg kaz. division. After the lights out, all units of the 22nd arm. the corps presented themselves to me at the parade in excellent condition; some of them have walked up to 45 miles from the night. I returned to Peterhof on the same road at 6 1/2 o'clock.

The weather was wonderful and very hot. Took the gene. Markov and Prince. Shcherbatov. I read for a long time in the evening.

*5th August. Monday.*

A memorable day for Olga and Tatiana. The weather stood as if ordered - quiet and hot. At 10 o'clock. received Grigorovich. I went with small children to the Farm for Irene and then to the back parade ground. Ascension lancers and Elisavetgrad hussars presented themselves smartly and beautifully in their winter dress uniform. Both chiefs marched at the head of their regiments and made an excellent race. We had breakfast with officers and ladies in the palace and then filmed as a group. About 4 hours. both regiments entered Alexandria on foot, led them to our house, where the songwriters sang several songs with Alix, who was sitting in a carriage. He led them with their daughters along the sea to the gate and said goodbye to them.

We drank tea with Dmitry (dezh.). Was reading. At 7 1/2 there was an Austrian dinner at the palace. At 10 o'clock he took Irene to the station; she left for Kiel. The night was wonderful, moonlit.

*6th August. Tuesday.*

The morning was gray. I just got up and received the sad news of the death of the good adjutant wing of Gr. Niroda. At 9 1/2 I went with Dmitry to Kraen. Village on the Preobrazhensky parade. The prayer service was in a warm rain. The regiment and the combined company of the Samara regiment presented themselves in an exemplary manner. Then there was the production of graduation officers in the same place. Having gone around all the dining rooms, I returned to Krasnoe for breakfast. At 2 1/4 I was in Peterhof. The weather has improved. At 3 o'clock with all the children and Cyril (dezh.) Went to the harbor and said goodbye to the yacht "Alexandria" and "Worker". After tea I saw Grigory for a moment and drove back to Krasnoe.

There was the last dinner with the French and all the authorities. At 8 1/4, on the way back, he stopped at the church of L.-Gv. Horse regiment and was at the funeral service for Niroda. At home I studied for a long time and put away things and books for Tsarsk. WITH.

*7th August. Wednesday.*

I got up at 8 1/2 o'clock. I read a little and walked until 10 o'clock. The weather was wonderful. Received Sazonov and the envoy in Bucharest Shebeko. A parting prayer was served in the dining room, and at 11.40 we left our sweet home. Having said goodbye to all those who were seeing off, they boarded the **train** and drove south at 12 o'clock. After breakfast I slept. It got pretty hot in the carriages.

*August 8th. Thursday.*

After Moscow it rained at night. The morning was gray and cool. In Kursk at 12 1/2 Olga got on the train and went on with us. The weather improved and became warm. Did a nice walk from the station. Dergachi 3 versts ahead along the path. At 7 o'clock. stopped in Borki and went into the church and prayed in the chapel. The evening was wonderful and cool, the dust was light.



*August 9th. Friday.*

Got up and dressed to the station. Alma. I sat with Alexey at the window and admired the views all the way to **Sevastopol**, where we arrived at 11 1/4 in the morning. Salute of the fleet and fortress, as always, and a usual meeting at the pier with a wonderful guard of honor from the Brest regiment. On a rowboat we arrived at the "**Standart**" by 12 o'clock. The heat was great, but light with a pleasant breeze. We sat down to breakfast at one o'clock. At 3 1/2 he went to the squadron and visited the battleships: "George the Victorious", "Sinop", "Panteleimon", "Rostislav" and the cruiser "Cahul" and "Memory of Mercury". I found the ships in great order and cleanliness, and the crews in a fine manner.

Returned to the yacht at 6 1/4.

The naval authorities dined. A good fireworks display was burned by the city. Then he walked around with Olga and the children illuminated ships in both bays. The night was wonderful, quiet and moonlit.

*August 10th. Saturday.*

At 9 1/2, in wonderful weather, I went to Holland \* and bathed there with great pleasure - it was 21 ° in the water. He returned, changed his clothes and went to the North side, where he inspected half of the fortress garrison along the highway. The servicemen were having breakfast. At 3 1/2 I went with Olga and my daughters to the Hospital pier. We went up to the newly built chapel of St. Mitrof [ana] Voronezh, on the site of an ancient church; during our time she was consecrated. After that, he examined the naval hospital.

Sweat heavily. We returned to the yacht at 5 1/4. We looked at the interesting launching of seaplanes and their ascent to the air. At 7 o'clock. there was an all-night vigil in the poop. After dinner I played dice.

\* Bay.

*August 11th. Sunday.*

At 9 o'clock. went to Holland and bathed. At 10 1/2 I went with Olga and daughters to mass at the Bratskoe cemetery. Returned to the yacht by 12 noon. The commanders of the ships had breakfast.

The heat was great with a hot wind. At 3 1/2 I went with them to the Grafskaya pier and by car to the Kherson monastery, where he examined the most interesting excavations of the Archaeologist (ich) com. Count Bobrinsky showed it. I visited the cathedral and by 5.45 was back on the yacht. Dined civilians and the next commanders in seniority. Played dominoes in the evening.

*August 12th. Monday.*

Heat and strong NO. At 9 1/2 I went for a swim. At 11 o'clock. inspected the Brest and Bialystok regiments, 13th art. brigade and the rest of the crepe. parts. The troops introduced themselves perfectly. The dust flew horribly. The military commanders had breakfast. At 3 1/4 I went with Olga and daughters from the Grafskaya pier along the military road past the St. George Monastery to the newly terminated battery No. 21. It has huge shelling and is close above Balaklava.

After examining it, I drove along the Sevastopol-Yalta highway and stopped near the ancient chapel of St. George, in the cat. a source of healing water flows. From there I drove to **Balaklava** to the house of Moti Apraksin. He, his wife and son met, treated them to rich tea and showed them their house and garden. Their estate is very beautifully located, just opposite the exit from the bay. I returned to the yacht by 7 o'clock. He began to read the papers. The sailors of the last turn dined. In the evening it was quiet. Bones.

*August 13th. Tuesday.*

At 9 o'clock I went for a swim. Returning to the yacht, he received Grigorovich and the head of the detachment of the Bulgarian ships cap. II p. Dobrova. Visited and examined the lin before breakfast. ships: **"Three Saints", "John Chrysostom" and "Eustathius"**. Came back about an hour. At 3 o'clock on the "Kita" with Olga and daughters went to the end of the bay in the Black River. Examined the ancient church in the rock, in the cat. was in 1911 and in the engine drove around the battlefields in 1854 of Inkerman, Balaklava and on the Chern [oh] river. Interesting explanations were given by Zayonchkovsky. The dust was terrible. We returned from the same place on "Kita" at 6 1/2. I read the papers. During lunch, the choir of balalaika boys from the Menkovo school played excellently. After reading the papers, he sat upstairs with Alix, enjoying a wonderful evening.

*August 14th. Wednesday.*

At 8 1/2 o'clock. was last bought in Holland. The weather was marvelous and hot. At 10 o'clock. took off from the barrels and went to sea. The cruiser "Kagul" was in front, the "Almaz" was behind, on both sides there were three destroyers. Before 2 hours. approached the Yalta pier. Honor. guard from 51 infantry. Lithuanian regiment and then the usual meeting. The streets were crowded with people.

We arrived in **Livadia**; och. car. from the 16th Infantry Regiment. We went to church for a prayer service and showed Olga our sweet home. I went for a walk with her, went down to the sea and returned through the vineyards. Before lunchtime I settled down in my rooms. The heat was great, but without stuffiness. Dined and drank tea on the balcony in front of the bedroom, where it was cool.

*August 15th. Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos.*

On a wonderful morning I went down to the sea and bathed with pleasure. Returned on the motor. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. We had breakfast with everyone. Between 2 and 3 o'clock. a thunderstorm has passed through the mountains. Olga, me and the children were caught in the rain while walking in Orianda. The weather soon improved. At 4 o'clock we bathed together in Livadia. We drank tea downstairs at Olga's balcony. I began to read new papers.

*August 16th. Friday,*

At 9 1/2 I went on foot along the horizontal path to Kharax with Olga, children, Anya, Drent [spruce] and Mordvinov (dezh.). It was hot to walk, but still easy. We returned in the motor to the bathhouse and bathed in the sea; in water 21 ° P \*. We had breakfast with everyone. At 2 1/2 I went with them to Aidanil. We walked into the vineyard and ate grapes. We returned home for tea. I read and graduated! all. We dined and sat on the balcony.

\* According to Reaumur.

*August 17th. Saturday.*

In the morning I went down to the sea with Olga and my daughters and swam with them - wonderful. At 11 1/2 I went with them to the "Standart". On the occasion of the 100 [anniversary] of the Kulman battle, a prayer service was served and breakfast was held in the wardroom. We were alone without any retinue. Then, while I was sitting in the engine room, dancing began in the children's cafeteria, which lasted until 4 o'clock. We returned to Livadia and I went for a walk until tea.

I read until 7 1/2. Dined downstairs with some of the old jaegers and young officers of the regiments who had fought at Kulm. The heat both in the air and in the premises was extreme.

*August 18th. Sunday.*

A very hot day - 25 ° in the shade at noon. In the morning I bathed alone. We were at mass and had breakfast with those invited from Yalta and officers. There was a thunderstorm in the mountains and the sky was overcast, but we did not have rain. About 3 hours. went with Olga and daughters to Eriklik.

We examined the house and returned to Livadia and walked down to the sea, where they were bought by a common company.

After tea he received the book. Bagration in the case of the Grodno hussar regiment. In the evening I read aloud "L'affaire du Collier".

*19th August. Monday.*

A strong and prolonged thunderstorm gathered at night. We both got up and began to close the windows in all the rooms on our floor and at Alexei's. The lightning was dazzling, the rain was very heavy. We went to 3 1/2.

The morning was gray and about 9 o'clock. the thunderstorm started again. When it was over, I went with Olga A [leksandrovnna] and Mari to the sea and bathed with them. The waves disturbed us a lot. By one o'clock the weather

cleared up. I went with everyone to Orianda and the shore back and bathed again. The water remained warm, but the air became cooler - 17 °. After tea I was busy with new papers. In the evening he continued reading aloud.

*20th August. Tuesday.*

The day was excellent. In the morning we made a walk to the end of the vineyards to the sea and bathed - the water was very warm. Alexey started his mud baths today. At 2 1/4 we set off in a company on four engines to Ai-Petri and further to the beautiful estate of Yusupov with a wonderful view of the "valley of the eagle flight". It was cooler upstairs. We returned at 6 o'clock. I studied and finished all the papers.

*August 21st. Wednesday.*

A very hot day. We walked in the vineyard and then bathed in the sea. At 12 o'clock. I imagined my company of the Shirvan regiment, which had arrived here from Persia. During the day, there was a thunderstorm in the mountains, which did not reach us. We went on foot to the farm, where we drank milk and ate yogurt. Before lunch, Mama wrote, and in the evening he read aloud.

*August 22nd. Thursday.*

At 9 1/2 we went for a walk, as always; came to the bath at 10 1/2 o'clock. I bathed with Olga, because others had a runny nose. During breakfast and later we heard thunder in the mountains. At 2.20 he set off with Komarov, Drent (spruce) and Mordvinov on a motor in the forestry and climbed a new road past the "red stone" and further for another 7 versts, before the descent to the other side began. A strikingly beautiful view of Ayudag. He returned on the same road, but with the sun, and was in Livadia at 5.20. After tea I sat down to papers. In the evening I read aloud.

*August 23rd. Friday.*

In the morning I walked alone, because Olga and her daughters went to Yalta to shop. Returning from Oreanda, he bathed. In the afternoon I went with three companions to Uchans and walked along the path to Stavri-Kan. Was home at 5.10. After tea I read and finished all the papers. In the evening I read aloud.

*August 24th. Saturday.*

Olga A [leksandrovna] was again in Yalta in the morning. I rode with Anastasia in a two-man team and bathed alone. The day was very hot. Several showers passed after breakfast. We played tennis, it was very wet at first. We drank tea on the lower balcony of our house with NP Sablin, Butakov and Voronov. In the evening I dined with everyone downstairs.

*August 25th. Sunday.*

On a hot morning, I ran to the sea and bathed. After mass he received the Italian Marquis Imperiali. Breakfast was Sunday. At 2 1/2 I went with Olga A [leksandrovna], Tatiana and Anastasia to Massandra, where they took a walk. We returned to Livadia and went down to the sea. Redeemed and at 4 1/2 were at home. We drank tea on the balcony and as soon as we finished it, a heavy rain started pouring down. In the evening there was a great lightning far out to sea. Pace. dropped to 14 °.

*August 26th. Monday.*

The NW blew out and the air freshened up considerably. Walked and bathed with O [lga] A [lexandrovna], Tatiana and Anastasia. In the morning on "Cahul" came the adm. Eberhard, I accepted him and he had breakfast.

At 2 1/2 I went with Olga A [leksandrovna], Anastasia] and Komarov to Simeiz to Maltsev. He led us to the rock with the Genoese crepe. and a public garden to his house. A crowd of summer residents followed us. After drinking tea, we left by the upper road to Livadia, where we arrived at 6 o'clock.

I read papers before and after lunch.

*August 27th. Tuesday.*

In the morning I walked in Orianda and then swam with O [Lga Alexandrovna], T [atyana] and Anast [Asia]. In the afternoon I went with them, Olga and three companions to the Red Stone. But as soon as I reached it, everything was closed with a thick fog. I drove on to show them a beautiful view of Ayudag. On the way back we met rain and hail; pace. was 6 °. In Livadia, when they returned, it turned out to be 15 °. After tea I studied and finished all my papers in the evening. I read it aloud.

*August 28th. Wednesday.*

After the walk we had a great swim in the sea. There were small waves. At 12 o'clock. received prof. Reina. He and the gene. The Swedes were having breakfast. We played tennis and drank tea in front of the house. Mama wrote. At 7 3/4 I went with Olga and the two seniors to the yacht for dinner in the wardroom. We listened to Stefanescu playing the cymbal for a long time. Then there were dances on the deck, I was sitting downstairs at the engine hatch. We left at one in the morning.

*August 29th. Thursday.*

Today it got warmer and it was quiet. Bathed in early, the water was excellent. I went to the funeral mass at 11.20. A pawn went in the afternoon. with Olga A [leksandrovna], Olga, Tatiana and Anast [Asia] to Kharax, where they arrived at exactly one o'clock. George and Minnie arrived yesterday. They took us to the garden and to the new barn, which was very well appointed. We drank tea in the garden near the wall of the house. Returned home at 6 1/4. Was reading. In the evening we parted early.

*August 30th. Friday.*

Great warm day. SW blew and a decent swell came to the coast of Livadia. We walked and bathed, the waves roughly threw us back onto the stones. We returned home with bruises and scratches. During the day I played tennis

very well - I personally played seven sets. We drank tea there. Finished all papers. Dined Mordvinov, taking turns from dezh. The night was wonderful, moonlit.

*August 31st. Saturday.*

At 9 o'clock we went down to the sea; in the water there was unexpectedly 13 ° in total; having plunged, jumped out of the water and dressed. At 10 1/2 we set off in a large company for Bakhchisarai, where they arrived at one o'clock. We had breakfast in the Khan's palace and went around all its premises and gardens. Then we visited the Assumption Monastery in the rock and climbed on foot to Chufut-Kale. Exactly eleven years ago, I was there with Alix.

We went through the whole dead city and returned to the monastery, and from there on motors to Bakhchisarai. The view from the top to the far sea is magnificent. We drank tea in the garden of the palace. At 6 1/4 we said goodbye to the dear Olga and drove back; and she goes to her in Ramon. We arrived in Livadia at about 9 o'clock. Dined and spent a short evening.

*1st September. Sunday.*

Got up late on a wonderful morning; went to the sea and bathed. Today the water was warmer than yesterday - 16 °. We went to mass. After breakfast there was tennis. I played well with Rodionov. But the thunderstorm interrupted the game and had to hide in the house. We drank tea early and when the rain had passed, we fiddled in the garden. I wrote to Olga before lunch. In the evening Olga, Tatiana, Anya and I made a wonderful trip by motor to Aydanil at one o'clock. Instead of the moon, a fine warm rain fell.

*2nd September. Monday.*

A very warm day. Took a walk in Orianda with my daughters and bathed with them; the water was very cold - 15 °. I came upstairs. Sukhomlinov and three officers from Kazan Drag were having breakfast. regiment, Mari, who are in Yalta on vacation. We played tennis and drank tea at home with Sabl [other], Rodion [ov] and Voron [tsov] who played.

I started to deal with new papers. Dined on our balcony, the evening was wonderful with a full moon.

*3rd September. Tuesday.*

A real sunny Crimean day. I walked with my daughters in the vineyards and bathed in the sea - at 15 ° in the water. Received Dedyulin at 12 o'clock.

After breakfast I played a lot of tennis. They drank tea in the house.

I read until 8 o'clock. In the evening, under a wonderful moon, I rode with Olga, Tatiana and Anya from Aytodor to Yalta along the highway.

*4th September. Wednesday.*

The same day. After a walk, we bathed well, as the water was 17 °. Apart from others, Mary Trubetskaya had breakfast. Went to tennis early and played a lot and sweated. We drank tea there. I read it before lunch. In the evening I took a ride with O [lga], T [atyana] and A [nastasia] in the engine on the way to Uchansa, Isar and home through Yalta.

*September 5th. Thursday.*

After a walk in Orianda, he bathed with Olga and Tatiana; excellent water 17 1/2 °. The heat was decent. Mitya came to live in his small estate "Kichkine", near Orianda-Witt. On the occasion of the Cavalry Festival, the old cavalry guards living here in the vicinity had breakfast. We played tennis. Before lunch I read new papers. The night was wonderful and I again went with O [lga], T [atyana] and A (nastasia) in the motor to Massandra.

*September 6th. Friday.*

A wonderful day without a single cloud. After the walk, I swam with both elders - 18 °. The French sailors who came to the station "Jeanne Blanche" had breakfast. We played tennis a lot. I read until 8 o'clock. George and Minnie dined with us and spent the evening before tea.

*7th September. Saturday.*

Wonderful weather with a light NO breeze.

Walked and bathed with his daughters, except for Marie. At this time, "Jeanne Blanche" was passing and saluting the standard [\[5\]](#). Accepted Prince. Lev Sergeevich Golitsyn, he had breakfast with us and made me laugh very much. I played tennis well. They drank tea at the house. At 6 3/4 I went to the all-night vigil and dined downstairs with everyone.

*September 8th. Sunday.*

Walked a little and bathed in very pleasant water - 18 °. I was at mass and had breakfast with everyone. The string orchestra of the Preobrazhensky regiment played excellently. I went with my daughters, part of my suite and three officers from the yacht to the Red Stone, where it was clear and warm. After admiring the view, we drove back and were at home at 5 3/4. I read and wrote. We dined on the balcony. I read it aloud.

*September 9th. Monday.*

Walked with the two elders and then bathed with them at 19 °. The weather was wonderful and hot. At 12 o'clock. accepted the deputation of the Apsheron regiment with Georg [s] Mikhailovich], cat. had breakfast with us. We played tennis. I read the papers. I went to 8 o'clock. with all the daughters on the yacht. We dined merrily in the wardroom and had a good evening. He played dice. Young people were having fun nearby in our premises. He returned with Olga and Tatiana at one o'clock from 1/2 in the morning.

*September 10th. Tuesday.*

A wonderful day and such a wonderful bathing that you hardly have to get out of the water. I saw gr. Fredericks, cat. arrived yesterday from Petersburg. Grunwald went there today. Played tennis well during the day. I finished all the papers before lunch. In the evening, as usual, I read aloud on the balcony.

*September 11th. Wednesday.*

By morning, a thunderstorm had passed from the side of the sea. Then it became clear. I went down to the shore with Olga and bathed. At 11 1/4, he said goodbye to Alix and the children and went to Yalta. Min. "**Ferocious**" went to Alushta, where he arrived with rain at 12 1/2 o'clock.

The destroyer approached the pier. There was a small meeting, got into the engine with Dedyulin and drove to the **Kozmodemyansk** [s] monastery. Came to willingly. cottage in 1 1/2 with shower. After 3 o'clock the rain stopped and I set off with the hunter Wagner from Spala to the nearby mountains. I walked along good paths, heard the roar of deer all around, but did not see a single one. Went down to the engines in the dark at 6 1/2. Dined with me: Dedyulin, Yartsev and Spiridovich. I went to bed early.

*September 12th. Thursday.*

I got up at 3 o'clock and went to the same places. The deer roared badly because of the variable weather. After unsuccessful approaches, I tried a small paddock. Sat at the top of the mountain for over an hour; saw a young deer with two fallow deer. Came to willingly. house at 9 o'clock, changed clothes, drank tea and went to Alushta. The torpedo boats were in the roadstead, sweat [oh] that the surf was great, so they continued their journey in the engine and arrived in **Livadia** at 12 o'clock. I had breakfast with everyone.

At 2 1/2 we went to Orianda with Alix in a chaise, went down to the sea and admired the surf from S. He returned to Livadia by the seashore in heavy rain. From 6 1/4 to lunch I slept. In the evening Mama read and wrote.

*September 13th. Friday.*

I slept well. It was a rainy day without wind. Was engaged in papers. Walked with Olga. At 12 o'clock. received Prince Baryatinsky on the occasion of his appointment as chief of the 5th company of riflemen. Fam. After breakfast I walked with Komarov [s], Drent [spruce] and Petrovsky along Orianda and along the seashore back through the vineyards - all the time in the pouring rain. At 6 3/4 I went to the all-night vigil with the worship of the Holy Life-giving Cross. After dinner I read aloud.

*September 14th. Saturday.*

The weather was better, but with passing rains. In the morning I went for a walk until mass. Old Lavrinovsky and Botkin's brother had breakfast. We played tennis until 4 o'clock when it started pouring again. At 6 o'clock. accepted Fredericks. After dinner, Stefanescu played for an hour and a half to delight our ears.

*September 15th. Sunday.*

The morning was excellent, sunny; from noon clouds were drawn and the day turned gray. Walked to the sea.

We were at mass, then had breakfast with everyone. At 2 1/2 I went to tennis and played for a long time. We drank tea in front of the house. From 6 am to lunchtime I read an interesting report of the Yakutsk governor. By the evening, it got fresher from NO and the surf could be heard above. I read it aloud.

*September 16th. Monday.*

The weather was clear, but the same wind was blowing strongly and the surf was very strong. I ran to the sea to look at him.

At 11 1/2, he said goodbye to Alix and rode on a motor to **Kozmodemyanskiy** Okhotn. house with Olga, Tatiana and Drenteln [oh]. They followed Gurzuf on foot, as Tatyana's head was spinning. We arrived there at 2 1/4 o'clock. This time everything had such a beautiful welcoming view, thanks to the wonderful sun. After eating, he went hunting further down the Alma Valley. I sat under a bush for a long time near the place where the deer went. Finally a good deer came out to me, shot at him five times, but to my shame he left! I returned to the house at 6 1/2 o'clock. We dined together, walked along the dark road and played dice.

We went to bed early: daughters are in the bedroom, I'm in the study.

*September 17th. Tuesday.*

Got up at 3 o'clock and went hunting. I went up to different deer twice and finally **killed** one good **16 conc.** The weather was excellent and the day was very warm. I returned to the house by 9 o'clock. Drank tea with my daughters and Drent (spruce). They were at the early Mass. We sat on the porch until 12 o'clock, when they brought my

deer. We had breakfast and left at exactly one o'clock to **Livadia**, where we arrived at 3.20. After tea he received Sukhomlinov and slept. In the evening I finished all the papers at once.

*September 18th. Wednesday.*

The morning was warm; walked with Marie and Anastasia and bathed

at sea - 17 °. Breakfast: Petyusha, Militsa, Marina and Elena. 2 1/2 to 5 hours played tennis well. The weather became fresher, as the wind blew from the mountains. We drank tea with the officers. Received the report of Kokovtsov. After dinner I read aloud.

*19th September. Thursday.*

Cold weather set in. In the morning I took a walk with Olga and Tatiana in Orianda. At 11 o'clock. received Kokovtsov additionally. Before breakfast a deputation from the Georgian regiment with George was introduced.

At 2 1/2 I went to Yalta and examined the new frontier cruiser standing at the pier. guards "**Hawk**" with diesel engines. Came back straight to tennis. We drank tea in the house. I read all the papers at once.

*20th September. Friday.*

The day was clear but cold. At 10 o'clock. said goodbye to his own people and went with Dedyulin and Komarov to **Kozmodemyanskiy** Okhotn. house, where he arrived at 12.5. He took a bite and went with them to the corral, the same cat. took for the first time on September 12th. I saw only wild goats. Then he tried to take the deer from the approach, but they roared badly and did not have to shoot. I returned to the house at 6 o'clock. The three of us had dinner at 7 1/2 and walked with them along the new road. I went to bed early.

*September 21st. Saturday.*

At 4 1/4 I went hunting with Ded [Yulin] and Komarov [s]. **Killed the** handsome 14-conc. **deer** and returned to the house at 9 o'clock. Having had a snack, I went back and made a very quick transfer to **Livadia** in an hour and 58 minutes.

The weather became warm and calm. We had breakfast as a family. We played tennis and drank tea in the garden. Took Sabler. Dined downstairs with everyone.

*September 22nd. Sunday.*

At 9 1/2 I went with Marie and gr. Fredericks (om) in Alupka for the consecration of the Church of the Climate Station for students of church schools. Perfectly arranged large house for 80 or even 100 tenants.

I returned to Livadia by one o'clock. After breakfast, Alix with all the children went to Yalta to open her bazaar. Made a nice walk around Orianda and along the seaside. At 4 1/2 I went to the Standart, where Alix had already arrived to rest. After tea he received Sabler with an additional report. We dined on the yacht, the children went to the market, and we returned to Livadia.

*September 23rd. Monday.*

A wonderful hot day. I took a decent walk and sweated terribly. After breakfast, the daughters went to the bazaar. Alix is in the chaise, and I walked up to the farm where they drank milk. Drank tea and dined apparently on the balcony. We saw Gregory in the evening.



*September 24th. Tuesday.*

The same wonderful day. Made a nice walk. At 11 1/2 he received Krivoshein.

After breakfast, the daughters drove to the last hour of the bazaar. I played tennis with Rodionov; then they all came and played together.

We drank tea and finished it in the dark. I read the papers. We dined a little earlier than 8 o'clock and went to a charity concert - in the same place where the bazaar was. We returned home at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*September 25th. Wednesday.*

The weather was excellent, but without sun and with fog on the mountains. During the walk I bathed at 16 °. Received Sukhomlinov before breakfast. We played tennis well. We drank tea in the garden. Received Shcheglovitov. We had dinner early and by 9 o'clock I went with my daughters to Vyalshin's circus. The performance turned out to be interesting. We returned home at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*September 26th. Thursday.*

Wonderful sunny day. I took a long walk and swam in the sea while Almaz was passing. I received Nilov before breakfast.

Played tennis well during the day. I read the papers, few of them came. Ksenia and Sandro, who arrived in Aytodor yesterday, dined with Irina and me. We went to bed early.

*September 27th. Friday.*

In the morning I rode a two-man to the big rocks in Orianda and back in calm weather. Redeemed excellently.

We played tennis during the day. The weather was wonderful and warm. After tea in the kindergarten I was busy with papers and military reports. We dined on the balcony.

With Olga, Tatiana and Anya, I made a car trip to Massandra in the bright moon. Came back at 10 1/4.

*September 28th. Saturday.*

In the morning I took a good walk and swam in the sea at 15 1/2 °. Before breakfast I took the gene. Rennenkampf. Besides him, 4 officers of the Erivan regiment had breakfast. Rain is coming. We sat at home and pasted photographs into albums. At 4 1/4 I went with my daughters to Aytodor to Ksenia and Sandro. After tea, they showed the new house built for the children. At 6 o'clock. received Taneyev. I was at the all-night vigil and dined with everyone.

*September 29th. Sunday.*

A gusty N-th wind blew all night. A red partridge, a cat, entered our bedroom. in the morning I found it under the bed and let it out the window myself. The day was very cold and mostly gray. I went for a walk until mass. After breakfast we played tennis. They drank tea at home. From 6 o'clock to 8 he received Maklakov. Dined: Mitya and Tatyana Konstantinovna. They sat until 10 1/4.

*September 30th. Monday.*

Same cold day with NO.

I went with Olga and Tatiana to Yalta to an agricultural exhibition.

We returned half way on foot. I received Maklakov from 11 1/2 to breakfast. We played tennis in the afternoon. After tea he received Maklakov again. He began to read the papers. I also read in the evening.

*1st October. Tuesday.*

In the morning I was by the sea; the surf was great. Oleg came to mass, had breakfast with us; he returns to the regiment in Ts. S. In the afternoon

played tennis, hands were chilly. Up to 5 hours. fled to the seashore and admired the large waves. We drank tea at home with the officers. I read it before and after lunch.

*2nd October. Wednesday.*

The day was cold, but quiet and clear. I was with Alexey on the seashore. At 12 o'clock. received at the large entrance of the graduating officers - pilots of the Sevastopol Aviation School. He starred with them as a group. We played tennis in the afternoon. We drank tea at our place. I studied before and after lunch.

*3rd October. Thursday.*

At 9 o'clock. morning went to the motor to the **Red Stone** and further. They went with me: Dedyulin, Komarov, Kvitsinsky (dezh.), Drenteln, Zlebov and Butakov. I went with them on foot along the path along Yaila and along a beautiful and steep descent straight to the Kozmodemyansky monastery. The crossing lasted three hours. We had a snack in the hunting lodge and at 2 1/2 o'clock we set out back, but this time along a new road. After walking about seven miles, we climbed the pass near Malaya Chuchela, where the motors were waiting. From there we arrived in Livadia in an hour with 1/4 of the time. It was frosty upstairs. I found Alix and the children at tea with the officers after tennis. I read the papers. I was very pleased with the perfect walk.

Yesterday in St. Petersburg my old faithful friend, Radtsikh, who had served with me personally since May 5, 1877, died!

*4th October. Centenary of the Battle of Leipzig.*

Cold sunny day. Walked in the morning. At 11 1/2 o'clock the whole family went to the Cossack barracks on the occasion of the Convoy holiday. After the prayer service and the parade, we had breakfast with the cat. the cash officers of the L.-GV were summoned. Cossack E.V. regiment. During the game of tennis, the entire Black Sea squadron came and anchored from the pier to the middle of Livadia.

After tea he received Grigorovich. Graduated from paper at 10 1/2 h.

*October 5th. Saturday.*

The weather has become a little warmer. Alexei received presents in our bedroom in the morning. I took a walk. At 11 o'clock. on the site in front of the house there was a church parade to all units of the Yalta garrison, and then the production of ship midshipmen into midshipmen. About 160 people had breakfast. in the dining room. Filmed with Alexei in a group with young warrant officers. At 2 o'clock the conversations ended, changed and went to tennis. After tea, Gregory, a cat, was received at home. stayed up to 7 3/4. The squadron lit up a beautiful illumination, which, with the full moon and calm sea, was a wonderful sight. In the evening I went with my daughters to Yalta to the pier to see this picture closer.

8 1/2 hours the squadron weighed anchor and went to Sevastopol.

*6th October. Sunday.*

Warm weather has returned again. He walked until mass, having finished with all the telegrams. Had breakfast with Sunday guests. We played tennis in the afternoon. They drank tea at home. I read and wrote until 8 o'clock. The night was quiet and moonlit. Posted by Mom.

*7th October. Monday.*

In the morning the weather was wonderful. Made a nice walk around Orianda. At 11 1/2 he received Grigorovich. After breakfast the fog began to descend from the mountains.

Played great tennis. 6 hours to 8 hours read new papers. Suddenly a wind blew from the sea.

*October 8th. Tuesday.*

Wanted to go to the mountains for a long hike in the morning, but canceled it due to fog in the upper layers and fresh NO.

But I walked perfectly to Orianda Witt. The sun was very hot. We played tennis in the afternoon. Ksenia, Sandro and Irina drank tea with us. I read and finished all the papers. In the evening I read aloud Apukhtin.

*October 9th. Wednesday.*

Today it is 25 years since I was appointed chief of the Shirvan regiment. Therefore, at 11 1/2, a prayer service was served in front of the barracks of my company. Enlisted Alexei in the regiment's lists. After the passage, the officers brought me an album and then we filmed as a group with a company.

The officers had breakfast and introduced themselves to Alix upstairs. We played tennis - Shaprinsky and Shvedov too. Dined with Olga and Tatiana in Aytodor. I saw there Felix Sumarokov, Irina's fiancé. We returned home at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*October 10th. Thursday.*

First he took a walk with Olga, and then continued alone. The weather was good. At 12 o'clock the officers of the Crimean regiment congratulated Alix on the anniversary of his appointment as the chief of the regiment. They had breakfast downstairs. At 2 o'clock we said goodbye to those leaving the yacht. We played tennis. Dealt with securities up to 7 3/4. After dinner I went with my daughters to the circus. The program was even more varied and interesting. We returned home at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*October 11th. Friday.*

On a wonderful morning at 8 1/2 I went with Kom [arov], Drent [elny], Kvits [in], Zleb [ov] and Butak [ov] along the road to the Red Stone. I went with them on foot along a new path from the Uch-Kosh gorge to the junction with the Uzen-Bash path and along it up to Yaila. The views were very beautiful and the air was clear and warm. We met our motors at the appointed place at 1.30. They kissed the hearty snack with gusto. At 3 o'clock we left there for Ai-Petri and were in Livadia at 4 1/4. I went to tennis, where the game was going. After tea I accepted Casso's report. In the evening I finished my papers.

*October 12th. Saturday.*

The same wonderful day. Made a nice walk around Livadia and Orianda. At about 12 o'clock he received Kochubei, who had arrived on business, and Count Vorontsov with a short report. They and the Countess had breakfast. We

played tennis in the afternoon. At 7 o'clock. went with the children to the all-night vigil and dined downstairs. In the evening I read aloud.

*October 13th. Sunday.*

It's colder today. In the morning I took a walk by the sea. After mass, a lot of people ate breakfast - the Vorontsovs, Mrs. Kochubei, general. Kosych and others. At 2 1/4, I went with Komarov and Drenteln [th] to Aidanil, from where I walked along familiar places to the "Selam" estate. I returned home at 5 o'clock. smooth. Accepted Prince. Shcherbatov on horse breeding. Was reading. We dined and spent the evening alone.

*October 14th. Monday.*

A wonderful day. I made a long walk to the border of Mitya's estate and returned downstairs. At 12 o'clock. I had a young book. Shakhovskoy, head-to water and highway communications. He and Shevich are com. Finnish drag. n. had breakfast. We played tennis. After tea I was busy with new papers. At 9 1/4, Ksenia and Irina arrived and we went to the People's House for a charity ball. Olga and Tatiana danced a lot. I left with them at 11 o'clock. home.

*October 15th. Tuesday.*

The same wonderful, almost hot day. After the walk, I had a great ride in a two-man with Alexei calm.

Came home at 12 o'clock. After breakfast I went with Komarov to Aytodor, from where I went with Ksenia and Minnie for Alupka to the children's sanatorium of Dr. Bobrov. We examined several houses and walked around all the sick children who were either on the balconies or in the garden in the sun. The sanatorium is in excellent condition and is of great benefit to patients with tuberculosis. I returned to Livadia at 5 o'clock. I read and finished everything. With Olga and Tatiana I went to Kharax for dinner and spent the evening there until 12 o'clock.

*October 16th. Wednesday.*

At 8 1/2 o'clock. In the morning I drove out to Krasny Kamen with Komar [ov], Drent [elny], Zlebov [s] and Butakov. We climbed Mount Avinda and from there straight through the gorge down and up the Gurzuf saddle to the top of Orman-Kosh, the highest point of all Yalta. The view is wonderful on all sides. The weather was perfect and calm. We went down a good path to a new road, where the motors were waiting. A cold snack was prepared for us right there under the beech trees. After walking another three miles back along the new road, we got into the motors and were at home by 4 1/4. In the upper part of the forestry we got into a thick fog. Drank tea with everyone after tennis. At 6 o'clock. received Mamantov. In the evening I pasted photographs.

*October 17th. Thursday.*

A quarter of a century has passed since the day that the Lord saved our family from dying in a train wreck!

Made a nice walk; the morning was hot. After an hour, the sun hid behind the clouds, but that didn't make it colder. We played tennis hard during the day. At 6 o'clock. accepted Fredericks. I read new papers before and after lunch.

*October 18th. Friday.*

It was a good day, but the fog was climbing from the mountains and the sea was hazy. Made a great walk along the shore from Oreanda back. After breakfast we played tennis with two officers from the yacht and two Cossacks. Finished papers. I went to the prayer house in the middle of the all-night vigil. After lunch I studied until 11 o'clock.

*19th October. Saturday.*

It's a great clear day. Returned from a walk to mass. After breakfast, I examined my portrait in the Spanish uniform of the artist Bobrov.

In the afternoon we played tennis with enthusiasm. At 7 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil.

In the evening we looked at a lot of pictures of the photographer Otsup. Today the first battleship "Empress Maria" was launched in Nikolaev.

*20th October. Sunday.*

Today is the 19th anniversary of the woeful death of the beloved Pope.

For the funeral mass came: Ksenia with children, Georgy and Minnie, Mitya and Tatiana Konst [antinovna]. They had breakfast with us and at 2 o'clock attended the funeral service in the house of Dad and Mom. In the afternoon, we took a family walk along Orianda and to the seashore in Livadia. The weather was wonderful and calm. At 7 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil. After lunch we confessed to Fr. Vasilyeva in the prayer room. We went to bed early.

*October 21st. Monday.*

We were rewarded with communion of the Holy Mysteries.

After tea, I went to the sea and rode with Alexei in a pair. The weather was remarkably warm, radiant, and quiet. Alix at the same time was wheelchair-bound on Orianda. We had breakfast alone. We played tennis. I read from tea to lunch. In the evening too.

*October 22nd. Tuesday.*

The same wonderful day. In the morning I visited Nikolasha. We went to mass and had breakfast on Sunday. I played tennis for a short time and then made a joint walk with all the players - officers and through Orianda returned home for tea. Received Sukhomlinov before lunch. All evening I read and finished all the papers.

*October 23rd. Wednesday.*

At 8 o'clock, on a wonderful warm morning, I set off along the just **finished road** past the "Red [th] stone" to the Kozmodemyansky monastery. They went with me: Dedyulin, Knyazhevich, Drenteln, Sablin and Orlov (dezh.). We arrived at the hunting lodge at 9.35, examined the antlers of my dead deer there, and continued our journey along the Alma valley. One corral was taken before breakfast, and the second after. They were there, as in 1911. But the difference is huge in terms of the organization of the raid and the amount of game, cat. took place in front of the rooms. I could kill a large deer very close, but I did not shoot. The weather was excellent. He left at 4 1/4 on the same road and returned to Livadia at 6 o'clock. I was very pleased with the day spent. After dinner I read aloud. It rained lightly in the evening.

*October 24th. Thursday.*

After the walk I went to Orianda to the barracks of my company, 16th bldg. Imp. Alexander III regiment. This year, in August, the 35th anniversary of the appointment of the Pope as the second chief of the regiment has passed. Also, today is four years that I have tested the shooter's equipment. Therefore, a prayer service was served in the building and the company passed the ceremony. march. After the toasts, he enlisted Alexei in the lists. After going around the beautiful barracks, he returned to Livadia at 12 1/2 o'clock. All the officers of the regiment had breakfast with us. The whole family set off along the horizontal path to Aytodor, where I walked with Tatyana and Mari, and Alix and the others rode on a motor from half the way. Drank tea with Xenia before

6 hours arrived home. I read the papers. After dinner I went with Olga and Tatyana to a ball with the riflemen in the same barracks. Everything was arranged nicely and beautifully. We stayed for about two hours and returned to Livadia at 11 o'clock, satisfied with the evening.

*October 25th. Friday.*

At 10 1/2 o'clock I went with Olga, Tatyana and Komarov to the forestry, where we met with Ksenia, Irina and Sumarokov, Minnie and Georgy. We went by the whole train to Kozmodemyansk along the new road. We had breakfast in the house and drove back about 2 1/2 hours. We walked a mile from the pass at Chucheli and were at home in 4 1/2 hours. The weather was fine and warm. After tea he received Sazonov.

Since yesterday evening Dedyulin fell ill with an attack of angina pectoris and at 11 1/2 o'clock. evening passed away soon after our visit \* .

\* Further in the manuscript there is a cross.

*October 26th. Saturday.*

In the morning I had to make gloomy orders about the death of the good VA Dedyulin. Went out for a walk late. The weather was amazing - very summer. After a general breakfast, we went to the memorial service at 2 o'clock. It is painful and pitiful to look at an orphaned family. Made a walk with Alix and daughters in the vineyards. At 5 o'clock. after the litiya, the body was transferred from the retinue's house to the Livadia church. After the requiem they returned home at 6 1/2 o'clock. Received Fredericks. We spent the evening together.

*October 27th. Sunday.*

Downpour fell early in the morning. It was a good day with short passing rains. A very fresh SW was blowing into the sea. I went for a walk until mass. After breakfast with everyone. About 3 hours. went along the lower road to Kurpaty - Alix in a sharabanchik, and Olga, Tatiana, Mari, Sablin, Rodionov and Voronov and I on foot. We rested there and returned home on the same road. Ksenia came to tea. From 6 1/4 to 7 1/4 I had Nikolasha with a report. After lunch we went to church for a requiem and returned at 9 1/2 o'clock.

*October 28th. Monday.*

The weather improved and the wind died down; snow fell on the tops of the mountains. Made a great walk along the seashore. Breakfast: Rukhlov, Komarov - Vars [avsky] commandant and Shuvalov. We started playing tennis again. We drank tea at home with the officers. At 6 o'clock. received Rukhlov with an hour and a half report. At 9 o'clock. went to the memorial service. Kolzakova, the second daughter of Dedyulin, arrived with her husband today.

Began reading the papers.

*October 29th. Tuesday.*

At 9 3/4 we went to church for Dedulin's funeral service; bypassed the troops on foot. At 11 o'clock. the service is over. We led the sad procession to the Convoy barracks, from where she went down to the vineyards and headed for Yalta. Having changed his clothes, he went for a walk and from a distance saw the tail of a column of troops leaving Livadia. We had breakfast as a family. About 2 hours. transport "Prut" left with the body to Sevastopol, where he arrived at about 8 o'clock. The weather was clear, cold with strong NW. We played tennis. I read all evening until 11 o'clock.

*October 30th. Wednesday.*

The day was cold, but it was hot near the shore. After the walk I finished my last papers. Sazonov had breakfast. The music started playing again during the meal. They came to tennis after 3 o'clock. I received Timashev before lunch.

*October 31st. Thursday.*

At 9 1/2 o'clock I went with Komarov, Drent [elny], Kira N [aryshkin1m) and Orlov to the caves above the highway, from where he went down through Orianda V [itt] to Kurpaty. Came back at 12 1/4.

The weather was excellent, calm and warm.

We played tennis well. After tea I read a lot of papers. We went to 8 o'clock. to the yacht for dinner in the wardroom. Then there was a funny movie upstairs in the dining room. We arrived home at 12 1/2 o'clock.

*1st November. Friday.*

It has become much warmer again. In the morning I walked until 11 1/2 o'clock. Received Sukhomlinov and General. Kholodovsky, who showed me his various improvements in our rifle. Both of them and Timashev were having breakfast. Together we received the new Exarch of Georgia, Archbishop. Alexia. We played tennis. After tea I read. At 9 o'clock. Together we went to Kharax to see Aunt Olga, the cat. arrived from the north today. We stayed for about an hour and returned home for tea.

*2nd November. Saturday.*

A wonderful day with a fresh S at sea. Made a great walk along the shore. Breakfast book. P. V. Baryatinsky with his wife. We played tennis well and for a long time. Aunt Olga arrived for tea. At 6 o'clock. I had Maklakov. Dined downstairs with everyone.

*3rd November. Sunday.*

Today Olga is 18 years old.

I went for a walk until mass. The weather was hot and calm. Alix and Alexey were having breakfast downstairs. There was a big game of tennis in the afternoon. At 6 o'clock. received Maklakov with a small report. We went with our daughters to the "Standart" at 7 1/2 o'clock. We had lunch in our dining room. On the quarterdeck there were dances and various amusements. Played dominoes. Returned home at 12 1/4.

*4th November. Monday.*

In the morning I took my favorite walk along the horizontal to Orianda V [itt] and down to Kurpaty. He returned along the coastal path and found Alix in a chaise at the bathing house. Olga and Alexey walked a little on a guard steam boat. The weather was lovely and calm. After breakfast we went to tennis early. Besides the officers, Christopher also drank tea. I read the papers. At 9 o'clock. the theater had a cinematography from the Skobelevsky committee. We returned home at about 12 noon.

*5th November. Tuesday.*

In the morning it was raining, which is very necessary due to the great dryness on the southern coast. I read the papers. At 12 o'clock he received all the leaders of the nobility and the chairmen of the district councils of the Tavrich [eskoy] province. They had breakfast and filmed with us as a group. The rain passed, and I walked for an hour and a half. Before tea, he pasted photographs into the album, which was what Alix and his daughters were doing with the officers.

At 8 1/4, we dined with Minnie and Georgy with Comrade Olga, Tatiana Konst. and Bagration. They played the usual loud game of cards. We returned home at about 11 1/2 h.

*6th November. Wednesday.*

The day was cold. Walked along the seashore. On the occasion of the Life-Hussar holiday, Nikolasha, Stana, Elena and the former hussars had breakfast with us. I played tennis. At 7 o'clock. there was a lunch downstairs for 180 people. guests. When the tables were cleared, the dancing began and continued until 12 1/2. I played dominoes with Zelenitsk [them], Drent [elniy] and Butakov. The youth seemed to be having fun.

*7th November. Thursday.*

We all slept for a long time. The weather was clear and cool. At 10 1/4 I went to Yalta with all my daughters. Examined in detail the new large steamer Rus. About. Steam. and Bargaining. **"Imp [erator] Peter the Great"**, cat. enters the Alexandria line. From there I switched to "Standart", ate the test and returned home at 11 3/4. Georgy Mikhailovich had breakfast. Received a deputation from Bakhchisarai.

We played tennis. After tea I read a lot. We went to bed early.

*November 8th. Friday.*

Walked in the morning and at 11 o'clock. went to the barracks of the 1st company of the Vilna regiment for her holiday. After the prayer service and toasts, the company went out and lined up on the site. I missed her ceremony. march.

The officers were having breakfast. We played tennis. Was reading. At 8 1/4 I had dinner at Kharax with Olga and Tatiana. We returned at 12 o'clock.

*November 9th. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock. visited the Emir of Bukhara and then walked until 12 o'clock.

Lieutenant Gelgar - the pilot presented me a model of his explosive projectile for throwing from airplanes. He was having breakfast and four officers of the L.-G. 1st art. brigades on the occasion of brigades, holiday. We played tennis well.

It was a wonderful day. After tea, he received Fredericks and Va-gener to arrange the correct hunting in the familiar state-owned dachas.

The Emir, the cat, dined. leaves tomorrow.

*November 10th. Sunday.*

A great quiet day. Got up late and therefore walked a little. At 12 1/4, he received a deputation from the 53rd Infantry. Volyn regiment, cat. brought a model of the monument erected by the regiment in memory of their killed officials. Breakfast was Sunday. I took a walk. At 3 1/2 I went with Olga and Tatiana to the prince. M.V. and the princes. M.V. Baryatinsky. The dancing began now. The princess herself disposed of everything and distributed flowers and various Tatar things to the dancers. Everyone was having a lot of fun. I played my game of dominoes. I left with my daughters at 7 1/4. After lunch, Mom wrote.

*November 11th. Monday.*



I went along the horizontal path to Kurpaty, from where I returned along the seashore at 12 1/4. In the afternoon the weather became fresher, as the NW blew out. Today gr. Sumarokov is a young student - the best player in Russia. There is a lot to learn from him. He also drank tea with the officers. I began to read new papers. At 8 1/4, we had dinner at Kharax and the evening was spent as before.

*November 12th. Tuesday.*

At 8 o'clock. "Shtandart" left Yalta on a seven-hour test voyage to the New World. The day was cold and clear. Walked until 12 o'clock. by the sea, where it was warm. In the afternoon we played tennis with Shvedov and Zborovsky. We saw the return of the yacht. All evening before and after lunch I was busy with papers.

*November 13th. Wednesday.*

A very cold day. Made an almost 2 hour walk around Orianda. Princess Radziwill (Bichette) had breakfast with her daughter. They played tennis, hands were chilly. After tea I wrote to Olga. In the evening I read aloud to my daughters.

*November 14th. Thursday.*

Birthday dear Mom and our 19th wedding anniversary. We were at mass and had breakfast with our people downstairs.

The weather was calm and cold; there is snow on the mountains. We took a good walk to Orianda-B [itt] and down the road back. After tea at 5 1/2 we went to the theater, where we saw excellent cinema - Odeon. In the evening I read the papers.

*November 15th. Friday.*

It rained at night, cat. stopped by 9 o'clock. Didn't take a walk for long because of the papers. At 2 1/2 he received the Mongolian embassy with Alexei; it brought me the order of Genghis Khan and us gifts.

We made a good walk, Alix in a chaise, to the farm, past "mon jardin" \* and home through the Livadia settlement - in an hour and a half. We drank tea with the officers as usual.

Finished all papers. We went to Kharax for lunch and returned at 11 1/2 o'clock.

\* My garden (French)

*November 16th. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock. went with Olga and Tatiana to Yalta and visited the can. boat "**Uralets**", cat. returned from the Mediterranean Sea, where she sailed for two and a half years. It started to rain. He returned to Livadia at 11 1/4. Was reading.

We had breakfast. Novitsky and the commander, cap. II p. Berch. The rain continued to fall all day, and we stayed at home. They called the officers from the yacht; daughters glued photos, and I played dice well. We drank tea with them. At 7 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil. Dined downstairs with everyone.

*November 17th. Sunday.*

The weather was excellent. Walked a little. Comrades Olga, Minnie and Christopher arrived at mass. They were having breakfast. We made a joint walk with Sablin and Voronov to Kurpaty and back. We drank early tea. At 7

o'clock. dined downstairs and then the ball began. Played dominoes. At 12 1/2 the dancing ended and we went upstairs.

*November 18th. Monday.*

Excellent warm weather; took a good walk and sat with Alexey on the seashore. Breakfast: adm. Pokrovsky, book. Trubetskoy, the commanders and officers of our four destroyers on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Sinop battle.

We went to tennis early and played great with the officers and the young Sumarokov. After tea I began to deal with papers. In the evening I read aloud.

*19th November. Tuesday.*

At 8 1/2 o'clock. In the morning I went with Komarov, Drent [elny], Kira, Zleb [ovm] and Butakov [ym] to Suuk-su, where at 9 1/2 he got out of the engine and went to **Kuchuk-Lambat**. The weather was excellent, but with the wind from the SW, we were lucky. Having climbed a little to Ayudag, they rounded it from the land side and then went down to the coast, walking along which they passed through the estates - Partenit, Chukurlar and Khorosan. In the latter I went to the Raevskys, their mother was lying with a broken leg the other day. After seeing their church, he came with his companions to Kuchuk-Lambat at 40 pm and had a cheerful breakfast in the old house.

The view of the bay is so beautiful. I left there at 3.20 and at 4.30 was at home. The officers who took the walk with Alix and the children drank tea. At 6 o'clock he received Voeikov. I studied all evening.

*20th November. Wednesday.*

The weather was lovely.

Got up late and did a nice walk. Dzhunkovsky had breakfast. We played tennis with Sumarokov. He drank tea with the officers at our place. From 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock he took Kokovtsov. In the evening I read his report on a trip abroad.

*November 21st. Thursday.*

Also a great day with a breeze from the SW. At 11 o'clock. at the Livadia post there was a celebration following the example of the previous years of the temple holiday of the Border Guard. Has given his name to the Crimean brigade. After that, all the authorities had breakfast. There was a successful tennis game with Sumarokov. From 6 hours. received Kokovtsov, and from 7 o'clock Voeikov. I went to dinner in Kharax with Olga and Tatiana. We returned to Livadia at 12 o'clock.

*November 22nd. Friday.*

Wonderful day - 11 ° in the shade.

Made my favorite walk to Kurpaty. On the way back, I caught up with Tatyana K [onstantinovna] and Bagration, who were walking along the lower road. After breakfast, he received all the city heads of the Tauride lips. and starred with them in a group.

We played tennis, Sumarokov too. After tea, I worked hard in the evening until 11 o'clock.

*November 23rd. Saturday.*

A wonderful warm day. Walked a little. I went with Aleksey to Massandra [ov] barracks for the celebration of the 5th company of the Lithuanian regiment; the whole battalion took part in the prayer service and parade. We had a big breakfast with Nikolasha and the officers of the celebrating units. 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 played tennis well. After tea I studied. At 7 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil and dined downstairs.

EA Naryshkina left yesterday.

*November 24th. Sunday.*

In the morning I took a walk in perfect weather. During the mass, it began to rain. After breakfast we talked in the living room. In 2 1/4 we went in motors to the lower Massandra, where they made a good

walk without a drop of rain. We saw the place where Alexei played and the stove. Suddenly we stopped on the yacht and drank tea in the wardroom. It was very cozy. He returned home with his daughters at 5 1/2 o'clock. Alix visited the city sanatorium. I read military reports. We spent the evening together.

*November 25th. Monday.*

It rained at night and lasted until noon. I didn't walk for long, but I read a lot.

Countess H.P. Kleinmichel had breakfast. About 3 hours. in front of Dumbadze's house \* was doing a rehearsal for tomorrow's parade. We played dominoes and drank tea with the officer, from the yacht. We dined in Kharax and returned home at 12 o'clock. - I'm with O [lga] and T [atyana].

\* House of Yalta mayor Dumbadze I.A.

*November 26th. Tuesday.*

The morning was gray, but quiet and warm. At 11 o'clock. a parade began on the ground in front of the house. There was a platoon from each unit, and the Georgievsk cavaliers - officers and lower ranks - stood in two separate groups.

The rest was the same, lunch in the retired tent and breakfast in our cafeteria for 80 people.

At 2 1/2, he went for a walk with his daughters and officers in Livadia and Orianda, where they climbed Mount Krestovaya. We returned home for tea. From 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock I had Sukhomlinov with a report. After dinner I read the papers. By nightfall, it became sharply colder.

*November 27th. Wednesday.*

The morning was fine and sunny. Made a nice walk. After breakfast, Alix went to church for the christening of the daughter of an officer of the Crimean regiment, Yuritsyn. We played tennis. During the game, the ball hit me in the right calf so hard that I limped. In the evening they put a bandage on me. At 6 o'clock. accepted Sabler. After lunch I studied.

*November 28th. Thursday.*

I slept well and my leg did not hurt. But it was difficult to unbend. I read all morning. Had breakfast downstairs. At 2 1/2 I went with Alix to Uchans in a carriage. The weather was calm and warm. Returning home, they played dice with Anya and N.P. Sablin. After tea he received Grigorovich with the vice-adm. Muravyov on the issue of shipbuilding.

Everyone from Kharax and Kichkine arrived for dinner. We wrote questions and answers.

*November 29th. Friday.*

It rained all [day]; I personally did not regret it, because because of my leg I could not walk anyway. I read a lot. In the morning he received Grigorovich. Played dominoes in the afternoon. We drank tea with the officers. Dined at 7 3/4; took all the daughters to the city theater for a charity performance staged by the prince. M.V.Baryatinskaya. Marina took an active part in the production of live pictures. We returned at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*November 30th. Saturday.*

With my leg on the mend. The damp weather continued.

Sat with Alexei, the cat. the leg also hurts. We had breakfast alone. At 1 1/2, Aunt Olga arrived to say goodbye to Alix. He took her with Olga and Tatyana to the pier to the "Almaz". Having said goodbye to her, I went to the yacht, from where I looked from the bridge at the exit of "Almaz". I drank the commander's coffee, went down to the wardroom and visited the leith. The capital, lying in bed with a sore leg. At 3 1/4 he returned to Livadia. We played dominoes like yesterday. After tea I studied until 8 o'clock. Dined downstairs with everyone. In the evening I read aloud.

*1st December. Sunday.*

It rained all day intermittently. My leg is getting better, I walked without a stick. I was at mass in the prayer room and had breakfast with everyone. During the day I read and played dice. After tea I still read. By 8 o'clock. came to "Standart" with his daughters. We dined in the wardroom and saw the cinema upstairs. Returned at 12 1/2.

*2nd December. Monday.*

In heavy rain I went with Olga and Tatiana to Aidanil to consecrate a sanatorium for sick children. It was built on the very border of the estate with Gurzuf. We returned home at 11.40. After breakfast I walked in the garden for 1/4 hour; then he played dominoes. It rained intermittently. After general tea, I received Taneyev until 7.45. I went with O (lga) and T (atyana) to Kharax for dinner. Returned at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*3rd December. Tuesday.*

The day was not cold, but rainy. Didn't come out at all, and read a lot.

At 10 o'clock. received Taneyev.

In the afternoon I played dice from 4 to 5 1/4. Then he was busy with papers.

*4th December. Wednesday.*

Finally the weather improved and the sun appeared. I made my first walk along a horizontal path, which I was deprived of for a whole week. After breakfast I took a walk with my daughters and officers in the vineyards. He played dice with Alix, Anya and Sablinsh. After tea I had Krivoshey. In the evening the Governor-General read the report of Irkutsk.

*December 5th. Thursday.*

It was a rainy day again. Made a nice walk around Orianda. Received Prince L. S. Golitsyn, cat. had breakfast. I watched from the balcony at the rehearsal in front of the house. About 4 hours. Dmitry Pavl [ovich] arrived and

settled with us. I played with him, Sablin [s] and Nevyarovsk [im] in dominoes. Was reading. Received gifts from Alix and children. We dined as a family and spent the evening together.

*December 6th. Friday.*

The same rainy day. Only during the parade did the sky clear up a little. After mass there was a big breakfast for 190 people. The birthday came out unhappy, because Alix felt bad and lay in bed until tea.

I read and wrote answers to telegrams. At 4 o'clock we passed Livadia, going to Sevast (opol), cruise. "Cahul" and three battleships that arrived in Yalta yesterday.

At 7 1/2 we had dinner on the yacht in the wardroom. Then the daughters danced and played lower. salon, and I was engaged in dominoes in Alexey's cabin. In the evening, a very fresh N blew out at once from the mountains and it became clear. We returned home at 12 1/2 o'clock.

*December 7th. Saturday.*

It started snowing in the morning and continued the whole day. I went on foot to Kichkin. Mitya took me around the garden and around the house. I returned home at 12 o'clock. After breakfast I answered the telegrams. I walked with Dmitry and climbed with him to Krestovaya Hill, where it was very slippery because of the snow. We drank tea with the officers. Received Maklakov from 5 1/2 to 7 3/4. He and the Spanish ambassador Venyaza and his wife dined with us. In the evening I did not read for long and then the three of us sat with Dmitry.

*December 8th. Sunday.*

The day was clear, but frosty, with a very impetuous N. In the morning I took a short walk. I went to mass and had breakfast downstairs. Received Maklakov for a few minutes. Then we played dominoes until tea. Was reading. At 8 o'clock. I went with O [lga], T [atyana] and Dm [ytriy] to Kharax. We dined and played the usual game of questions and answers. We returned at 12 o'clock. By the night it got warmer - the frost was asleep.

*December 9th. Monday.*

The weather was bad - it was raining and a hurricane was blowing from the mountains. Passing steamers were twisted mercilessly. I studied until 12 o'clock. Took Turhana Pasha, cat. leaves his post. He was having breakfast. Walked for half an hour in the rain. We played dominoes. After tea I read until lunchtime. In the evening too.

*December 10th. Tuesday.*

At night, the wind blew directly violently - the corner of the roof of the small church was bent up and one of the old cypresses opposite the south window was cut off near the ground like a knife! The weather became warmer and there was no rain. Walked with Dmitry before breakfast. In the afternoon did a good walk with him and the daughters on Mount Cross in Oreanda. After tea I read intensely. After dinner I went with O [lga], T [atyana] and D [mitri] to the people's house - "Life for the Tsar" was going on with amateurs, very well. We returned home at 11.45.

*December 11th. Wednesday.*

Real Crimean weather - 11 ° in the shade. Walked with Dmitry to Kurpat on the horizontal, and back near the sea. It was hot to walk. At 12 1/4 I went with him and all the daughters to Kichkine for breakfast, there was all of Charax. Came back at 2 1/2. We took a walk, Alix was in a chaise with the officers. We played dominoes before tea. I did. By lunchtime we went to Kharax and after the usual game returned to Livadia at 12 noon.

*December 12th. Thursday.*

It rained almost all day today, but it was warm. In the morning I studied at home. After breakfast, many pestered me with obnoxious little questions that annoy and spoil my blood! Walked well between showers. I pasted photographs into an album. I read new papers. We dined and spent the evening alone.

*December 13th. Friday.*

Walked with Dmitry. The weather was calm and warm. During breakfast, she changed, it started raining and it became cold. Was reading. From 4 o'clock. before tea we played dominoes. I studied until lunchtime. At 9 o'clock. went to the Livadia Theater, where at first pictures were shown with colored glass, and then an interesting cinema. We returned home at 12.

*December 14th. Saturday.*

A wonderful day. Made a great walk with Dmitry to Kur-paty and back along the upper horizon (ali). I had breakfast at the dep (uation) of the 8th goose. Lubensky regiment. Sadly I began to pack for Tsarskoe Selo. We all walked together through the Livadia Slob (ode) and home past the farm. At 6 o'clock. accepted Fredericks and Kachalov. We were all at the all-night vigil. Dined: Kichkene and Kharax with Christopher. We wrote questions and answers until 11 1/2 hours.

*December 15th. Sunday.*

Great sunny day, but with a fresh SW at sea like all these days. I went for a walk until mass. We had breakfast with music. We did a good walk together in Orianda-Witt on foot, Alix - in a chaise. After tea, he put papers and things, and also read the report of the General-Assistant. Skalon. We dined and spent the evening alone; Dmitry went to Kharax.

*December 16th. Monday.*

Great warm day. In the morning all our escorts came to Yalta. He walked all over Livadia and sat with Alexei by the sea. At 12 o'clock. went to the prayer service. After breakfast, he said goodbye to all the local units. At 4 o'clock we arrived at the "**Standart**". I went with Dmitry to gost. "Russia", where the Spaniard visited. ambassador gr. Venyaz, who fell ill on the day of lunch with us. I played dice in the evening.

*December 17th. Tuesday.*

At exactly 5 o'clock. mornings moved away from the pier and quickly began to move away from Yalta. I woke up and looked at the semi-porter. I got up at 7 1/2 when we were rounding the Kherson lighthouse. The morning was wonderful, a fresh SO was blowing along the way. At 8.35 we approached our pier in **Sevastopol**. Received all the higher authorities, had a snack and at 10 o'clock. went north. side and in the engine to Kacha in the location of the officer's aviation. schools. There was a consecration of her new premises, cat. I then walked around with Sandro. Everything is well equipped. After a big breakfast I went back and arrived on the yacht at 4 o'clock to receive several deputations with offerings for Alexei. The weather was strikingly warm until late at night - 12 °. After praying the crews in the living deck, said goodbye to the yacht and the authorities and **drove** north. I went to bed early.

*December 18th. Wednesday.*

It was warm and the snow was falling from the fields. Was reading. About 9 o'clock. evenings in Orel in the hall at the station received all the nobility who had gathered for the next meeting. Then he played dominoes.

*19th December. Thursday.*

Between 5 and 6 a.m. in the morning we drove through Moscow. It was 18 ° frost in the morning; it got warmer as we got closer to Peter. I read it for my own pleasure.

At 6 1/2 we arrived at **Tsarskoe Selo**. In the new rooms of Alexei, a prayer service was held upstairs and the premises were sprinkled. He began to put everything in order. By lunchtime, Mom, Ksenia, Olga and Irina arrived. I played billiards with Dmitry. Mom went with them to the city at 10 o'clock. We all have a longing for Crimea.

*December 20th. Friday.*

I had to read a lot. From 11 1/4 to an hour he took Kokovtsov. Grabbe had breakfast (dezh.). We went together to the Sign, from there went for a walk with the children. It was warm but windy. I read before and after tea. At 7 1/2 I went to St. Petersburg and dined with Mom. He returned to Ts. S. at 10.45.

*December 27th. Saturday.*

Was busy with the reception and reports from 10 o'clock to 1 1/4. Breakfast: Olga, Boris, Frederiks and Dmitry Sher [emetev] (dezh.). The four of us walked. Before tea he took: Kryzhanovsky and Kasso. At 6 1/2 we went to the regimental cathedral for the all-night vigil. After dinner, they chose gifts for the officers' tree. I read a lot, but I could not finish all the papers on my desk.

*December 22nd. Sunday.*

Sunny frosty day. At 11 o'clock. there was a church parade to the Caspian regiment in the arena. He introduced himself superbly. All the children were with me and my daughters had breakfast in the Grand Palace. Walked with Marie. The frost reached 15 °. Before tea, Rodzianko took, and after 6 o'clock. Sabler.

I read it in the evening. Examined new porcelain.

*December 23rd. Monday.*

In the morning he received Voeikov, announced his appointment as the Palace Commandant. After the report Grigorovich received the Austrian ambassador gr. Turn (a) of both Serbian and Romanian envoys. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked for less than half an hour. At 4 o'clock Sazonov, at 6 o'clock Taneyev, papers all evening.

*December 24th. Christmas Eve.*

In the morning I took until 11 1/2 and went to the regimental cathedral. Alix and the children were there. After breakfast I took another one and went out for a walk for 20 minutes. At 4 1/2 there was a Christmas tree for the children in a large playroom. After tea, I went with my daughters to the city, to Anichkov. We were at the all-night vigil with Xenia and all the children. There was a family tree in the blue living room and then a noisy dinner in Dad's office. Came back at 10 1/2. Then Alix had our tree together.

*December 25th. Nativity.*

Got up late. Voeikov introduced himself on the occasion of the appointment of the Palace. Com. About 11 a.m. I went with my daughters to mass and prayer. At 2 o'clock in the arena there was a tree for the Convoy and the Consolidated Regiment; it was attended by Alix, which has not been for a long time. Olga came from the city on purpose. Walked; the weather is frosty 10 °, but quiet. I read a lot. Redeemed with Alexey.

*December 26th. Thursday.*

I took it all morning. Beloselsky had breakfast. At 2 1/4 I went with Olga A [leksandrovna] and Alexei to the second Konvoy tree.

We looked at the Lezginka of the Cossacks. I took a walk. The frost was great. At 6 o'clock. received Shcheglovitov. I dined in the Round Hall with the outgoing Austrian ambassador.

*December 27th. Friday.*

Walked until 11 o'clock. Received Kokovtsov and Rukhlov. Kostya had breakfast. Received new envoys: Radko Dmitriev, Siamese and Chinese. Walked in a severe blizzard. T. Mikhen and Kirill drank tea. Received Timashev. Was reading. Dmitry had dinner and played billiards with me.

*December 28th. Saturday.*

Received Sukhomlinov with the chief quartermaster general. Shuvaev. At 12 1/2 o'clock the metropolitan with the brethren glorified Christ. Walked with O [lga] A [lexander] and daughters; it was clear and 16 ° frost. At 4 1/2 we went together to the officers' tree in the Round Hall. Then to the all-night vigil in the regiment. church. After dinner Olga left to read aloud the biography of Anmam, written by D.S.Arseniev.

*December 29th. Sunday.*

Clear day - 20 ° frost. At 10 1/2 we were at mass and had breakfast with everyone as before. Disassembled Alexei's old uniforms to send them to the parts that brought them. The daughters were in Olga's town during the day. I walked around the whole park. At 4 o'clock he received Akimov and Kasso. After tea - Bulygin. In the evening I read aloud.

*December 30th. Monday.*

In the morning I read before the lectures. After Grigorovich adopted the report on September. Nikolsky on Caucasian affairs. Krivoshey is sick for the third week! Mavra had breakfast. Walked well at 15 ° frost. At 4 o'clock he received Markovich at the Humanitarian Society, and after tea, Taneyev. I studied for a long time in the evening.

*December 31st. Tuesday.*

All morning from 10 am to 1 pm I was taking reports. John had breakfast. At 3 o'clock I went with Olga and Tatiana to the military hospital and to the infirmary of the Hussar regiment for a Christmas tree. I didn't have to walk at all. I read all evening and answered telegrams. At 11 1/2 p.m. went to the regimental church for the New Year's prayer service. God bless Russia and all of us with peace, silence and piety! \*

\* Further in the manuscript there is a cross.

## 1914

### Started in Tsarskoe Selo

*1st January. Wednesday.*

In the morning they started to bustle me and therefore did not have time to read anything. We went to mass and had breakfast alone. I took a walk with pleasure; the weather was mild - 8 ° frost without wind. At 3 1/2, the reception of congratulations began in the Grand Palace - ministers, first officials of the court, retinue and then



diplomats. Returned home at 5 1/4 for tea. I read and responded to telegrams. In the evening I continued reading the biography of Anmam [written by] Arsenyev.

*2nd January. Thursday.*

Took from 10 o'clock. mornings to 1 1/4 reports, individuals and deputations. Kirill (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked around the park with Olga and Tatiana. The weather was pleasant. At 4 1/4 I went to the city to see my dear Mom for tea. I returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 7 o'clock. In the evening we had the joy of seeing Gregory. It was so quiet and peaceful.

*3rd January. Friday.*

Was busy from 10 o'clock to one o'clock. We had breakfast alone. Walked with O [lga], M [aria] and A [nastasia]. The weather was calm - 10 ° frost. Was engaged in disassembling letters for 1911, 1912 and the previous years. By the evening I just put everything in order. I read it after tea.

*4th January. Saturday.*

Got up early and finished all the papers on time. Walked up to the reports. Accepted only Sukhomlinov and Fredericks. He, Olga A (leksandrovna) and Eristov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Did a nice walk together. The frost increased again and reached 18 ° in the evening. We went to the regimental cathedral for the all-night vigil. Eristov dined. At 9 1/2 for the evening to Anya. There were: Zlebov, Butakov, Capital, Shvedov and Zborovsky. Sladkopevtsev told very funny things. After tea and snacks returned at one o'clock.

*January 5th. Sunday.*

Frost from 20 ° reached zero in the evening.

We went to the service at the camp church. They brought holy water to me: A.S. Taneev, Alix - Dimka Golitsyn. Both had breakfast with us. Walked with the children. At 6 o'clock. I had Maklakov until lunchtime. I studied in the evening and then read Alix aloud.

*January 6th. Monday.*

At 10 1/4 I drove to the city on a clear morning; there was a thick fog all day. At 11 o'clock. went to church and after mass on Jordan. Taking the banner and standards, he returned to Malachitovaya and sat down to have breakfast with nine members of the family. Received Grigorovich. I visited Aunt Michen and went to Mom. I found Alix and Alexei at her place. We arrived in Tsarskoe Selo at 6 1/2 o'clock. Kedrov (dezh.) Had dinner. I read the papers.

*January 7th. Tuesday.*

I walked for about 10 minutes. I received a new Serbian envoy, an Anglican bishop for the states of Europe and Asia, Sukhomlinov and Sazonov. Breakfast: Ella, D. Pavel and Georgy Mikhailovich. I went skiing with my daughters down the hill near the white tower. The weather was mild and calm. At 6 o'clock. received Fredericks and then Shcheglovitov. Dined: Ella and Boris (dezh.). I read all evening.

*January 8th. Wednesday.*

Graduated from paper, accepted adm. Eberhard and at 10.20 went to St. Petersburg. Upon arrival at the Winter Dv. learned about the birth of the son of Vsevolod in Ioanchik and Elena. Received 280 people. representatives of the zemstvo on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its introduction. Graduated from reception at 12 1/2. I had breakfast at Mom's with Ksenia, Olga, Sandro, Irina and Petya. Returned to Tsarskoe at 3 1/4. I went skiing with the children. After tea I studied calmly.

*January 9th. Thursday.*

Didn't take a long walk. After the report, Mamantov received the Japanese ambassador Motono. Sandro Leuchtenb [ergskiy] (dezh.) Had breakfast. I went skiing. D. Pavel and Maria Pavlovna arrived for tea. Was reading. At 7 1/2 I went to the city directly to the Hermitage. There was Kostya's drama The **King of the Jews**. She makes an amazing impression. The production is rare in beauty. This evening was considered Izmailovsky Leisure [\[1\]](#). I returned to Tsarskoe tired at 1/2 hour.

*January 10th. Friday.*

Walked for a quarter of an hour. It was warm - freezing. Breakfast: Canonica and Fabritsky (dezh.). Walked with Alix and finished the walk with Olga. Received Markov before tea, and after Zeyn - the governor-general. We had dinner a little earlier. 8. Went to St. Petersburg for a zemsky banquet in the assembly of the nobility. First, they brought me bread and salt, then I walked around all the Zemstvo people standing in the provinces, drank tea in the small hall and returned to the large hall to drink to their health and say goodbye. I arrived in Tsarskoe Selo at one o'clock.

*January 11th. Saturday.*

I slept well. Walked a little. Before the reports, he received the Romanian, Serbian and Bulgarian military missions that arrived for the consecration of the monument to the village of Nizi.

Drino Battenberg and Olga A [leksandrovna] had breakfast. Walked; the weather was close to thaw.

At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. After dinner I read the whole evening.

*January 12th. Sunday.*

I went to the city. At 11 o'clock. the ceremony of consecration of the monument to the village of Nizi began in the middle of the park near the Mikhailovsky Manege. There were 63 platoons in the ranks. The weather was warm. I liked the monument very much. Exactly at 12 o'clock. arrived in Anichkov. I had breakfast at Mom's and sat with her until 2 o'clock. I went to the Academy of Arts and saw a good posthumous exhibition of Serov's paintings. Returned to 3 o'clock. to Anichkov. Alix arrived with her daughters. We all went to the Marble Dvor. for the **christening of the** son of Ioanchik and Elena - Vsevolod. Everything was done with great solemnity. After the family tea, we said goodbye and left for Tsarskoe Selo. Upon arrival, we received a depot with Tatiana. from her Ascensionists, who presented her with a small icon. I read it until lunchtime.

*January 13th. Monday.*

Walked well in the morning; the weather was sad, it was raining. After the report, Grigorovich received him before breakfast. About 3 hours. In the Great Palace, Alexei was presented with zemstvos — a village made by artisans on a long table. After that he took a walk with Olga and Marie; the rest have a runny nose. He was finally free, that is, he could study calmly.

*January 14th. Tuesday.*

At night there was a strong storm, many trees in the park fell down and the water in St. Petersburg rose very much. Walked for a quarter of an hour after receiving John, Benckendorf and Pokotilo, the chieftain of the Don army. On the occasion of Wilhelm's birthday, there was a breakfast with the German embassy. Took with Alix six officers of her Alexandria regiment. I walked with O [lga] and M [aria] and sledged with Alexei in the park. T. Mikhen and his niece Maunette were drinking tea. Received Maklakov. I read it in the evening.

*January 15th. Wednesday.*

At 9 1/2 I went with O [lga], T [atyana] and M [aria] and E [lloy] to the city to consecrate the temple of Theodorovskaya Mother of God in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of our House. The service began at 10 o'clock. - ended in an hour from 1/4. The temple makes an excellent impression - it is tall, bright and beautiful. We had breakfast at Mom's. We returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 3 1/2 o'clock. Walked. Swam with Alexei in my bath.

*January 16th. Thursday.*

Was busy from 10 o'clock to an hour and a quarter. Received by Delcassé. Breakfast: Ksenia, Sandro, Irina, Felix and Bagration (dezh.). Walked with Marie; thaw came again. After tea he received Mamantov. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined: Ella and Bagration. We were engaged in different puzzle puzzles from wooden pieces.

*January 17th. Friday.*

I went to St. Petersburg to consecrate a house recently bought for the Senate next to the old building. After the prayer service, he examined the interior and left for the Winter Dvor, where he visited the Crown [Prince] of Serbia - Alexander. Brought him to Tsarskoe. He, Ella and Kostya (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received several people and went for a walk with Marie. Beginning to freeze. At 4 1/2 I had Markov, and at 6 o'clock. Kokovtsov. At 7 1/2 gave Delcassa a farewell dinner. Then he talked with the general assistant. A rock. I read until 11 o'clock.

*January 18th. Saturday.*

In the morning he received Knyazhevich and Voeikov, and between Rennenkampf's reports. Breakfast: Olga, Ella, Dmitry (dezh.), Fredericks and Canon.

Walked together with Olga. It was warm. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil; served as pr [priest] Shavelsky, sang the excellent choir of the 1st railway regiment. At 10 1/4, Ella was taken to the station. I read it in the evening.

*January 19th. Sunday.*

It melted strongly. At 10 1/2 I went with my daughters to the regimental church for mass. I had breakfast with everyone. After short conversations, our orchestra played a few pieces under the baton of an 8-year-old Italian boy, Ferrero. He conducts without music and with great knowledge and fire. I saw the Canon about the project of the monument to Anpap. Made a nice walk. I studied calmly until lunchtime. There was one John (dezh.), Because the daughters went to the city to Olga.

*January 20th. Monday.*

In the morning Nikolasha arrived with a report. I still managed to walk until 11 o'clock. After Grigorovich, I finally had Krivoshey, a cat. I have not seen for a long time due to his serious illness. At 2 1/2 he received the Serbian chairman. of the Pasic Council of Ministers. Walked around the park of the Grand Palace with Olga and Tatiana. At 6 o'clock. received Timashev. Was reading. In the evening we sat and drank tea with Gregory.

*January 21st. Tuesday.*

Walked in the morning. Between the reports he received Venizelos, the Greek chairman. Council min. Dmitry Sherem [etev] (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked with O [lga], T [atyana] and A [nastasia]. It was melting and it was wet. At 4 o'clock he received Kokovtsov and Akimov. After Goremykin's tea. At 8 o'clock I went to the Hussar regiment for lunch. It was fun and lively, stayed until 2 o'clock.

*January 22nd. Wednesday.*

I slept well and, after reading the papers, went to St. Petersburg. In Winter from 11 o'clock. took 44 people up to an hour. I went to the chapters. guard; it was occupied by the midshipmen. I went to Ksenia and Sandro's, had breakfast

with them and the children. By 3 o'clock I returned to Ts. S. Went for a walk from the station. The day was clear. At 6 o'clock. received Maklakov. After lunch I did not study for long.

*January 23rd. Thursday.*

I went with Olga and Tatiana to the city to celebrate the centenary of the participation of the Life Cossacks in the Battle of Leipzig.

The parade was in the Mikhailovsky Manege in horse ranks. An excellent military choir from Novoherkassk sang at the prayer service. The Life Cossacks presented themselves in a wonderful way. A lot of old officers came together, and therefore breakfast was in the Nikolaev hall. During conversations, he brought a painting to the regiment depicting an episode from the Battle of Leipzig. Returned to Ts. S. about 3 o'clock. Walked; it was wet and gray. After tea he received Sabler and then Prince Shcherbatov for state horse breeding. I studied for a long time in the evening.

*January 24th. Friday.*

In the morning he received Rukhlov. At 12 1/2 I went with Olga and Tatyana to the city for breakfast at Mom's. Then we stopped by Xenia and from her, to the Patriotic Institute [\[2\]](#) to celebrate his 100th anniversary. About 5 hours. arrived in Anichkov; the daughters left for Tsarskoe Selo. Drank tea with Mama, etc. Marie. Received Kokovtsov. By 8 o'clock. arrived at the meeting of L.-Gv. Cossack regiment. After lunch I looked around the museum, listened to the military choir of songbooks and left very pleased at 2 o'clock.

*January 25th. Saturday.*

By 10 o'clock he was ready and received Tolya Baryat [insky]; newly appointed adjutant general Zherebkov and Orlov. I took a walk. Breakfast: Olga, Alexander of Serbia and Fredericks. Made a nice walk with Olga and all the daughters around the lake. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. After dinner I read it. In the evening, N.P. Sablin and Rodionov arrived, a cat. spent a long time with Alix.

*January 26th. Sunday.*

I slept well. At 10 1/2 I went with the children to mass. We had breakfast with music. Together we received Voeikov on the question of our regimental council. I walked alone - Olga's daughters were in the city, and Alexei was skating. Melted again. From 4 to 5 o'clock he received Bark - comrade Min. Trade. Was reading. Georgy Mikhailovich dined with us.

*January 27th. Monday.*

After reading the papers, I managed to take a walk. The thaw continues - almost all the snow has melted. Masha Vasilchikova had breakfast. Received those who introduced themselves. I walked with my daughters. Uncle Pavel was drinking tea. Received the old man Meshchersky. At 8 o'clock. went to the meeting of the 1st Rifle Regiment, where he stayed until 12 1/2 o'clock.

*January 28th. Tuesday.*

It was a very spring day. Walked for 1/4 hour. Between the reports he took gr. Yves. Yves. Tolstoy - the mayor. I walked with my daughters outside the park and walked with them past the Convoy and Consolidated Regiment barracks. At 6 o'clock he received Shcheglovitov. I read, and after lunch I wrote drafts of rescripts.

*January 29th. Wednesday.*

I arrived at 11 o'clock. in Winter and received 45 people. I had breakfast with Olga and Petit with N.P. Sablin (dezh.). He returned to Ts. S. at 3.40 and took a walk - the thaw continued. After tea he received Taneev. At 7 1/4 I went with Olga and Tatiana to the city - to the new opera **Treason by** Ippolitov-Ivanov. Pretty pretty. We returned by 12 o'clock. home.

*January 30th. Thursday.*

I slept for a long time - up to 9 1/2. After reading the papers, I took a walk, the weather continues to be spring. N.P. Sablin had breakfast. We listened to the excellent singing of the Don Military Choir in the Round Hall. Walked with Olga, Tatiana and Marie.

After tea he received Kasso, and then Akimov. Dined gr. Ignatiev (dezh.), Cat. in the morning he was sent to Oranienbaum to consecrate the church in memory of the 300th anniversary. I read a lot in the evening.

*January 31st. Friday.*

Today, an important change for me took place: Kokovtsov was dismissed from his duties, Goremykin was appointed Chairman. Council of Ministers, and Bark - Managing Director. min [hysteria] m Finance.

After a short walk, Kokovtsov received his last report. He was in a very sad mood! Then he received FF Trepov. Tienchen had breakfast. I walked with my daughters around the lake. There was a slight frost. I read it before tea. From 6 to 7 1/2 saw interesting cinematic photographs of Khanzhonkov's company from service and life in the navy. Dined Leuchtenberg (dezh.). I read all evening.

*1st February. Saturday.*

In the morning he received Barca on the occasion of his appointment. I didn't have time to walk.

Breakfast: Olga and Fredericks. We made a good walk in the park of six and past the convoy barracks. Received - Girsu from Constantinople and Plansson from Siam. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. After lunch I studied and read aloud.

*2nd February. Presentation of the Lord.*

From time to time it snowed. John's choir sang during the mass. Breakfast was Sunday. The daughters went to the city to see Mom and then Olga. We saw P. A. Voronov and his bride gr. Kleinmichel. I took a walk. Good Ivan Loginovich Goremykin was sitting at my place from 4 to 5. We drank tea together. Was reading. After dinner Grigory arrived and talked together for an hour.

*3rd February. Monday.*

At 10 1/2, a church parade of the L.-G. 2nd Artillery Brigade, which presented itself brilliantly. Returned home after breakfast at 1/2 o'clock. Received Grigorovich. I walked with my daughters - it was warm, but a fresh SW was blowing. At 4 1/2 he received Bulygin, and at 6 o'clock. Maklakov. After lunch we went to see Anya V [yrubova]. Played dominoes

We had a good time. After the snack we returned home at 12 1/2 o'clock.

*4th February. Tuesday.*

The morning was busy. I was late for breakfast with Nikolai - 20 minutes. About 3 hours. received the new French ambassador Palaiologos, with the full complement of the embassy. Walked with Marie. At 5 o'clock, a requiem was

served for Comrade Marusa, who had died yesterday. At 6 o'clock he received the old Meshchersky. Zhitkevich (dezh.) Dined. Was reading.

*February 5th. Wednesday.*

He graduated from the papers and went to Petersburg. Began at 11 o'clock a large reception in the Winter House. and finished it by one o'clock - 52 people. I went to the main guard, which was occupied by the midshipmen, and went to breakfast in Anichkov. Were at the table: Comrade Marie, M-elle de l'Escailles, gr. Mengden, M-elle Passavant and Prince. Shervashidze. Returned at 3 1/2 and walked with my two youngest daughters. Ksenia, Sandro and Irina drank tea with us. I read a lot. Arseniev (dezh.) Dined.

*February 6th. Thursday.*

After accepting Mamantov's report, he went to St. Petersburg to the Church of St. Peter, where the Lutheran funeral service for Skalon took place. The outfit was: Ulansky Her Led. regiment, two battalions of the Jaeger regiment and the 4th cavalry battery. Returned to Tsarskoe in an hour from 1/2. Received Sabler and the new Austrian ambassador gr. Sapari with the embassy. Walked with Marie.

There was a little frost. D. Pavel drank tea and said goodbye to us. Received Akimov. I read it before and after lunch.

*7th February. Friday.*

In the morning he received Bark and at 11 o'clock. went to Pavlovsk to consecrate the wonderful collection of L.-Gv. Its bottom-Cossack regiment. After the prayer service, he had breakfast in a large dining room - 140 people. He returned to Tsarskoe by 2 o'clock, changed his clothes and went with Alix and Sandro to the regimental church for the wedding of P.A. Voronov and Olga Kleinmichel. After the service, we stopped by the Count. Kleinmichel congratulate the young and drink their health. Were at home at 3 1/2. I took a walk. The frost has increased. After tea he received Rukhlov. Was reading. Dined: Cyril (dezh.:) And Drino B [Attenberg]. In the evening he received Grigorovich for ten minutes.

*February 8th. Saturday.*

Was busy from 10 o'clock to one o'clock. Breakfast: Olga A (leksandrovna), Frederiks, Grunwald and Eristov (dezh.).

Received Turkish Chargé d'Affaires. Walked with Olga and all the daughters. Finally the sun appeared for several hours; it snowed most of the day in a frost of 7 °. We were at the all-night vigil, a good choir of Shavelsky sang.

After lunch I studied for a long time.

*February 9th. Sunday.*

At 10 1/2 there was mass. We had breakfast at our place with Kedrov (dezh.). At 2 o'clock Alix and I with the children went to the city in Anichkov for the wedding of Irina and Felix Yusupov. Everything went very well. There were many people. Everyone passed through the winter garden past Mom and the newlyweds and congratulated them in this way. We returned to Ts. S. at 5 1/2. I managed to finish everything and at 7 1/2 went with my daughters back to the city to the theater. There was the Legate's farewell benefit - **Esmeralda** was going well . We arrived home at 12 1/4.

*February 10th. Monday.*

I went to town at 10 1/2 and straight to the 1st Cadet Corps. The celebration was scheduled for today instead of February 17th. After a prayer service and an excellent passage, I examined the museum, walked around the infirmary and went into the dining room. The cadets began their lunch in front of me. I left at 12 1/2, very pleased, for the Winter House, where I had a short meeting of the Council of Ministers. I arrived at Tsarskoe Selo at an hour and a half. Breakfast: John (dezh.) And Zelenetsky. Received Grigorovich. We took a walk with our daughters. At 6 o'clock. I had Timashev. Was reading; I studied for a long time in the evening.

*February 11th. Tuesday.*

It was a great sunny day. Took from 10 o'clock. Georgy had breakfast, who later had a short report. I took a walk with my daughters and worked with Marie at the rink. At 6 o'clock. I had Ermolov and then Kulomzin. I read it after lunch.

*February 12th. Wednesday.*

In the morning I went to the city; received 45 people. in the Winter dv. I went to the main guard, occupied by the Vladimir school, and went to Olga. I had breakfast with her and Sasha Grabbe. About 3 hours. daughters arrived, and I returned to Ts. S. Walked and worked at the rink. It was a wonderful day. We drank tea together. At 6.20 he left for the city again to Olga and dined with a large company. I took my daughters to the theater; enjoyed a marvelous game in "**Krechinsky's Wedding**". Mom came too. We returned to Ts. S. at 12 o'clock.

*February 13th. Thursday.*

The same sunny day. The morning was busy. Veselkin (dezh.) Had breakfast. They received four Athonite elders from those expelled from there. Walked and worked with children at the rink. At 6 o'clock. received Maklakov. Dined early and at 9 o'clock. went to the city. Mom gave a ball in Anichkov, cat. very successful. The young people had a lot of fun. Alix returned to Tsarskoe an hour and a half later. The ball ended at 3 1/2. I returned with Olga and Tatiana at 4 1/2 o'clock.

*February 14th. Friday.*

Got up at 9 3/4. Walked a little, the weather was warm. At 12 1/2 he received Prince Vid [e], cat. goes to Albania. He had breakfast with us. Walked with Tatiana and worked with all of Xenia's sons at the rink; the tower has moved a lot in height. I read before and after tea. In the evening there was reading aloud and an early divergence for the night.

*February 15th. Saturday.*

I took it again from 10 am to 1 pm.

Olga was having breakfast. Walked with her and worked at the rink. Before tea I had Goremykin, and after Kulomzin. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil in the regimental church. In the evening I read it aloud.

*February 16th. Sunday.*

At 10 1/2 we went to mass, after which we had breakfast with everyone. I listened to some old marches. I took a walk. At 3.20 I went with all my daughters to the city to see Comrade Mikhen for a small ball. It was very lively. At 7 o'clock. it ended and I went to dinner with Olga. Marie and Anastasia returned in the afternoon to Ts. S. And the three of us went to the theater. There was **Sleeping Beauty**, unfortunately, in a new and ugly production. We arrived at Ts. S. at 12 1/2.

*February 17th. The beginning of Great Lent.*

Marine report at 10 o'clock. He began to fast with the children in the Cave Church - in the morning at 11 1/2, and in the evening at 6 1/2. Our new confessor, Fr. Alexander Vasiliev; the excellent singers of the 1st railway regiment sing all week. Walked and worked at the rink.

Studied in the evening and went to bed early.

*February 18th. Tuesday.*

I managed to walk before Sukhomlinov's report. After the service, Bagration (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 o'clock he received Sazonov.

I did a good job with Alexey and others on the construction of the snow tower. The weather was gray and warm.

During the service, I saw Gregory at the altar. Bagration was having dinner. I read all evening.

*19th February. Wednesday.*

Before the Presanctified Mass received Shcheglovitov. During the day I worked at the rink for a long time. At 4 1/2 in front of the entrance, a team of scouts of L.-GV lined up. Izmailovsky regiment, passing through Tsarskoe Selo, after a 1000-verst march from the Arkhangelsk province. Type of officers (three) and 64 lower. ranks are excellent, tanned and drawn in. In the evening I studied, wrote and read aloud.

*20th February. Thursday.*

In the morning he received three village chieftains of the Kuban kaz. troops who came here to bother about railway. dor. I took a walk. After the service, Mandryka (dezh.) Had breakfast.

Took Sabler. For a long time he worked at a skating rink with children. The weather was sunny. I read it in the evening. We saw Gregory, the cat. was at the evening service.

*February 21st. Friday.*

In the morning he received Bark and Rukhlov.

After lunch and breakfast, I went out early for a walk. He worked with children at the tower. It was warm and it was snowing. In the evening we confessed to Fr. Alexandra is at her place.

*February 22nd. Saturday.*

We arrived at the Cave Church at 8.45 am and were honored to receive Holy Communion. Christ's Mysteries with Ladies, Cossacks and Nizh. the ranks of the Code. regiment and choristers of the 1st railway. shelf.

Returned home at 10 1/2. After tea I went for a walk - the morning was lovely. Breakfast: Olga, Drino and Mordvinov (dezh.). During the walk, we watched from different gates at the rehearsal of the show young. sailors. I worked at a skating rink. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. In the evening we said goodbye to Olga; she leaves for Gagra on Tuesday.

*February 23rd. Sunday.*

At 10 1/2 we went to mass. We had breakfast with everyone. Accepted the reports of Maksimovich and gr. Niroda. Walked and worked at the tower with Alexey from 2 1/2 to 5 hours. After tea I had Meshchersky. I dined together with Alix, since the daughters were in the city with Olga. Was reading.



*February 24th. Monday.*

It was a frosty day. Walked in the morning. Received Grigorovich and two deputations. After breakfast at the site near the Grand Palace, he inspected young sailors studying on the ships of the Balt squadron. sea - in the amount of 2800 people.

I was quite [satisfied] with their appearance and preparation.

We were at home at 3 o'clock. Worked on ice; started a new construction with Aleksey, because at night the old tower pushed through the ice.

After tea I received an engineer-general. Petrov. At 7 1/2 I went for lunch to the Cuirassier regiment, where I stayed until 12 o'clock.

*February 25th. Tuesday.*

After reading the papers, I went for a walk; it was frosty. Then he took from 11 to 1 hour from 1/4. In the afternoon I worked at the rink. Before tea he received Markov, and after Maklakov. In the evening, Alix wrote and read aloud.

*February 26th. Wednesday.*

Dear Dad's birthday. I went with Olga and Tatiana to St. Petersburg to the fortress for the funeral mass. We had breakfast at Mom's. On the way to the Archaeological Commission, I went to the main guard, which was occupied by the pages.

Together with Ksenia and Sandro, I examined very interesting finds from the south of Russia with my daughters, and returned to Ts. S. at 4 o'clock. Worked on ice until tea. It was freezing all day. After 6 o'clock. received Telyakovsky. I read it in the evening.

*February 27th. Thursday.*

The whole morning was intensely busy until one o'clock. Boris (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received a deputation of 120 infantry. Serpukhov regiment. I worked with Alexey at the rink. It was a quiet frosty day. At 6 o'clock. received Kharitonov, then Kasso. Dined: Boris and Dmitry. He is going on a four-month sick leave.

*February 28th. Friday.*

Again the whole morning was busy until one o'clock. Sashka Vorontsov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked and worked at the rink. Ksenia and Sandro drank tea with us. Accepted Prince. Shirinsky on Palestinian Affairs. At 8 o'clock. went to lunch at the 4th bldg. Imp. Fam. regiment. He sat there until two o'clock.

*1st March. Saturday.*

Thirty-third anniversary of Anpav's martyrdom. I can still hear both these terrible explosions in my ears. Again the whole morning was intensely busy until 12 1/4, when I went with Olga and Tatiana to the city. We had breakfast at Mom's and then went to the fortress for a memorial service. At 3 1/4 we returned to Tsarskoe Selo. I worked with Alexey. The day was bright with a warm sun.

At 6 1/2 I went with the children to the all-night vigil. After lunch, we looked at various samples of drawings and colors of murals from Rostov and Yaroslavl churches for selection in our regimental Feodorovsky Cathedral. Was reading.

*2nd March. Sunday.*

Wonderful sunny day. At 10 1/2 we went to mass, attended the breakfast of Alix and the children, and at one o'clock went to Gatchina to raid the pheasant. We were \* ... guns. In total killed: **748. By me:** 33 pheasants, 22 partridges and a rabbit - **only 56.** I returned to TsS by 7 o'clock. I read until lunchtime and in the evening and finished all the deposits of papers for the last few days.

\* Further there is a gap in the text, space is left, but in the future the figure is not recorded.

*3rd March. Monday.*

Took up to an hour from 1/4. Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 o'clock we went to a review of the young sailors of the 1st Baltic crew - 3600 people. They introduced themselves as fine fellows. It was melting, but the weather was gray. I worked. At 5 o'clock. went with Olga and Tatiana to St. Petersburg to the Hermitage. There they gave "**Parsifal**" under the direction of gr. A.D.Sheremetev. For so long I wanted to see this wonderful work of Wagner. A wonderful experience!

At the first intermission we had dinner. In the second they talked. The show ended at 1/2 hour. At 2 o'clock. came back home.

*4th of March. Tuesday.*

In the morning I read and managed to take a walk. Complete thaw. We sat down to breakfast at 1 1/4. He worked on a wet skating rink on the completion of a failed tower. After tea he received Timashev. At 8 o'clock. went to the Hussar regiment, where he stayed until 11.45. Was good.

*5th March. Wednesday.*

Sleet was falling. Petersburg was foggy and as dark as autumn. Received 205 people at the Winter Palace. presenting themselves. Slightly late for breakfast at Mom's. The three of us sat with her and Comrade Marie. From Anichkov I went to the Peter the Great Museum, next to the Academy of Sciences. All rooms of historical household collections and rooms with things of Peter the Great are very well arranged. I returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 5 o'clock. After tea he received Goremykin. Was reading. Dinner N.P. Sablin (dezh.).

*6th March. Thursday.*

The morning was busy until an hour and a half. The new aide-de-camp of Molostvov (grandfather) had breakfast. Accepted with Aleksey a deputation of the commune voyts of the Kingdom of Poland. Walked and worked at the rink. A lot of snow fell during the night. After tea, I calmly read papers. At 8 o'clock. went to the meeting of the Consolidated Regiment for lunch on account of the future holiday, cat. will not take place due to departure to Crimea. I didn't notice how the time passed - it was fun and cozy.

*7th March. Friday.*

Left at 7 o'clock. in daylight. Slept until 9 1/4. Didn't take a walk for long. Between the reports, he received a large deputation of the Mogilev province, she brought a model of the temple-monument near the village. Lesnoy at the site of the victory of Peter the Great. Sandro (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. I worked at a skating rink. At 6 o'clock. received Shcheglovitov and read. We went to bed earlier than usual.

*8th March. Saturday.*

Walked for a quarter of an hour. The reports ended by one o'clock. We had breakfast alone. He walked around the park and worked on the ice for a short time, as he had to sit for his portrait with the artist. Bobrovsky. Came for tea at 5 1/2. We were together at the all-night vigil, the cat. lasted an hour and 3/4. After dinner I read it.

*March 9th. Sunday.*

At 10 1/2 we went to mass. I went straight from the cathedral to the station and with all the hunters to Peterhof. We reached Ropsha in wheelchairs. We took both pheasants first Gorkinsky and then Mikhailovsky. The weather was gray, not cold with a strong wind. In total, 1192 were killed. By **me**: 183 pheasants and 7 partridges - a total of 190. I returned to Tsarskoe Selo together with Voeikov by 7 o'clock. Was reading. After lunch I pasted photographs.

*March 10th. Monday.*

It was a great sunny day. I managed to walk in the morning. George Mikh had breakfast. At 2 o'clock the whole family went to the last review of the young sailors of the Guards and the 2nd Balt. crews, Marine training shooter. junior teams and schools - 2400 people. All introduced themselves as fine fellows. The sun was warm in the best way. I worked on ice and sat for a portrait. Accepted Akimov and the general. Schmita. Kedrov (dezh.) Dined. In the evening we watched interesting color transparencies. photographs of the views of the Altai District. Was reading.

*March 11th. Tuesday.*

Until 10 o'clock. began and by one o'clock finished taking without the slightest interruption. At 2 1/2 we went to the foundation stone of the church of L.-Gv. 1st Rifle Regiment at Pavlovskoye Highway next to the officers' meeting.

It was a wonderful day. I worked a little on ice. At 6 o'clock. received Taneyev. I read it in the evening.

*March 12th. Wednesday.*

At 10 1/2 I went to the city and took in the Winter Dv. four bishops, 46 introducing themselves and four deputations. Finished the reception by one o'clock and went to Anichkov, where Alix and Olga arrived. After breakfast I went to the Winter Dv., Where in the halls I examined the topographic and hydrographic works of recent years. About 4 hours. went together to Tsarskoe Selo. I worked on ice. After tea he received Panteleev and Bulygin. Daragan (dezh.) Dined. I read it in the evening.

*March 13th. Thursday.*

The day was gray and cold. Breakfast: Ksenia, Sandro and Sergei. At 2 1/2 he took in the Bolshoi dv. 177 officers Artil. schools. After tea I had Meshchersky. Nick [olay] Mikhailovich and Arseniev (dezh.) Were having lunch. In the evening there was a meeting of the Historical Society.

*March 14th. Friday.*

In the morning I calmly read and walked a little. It melted and at times it snowed. After the report, Barca received 10 governors and leaders of the nobility. At 2 1/2 in front of the Alexander Palace, he said goodbye to 365 leaving the reserve and watched 431 new arrivals. rank. to the Consolidated Regiment. Splitting ice on a skating rink around our tower.

At 6 o'clock. accepted the book. Shcherbatov.

Swam with Alexei in my bath. In the evening we sat with Grigory.

*March 15th. Saturday.*

The morning was unbearable with its hustle and bustle for up to an hour. We had breakfast alone. We went to meet Missy, Nando and their eldest son Karol. My squadron of the Hussar regiment was on the guard of honor. We brought them to our place - they are placed on the other side. I started working with children on the ice near the bridge in the old place. I went with my daughters to the all-night vigil. We dined and spent the evening with our guests. We went to bed early.

*March 16th. Sunday.*

At 10 1/2 we went with the Romanians to the regimental cathedral. After mass, I showed them the cave church; especially liked Missy. Breakfast: Petya and Kostya (dezh.). The daughters went to the city to Olga, the cat. I returned from Gagra yesterday. Walked and worked with Alexey. Chopped up a mass of ice. Sleet was falling.

After tea I worked until 7 1/2.

We dined together. I went to the city for the Invalid concert, which is taking place for the hundredth time this year. He returned with O [lga], T [atyana] and the Romanians by 12 noon.

*March 17th. Monday.*

A very busy morning. The day was frosty and sunny. Chopped ice with children. The Romanians had breakfast and dinner. At 6 o'clock. received Rodzianko. I studied in the evening.

*March 18th. Tuesday.*

Took 3 1/4 hours in the morning. The Romanians had breakfast. I walked around the park and worked alone. At 4 1/2 there was a nailing of the standard in the Grand Palace. After tea he received Prutchenko, Shcheglovitov and Markovich. After dinner I read it.

*19th March. Wednesday.*

At 11 o'clock. a brilliant church parade of L.-G. Dragoon regiment on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its formation in Paris. Aunt Michen, as the chief, was in uniform and met me on the right flank. Mom came to the parade and breakfast.

Appointed old Ivanov-Lutsevin as adjutant general, Niroda to the regiment's retinue. adjut. Henritsn wing-adjut [antom]. Book. Vasil-chikov was included in the regiment's lists. Returning home he took four kn. Volkonskikh.

Walked and worked on ice.

After tea he received: Kharitonov, Kasso and Zeyna. Boris (dezh.) Dined. I read all evening.

*20th March. Thursday.*

The morning was well filled. At 12 1/2 I went with Olga and Tatiana to the city. We had breakfast in Anichkov. At 3 o'clock we arrived at the Smolny Institute. On the occasion of this year's celebration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Society. Noble. maidens - there was a concert, dances and a scene of French. plays. The schoolgirls were treated to tea during tea. We examined the museum, church and hospital. There was considerable crush in the corridor upon departure. We arrived with Missy and Karol [s] in TsS at 6.20. Received Taneev and Maklakov. The guests dined both Olga A [leksandrovna] and Georgy.

I read it after lunch.

*March 21st. Friday.*

After the papers and the reception, I walked for 1/4 hour. They gave a big breakfast to the Romanians in the Round Hall. The day was sunny.

He worked on ice. John and Elena were drinking tea. Received Timashev and at 7 o'clock went to Peterhof for a jubilee dinner at the Life Dragoons. I examined the museum of the regiment. Then I stayed too long, since the program was very extensive.

*March 22nd. Saturday.*

Returned to Tsarskoe Selo in a motor at 3 1/2 hours with Boris. He went to bed at 4 o'clock, got up at 9 o'clock. It was a lovely clear day. At 10.25 he went with the Romanians and O [lga] and T [atyana] to the city. I made a **review** to young soldiers on Alexander Square. There were 20,000 people in the ranks. I was very pleased with the look and bearing of the young. The passage ended ten minutes before an hour. I went with everyone to have breakfast in Anichkov, where Alix also arrived. At 2 1/2 I visited the Pope Museum with the Romanians, where he examined in detail the newly organized department of old icons. I said goodbye to the guests - they moved to live with Comrade Mikhen.

We returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 4 o'clock with Olga A [leksandrovna]. I worked on ice. After tea, Markov took over Finl. Art. secretariat. I studied until 8.5 hours. Began to fit in for the Crimea. Dined: Olga and Bagration (dezh.).

*March 23rd. Sunday.*

On the occasion of the feast of the Consolidated Regiment, a small parade was held in front of the cathedral after mass. The chiefs of the garrison units and former officers of the Svod had breakfast. battalion and regiment. Took three Saturday lectures and only at 3 1/4 went out into the garden. It was a wonderful day. Walked and worked on ice. We drank tea together, because our daughters went to the city to see Olga. At 6 o'clock. received Goremykin and then read. After dinner we went to the other side and took apart the china and crystal.

*March 24th. Monday.*

The same nice sunny day. After receiving a deputation from the 2nd Don Kaz. regiment together with Alexei, managed to take a walk.

From 11 o'clock. took Petyusha, Grigorovich and Sukhomlinov with the chief. General Headquarters Yanushkevich.

Sandro had breakfast. After Nikolsky's report went to the garden and did a good job on the ice. The sun was very warm. At 6 o'clock. received Legitsky. Let's go to the all-night vigil. In the evening I read and tidied up the last things for the road.

*March 25th. Annunciation. Tuesday.*

Great bright day. At 10 1/2 I went with Olga and Tatiana to St. Petersburg to the arena of the Horse Regiment. The church parade was brilliant. I went through the barracks as usual and arrived in Zimny at 12 o'clock. After breakfast, conversations were in the rotunda. Appointed Struve as an aide-de-camp. Visited Ksenia and returned with O [lga] A [leksandrovna] and daughters to Tsarskoe Selo at 4 o'clock. I did not work long with Alexei. At 4 1/2 he received Sazonov. Mom, etc. Marie arrived for tea and at 6 o'clock. left. We went to a prayer service in the regimental cathedral and at 6.45 **went south**. I finished the last papers in the car and sent them from Tosna. We dined in a large company. In the evening I played dice with Olga, Tatiana and Drenteln [th].

*March 26th. Wednesday.*

I slept well, although in the morning it was 9 ° in my cabin. The weather was cold and dull all day. At 9.45 in Moscow, Ella got on the train with us and drove to Kursk at 9 1/4 in the evening. I read most of the day. At some stations I walked with Alexei. It was snowing near Orel. Played dominoes in the evening.

*March 27th. Thursday.*

I woke up at 8 1/2 o'clock, passing the city of Aleksandrovsk, and happily saw the sun and felt warmth. In the afternoon, they even opened the windows, because it became hot in the carriages, and it was 15 ° in the shade. I went out with children at all stops. All fruit trees are already in bloom. We arrived in **Sevastopol** at 6 1/2, just at sunset, so both the squadron and the fleet fired the usual salute. At the pier there is a guard of honor from the 50th infantry. Bialystok regiment and all military and naval and civilian authorities, as well as educational institutions. Arrived on a rowboat with darkness on the yacht "**Standart**". Such a joy to be at home on the water again! The evening was very warm, with a full moon, but with a fresh S. Before dinner at five to eight, there was a prayer on the quarterdeck. In the evening I played a little dice with Zelenetsky, Zlebov and Nevvarovsky.

*March 28th. Friday.*

The day was not entirely clear, but good. At 10 o'clock. inspected the young Black Sea men in the courtyard of the barracks in the number of 3000 people. Then he examined the new convict. destroyer "**Restless**" has not yet been delivered by the plant. At 12 o'clock all the sea [authorities] were having breakfast on the yacht. At 3 o'clock, he inspected on the northern side of the young soldiers of the entire garrison - 3700 people. A haze came up from the sea, slowing down the pace. air up to 9 °. After tea I wrote and rested. All the military commanders dined. In the evening I played dice with the same ones.

*March 29th. Saturday.*

It was a lovely clear day with a breeze from the NW. At 10.45 I went to the north side with Olga and Tatiana to **lay a large dock** in my name. We had breakfast with the naval authorities.

Didn't do anything until tea, walked upstairs and looked around.

Vigil was at 6 1/2 - everyone got willows. After lunch I played dominoes very well. The night was quiet and moonlit.

*March 30th. Palm Sunday.*

Woke up on a sunny cheerful morning. At 10 o'clock. Mass began, followed by a detour of the team and an early breakfast. At 12 1/2 o'clock we left Sevastopol with a salute from the squadron and the fortress. Almaz, Cahul and four large destroyers were escorted. Against Balaklava, we were overtaken by a min. "Restless" with Grigorovich on the way to **Yalta**; he met again near Simeiz, walking an average of 28 knots. We approached the pier at 4 o'clock. There we were awaited among many others - Kostya, Mavra and Mitya - and a wonderful post. the guard is my company of the Kabardin regiment. About 5 o'clock we got off the yacht and went to **Livadia**. It was colder here and at sea than in Sevastopol, despite the sun. All fruit trees are in bloom and many others are green. At the palace of poch. the guard is my company of the 16th rifleman. Imp. Alexander III regiment. We went to church for a prayer service. Drank tea. We examined the things that were burnt and damaged by the fire in the freight car on the way here. Walked a bit here and in Orianda. I took out my things and put the rooms in order. We dined with O [Iga] and T [atyana]. What a blessing to be in Crimea again.

*March 31st. Monday.*

Clear warm day. Dad and Mom went into the house and went down to Alexei, who was playing with the Derevenko boys by the sea. They began to fast. Had breakfast with the kids and everyone downstairs, dined with my family as before. We took Dashkova, a cat together. returned from a business trip to the mouth of the Don and the Azov villages of the Kuban army, which suffered from the hurricane on February 28. Let's go to Kichkene; saw Mitya and Tatiana with Bagration. We returned home for tea. All evening I read the newly arrived papers.

*1st April. Tuesday.*

Great warm day. In the morning I walked around Orianda and returned to Livadia by the seashore. It was 30 ° in the sun and 12 ° in the shade. We made a joint walk with the officers of the yacht - Alix in a wheelchair. They picked a lot of flowers. Kostya, Mavra and Mitya arrived for the all-night vigil and dinner. Then in the evening he would intensively finish the papers he had sent.

*2nd April. Wednesday.*

The day was sunny, warm and quiet. After a short walk, I rode with Alexei in a yacht deuce to large stones in Orianda. Returned straight to mass. In the afternoon, the whole family went to Massandra in motors. Three officers arrived there. I took a decent walk with Butakov. We returned home for tea. The fog, which had been in the sea for several days, came ashore after sunset.

In the evening we confessed in a prayer house. We went to bed early.

*3rd April. Great Fours.*

In the morning the fog cleared, and the day was splendid. Many of the retinue and people took communion of the Holy Mysteries of Christ. The dinner lasted two hours. After drinking tea, I went for a walk. After breakfast we went for a walk with the officers around Livadia and Orianda; the sun was hot! We drank tea together. At 6 o'clock. the service of the 12 Gospels began and ended at 8 o'clock. Greatly tired. In the evening I read new papers.

*4th April. Good Friday.*

A great spring day - it was 14 ° in the shade. Made a nice walk to the end of Oreanda and in a deuce with Alexei. At 12 o'clock the shroud was taken out. We sat down to breakfast at an hour and a half. The family walked alone. In the evening, the service lasted an hour and 3/4. The shroud, as in the morning, was carried by Nilov, Anichkov, Komarov and myself. After dinner I read and finished everything.

*5th April. Great Saturday.*

An east wind blew out and it got colder. Didn't take a walk for long. At 11 1/2 was the last service of Holy Week. In the afternoon we made a joint walk with the officers. After tea I took apart porcelain eggs and wrote telegrams. During lunch, we presented each other with Easter gifts. In the evening we sat together until 11 o'clock. At 11 3/4 Kostya, Mavra, Mitya and Kostya \* arrived and went with them to Matins. The night was cold.

\* So in the text.

*6th April. Bright Resurrection of Christ.*

After Matins, he consulted with everyone in the church. The dinner ended at a quarter to two; went to straighten up to the dining room. We returned to our place at about 3 o'clock. Slept until 9 o'clock. In the morning a cold wind blew from the mountains, in the afternoon it died down. At 11 1/2 o'clock, christianity began at the bottom - 512 people. We had breakfast with everyone. Alix was tired and lay down until 5 o'clock. I walked with the children and officers to the Krestovaya Mountain in Orianda, where they sat and rested, admiring the view. We drank tea with

delicious Easter, milk and butter. I answered telegrams. Vespers was at 7 1/2. Nikita was having lunch. We spent the evening together.

*April 7th. Monday.*

Walked a little in the morning. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. After breakfast - in the courtyard at 2 o'clock a big christianity began with all the outfits on the night of Easter - 920 people. It ended at exactly 3 o'clock. I made a walk with the children, Komarov and Drent [spruce] through the vineyards and to the sea, from where they returned in motors for tea. He began to read the papers. Walked to sundown with Alix. The weather has become warmer. In the evening I was busy with papers.

*April 8th. Tuesday.*

NO blew out and the day stood cold, November. I went for a walk along the horizontal path and got stuck in Orianda with the shooters who were playing foot-ball \* on the court near the wine cellar . I made it back to breakfast. We went to Kichkene, saw Tatiana and her newborn daughter Natalia, who was born on Easter. Then we went to Kharax, where we visited Mavra; Kostya went for a walk. We returned to Livadia by 4 o'clock. Made a solo walk to the sea and back through the vineyards. N.P. Sablin drank tea. I read and finished everything. The Count and Countess Sheremetevs and Dmitry Sherem [etev] dined.

\* Football (English).

*April 9th. Wednesday.*

The same wind continued to blow even stronger. Walked with Olga and Marie along the sea, the surf was great. It was very warm in the sun. After breakfast he received Nikolasha. Today we started playing **tennis**. We drank tea at home with Butak [ov], Rodion [ov] and a bar. Taube. Voeikov was with me until lunchtime. We spent the evening with the children.

*April 10th. Thursday.*

It was a wonderful day. At 10 o'clock. went along the horizontal path to Kurpaty, reached the border of Kichkene and returned at 12 o'clock by the seashore. After breakfast we went to tennis, where we played well until 5 o'clock. We drank tea with the officers at home. Received the old man Klopov. I began to read new papers.

*April 11th. Friday.*

It rained at night, which revived the greenery very much. In the morning he stopped. I went for a walk and was busy with papers before breakfast.

At 2 o'clock I went in a motor with Komarov [s], Drent [spruce] and Sukhikh (dezh.) Past Uchans to Pendikul. I went with them on foot back through Eriklik and was home by 5 o'clock. After tea I received Maklakov, who had arrived for the same day with his sick wife. In the evening I soon finished my portion [of papers].

*April 12th. Saturday.*

The morning was gray, I walked with Tatiana, Mari and Anastasia along the seashore to the big rocks in Orianda. After breakfast it became clear and excellent. We played tennis with passion until 5 o'clock. We drank tea with the officers. We went to the all-night vigil and dined downstairs with everyone.

*April 13th. Sunday.*



In the morning I walked for half an hour. The weather was wonderful. After mass we ate Sunday breakfast and talked to the officers in the courtyard. We played tennis from 2 1/2 to 5 o'clock. I read it before lunch.

*April 14th. Monday.*

In the morning I did not take a long walk. From 11 o'clock it started raining - until 4 o'clock. and it got colder. After breakfast they glued photographs with the officers into albums and drank tea at 5 o'clock. The weather cleared up and there was a lot of snow on the mountains. Did a little walk. I sat down at the papers that I read before and after lunch.

*April 15th. Tuesday.*

The weather was very bad, cold, windy and with passing showers. In the morning I did not go out at all. Read and received Grunwald on questions about cars. After breakfast, I took a short walk with my daughters along the horizon, along the path. At about 4 o'clock the whole family went to Kichkene for the christening of Natalia Konstantinovna Bagration. Olga and I were the recipients. Little Teimuraz was very nice and funny. We returned to Livadia at 5 1/2 for tea. Took Sabler. After dinner I finished reading all the papers. By nightfall, the wind died down a little.

*April 16th. Wednesday.*

Got up late. Received Benckendorff and Bagration; he brought with him Teimuraz, dressed in a white Circassian coat. Daughters and Alexei coddled him in every possible way. Walked, the weather began to improve. The mountains are remarkably beautiful, half covered with snow. We played tennis a lot during the day. At 6 o'clock. went to the site where 80 cadets of the graduating class of the Novocherkassk Cossack School were lined up. Having photographed with them in a group, they showed them the dining room, the courtyard and the church. Alexey and I took them around the house and said goodbye at the large entrance.

I studied until lunchtime, and in the evening I read aloud the story. novel "The First Russian Tsarina".

*April 17th. Thursday.*

A very warm sunny day. Did a short walk and at 11 o'clock. I went with Alexei to the shooters. On the site in Orianda, they played different games and the winners received prizes. We returned home at 12 o'clock. After breakfast there was tennis. I read it before lunch. I also studied in the evening.

*April 18th. Friday.*

At 9 o'clock. In the morning I went with Komar [ovym], Drent [spruce] and Sukhikh to Aypetri and to the other side of the slope. They climbed a little there, picked some peonies; on the way back upstairs we filmed in a group in the snow and returned to Livadia at exactly 12 o'clock. The weather was lovely. Accepted Prince. L. S. Golitsyna. In the afternoon we had a good walk with Sablin and Leith. Molokhovets \* to Kurpat and back. I read and finished all the papers. Dined with us: Count and Countess Sheremetevs, EA Naryshkina and Benkendorf. In the evening I read aloud.

\* Should read: Molokhovets.

*19th April. Saturday.*

At 9 o'clock. went with the same to the Red Stone. It was impossible to go further because of the snowdrifts blocking the road. We walked over the top of Avinda and returned to Livadia at 12 o'clock. It was a great day; it was as warm upstairs as downstairs. We played tennis during the day. At 6 o'clock. I had Voeikov. After the all-night vigil, he dined downstairs.

*April 20th. Sunday.*

The cold wind blew again.

He got up late and took a walk not long before mass. After breakfast, we talked in the room, because it was fresh outside. We went to Massandra, walked there and fiddled with the hay prepared at Alexei's site. We drank tea at home alone. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. By 7 1/2, my daughters arrived on the yacht. We dined in the wardroom and watched funny movies in our dining room. We returned to Livadia at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*April 21st. Monday.*

In the morning I did a nice walk along the coast. The cold wind blowing these days stopped, and it was very warm in the sun. I took a lump before breakfast. 1st Siberian arm. bldg. gene. Pleshkov and Knyazhevich. During the day we played tennis hard. We drank tea with the officers at home. I read it before and after lunch.

*April 22nd. Tuesday.*

Cool clear day. We went with all our daughters to the consecration of the first house of the Alix naval sanatorium on Massandra's plot of land. A very nice building for 10 - 15 lower ranks. There will be five of them, and also a church. We returned home by 12 o'clock. Breakfast was ordinary. We played tennis with enthusiasm during the day. I read all evening until 11 o'clock. - there were so many papers.

*April 23rd. Wednesday.*

Dear Alix's name day was excellent and warm. At 10 1/2 there was a parade on the landing; from all units it was a platoon, from the 16th infantry - a company and from the Crimean cavalry regiment - a squadron. After the parade, a little later we went to mass and then had breakfast with a very large company of guests. Came to our place at 2 1/4. We played tennis and drank tea with the officers at home. Received Sukikh before his departure from duty. Was reading. In the evening I took a ride with my daughters to the pier and back to see the illumination.

*April 24th. Thursday.*

The nicest day in terms of weather. At 10 o'clock. went to Kurpaty and returned at 12 o'clock. home. Took the Odessa mountains. Pelican's head. About 3 hours. drove past the Farm to the glade of Ai-Nikola, where horse races, felling and horse riding of the Crimeans took place. Everything was well arranged and went well. By 5 o'clock. were at home. There were a lot of spectators there, almost all of Yalta. After tea I sat down to papers and finished them at 10 1/2 o'clock.

*April 25th. Friday.*

In the morning he walked and walked around all the posts occupied by the Vilna regiment, from above to the sea. The weather was great. After breakfast, Alix and her daughters went to the wedding of officer Svod. regiment of Mariam Bey in the Oreand Church. I'm with Alexei, Mr. Gillard and the midshipman bar. The Taube went to the Red Stone; farther higher, we took a good walk and rolled in the snow. We returned home at 5.20. After tea he received Nikolasha. At 7 1/4 we went with our daughters to the Crimeans for lunch. Then they listened to songwriters and watched dances - Russian and Tatar. We were at home at 10 o'clock.

*April 26th. Saturday.*

The ideal weather is 17 ° in the shade.

Walked and rode with Alexei in a pair, there was a dead calm. Came back straight for breakfast. Played good tennis despite the heat. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. We were at the all-night vigil and dined downstairs. We went to the

site with everyone. The four of us walked with O [Iga] and T [atyana] along the horizontal [path], the night was wonderful with a full moon.

*April 27th. Sunday.*

The same wonderful quiet day. Went out after tea for a half-hour walk. At 12 o'clock. received Gillenschmidt and three officers of the L.-G. Horse Artillery on the occasion of its holiday. Breakfast was shared - Sunday. We played tennis well. At 6 o'clock. went to the site for the graduation class of the Odessa military school in the amount of 206 cadets. We started with them in groups. Received Krivoshein. At 9 o'clock. I went with O [Iga] and T [atyana] to a small ball to the arrows. Inside, everything was reminiscent of last year's evening - October 24, with the difference that now it was a summer evening with a wonderful moon and in the intervals between dances everyone went out into the air. We were at home until 12 noon.

*April 28th. Monday.*

It's a wonderful day. At 10 o'clock. received Ambassador Gears. At 11 o'clock. went for a walk with Alix - in a chaise around Livadia and Orianda. We saw the "Almaz" passing by in Yalta. Took the gene. Ananyina and gene. Turbine - - of the new Warsaw commandant. After breakfast Minnie, Georgy and Maria Pavlovna arrived on their return from Greece. We played tennis. At 7 o'clock. received the Turkish embassy extraordinary with Talaat Bey and Izzet Pasha at the head. Then I dined with him. I read until 11 o'clock.

*April 29th. Tuesday.*

It was foggy since the night. At 7 1/4, he said goodbye to Alix and the children and went on a long walk in the motor. He took with him: Voeikova, Drenteln and Sashka Vorontsov (dezh.). There was no fog behind Eriklik. There was a meeting in Simferopol; further in the town of Alek-sandrovka I stopped for an hour for breakfast and rest for the drivers. I drove excellently on a country road through Armyansk and Perekop and at 4 o'clock arrived at Falzfein's estate **Askania Nova**. He met me with his mother, brother, sister and her husband, and led me into his rooms, into the cat. I was put. After drinking tea in the garden, I went with him into the garden to the pond, where a lot of birds from all sorts of countries of the world live. Then we went to his menagerie with large animals living together. Having walked around a large lake, purposely arranged in the form of a swamp, and a very beautiful shady park, I got into the car with the owner and drove to the steppe. We traveled around many herds of pedigree cattle, herds of horses, and between them I saw bison and bison, as well as zebras. My head was spinning from so many impressions and an amazing variety of animals! We returned to economy by 8 o'clock. We all dined together; Krivoshey also came there. I went to bed at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*April 30th. Wednesday.*

I forgot to mention yesterday that before arriving in Simferopol, I visited and examined two peasant farms near the village of Sably. They went to the cuts in 1908 and settled well.

Got up at 7 o'clock. and half an hour later he set off with Falzfein for the steppe. I saw many more different flocks and then sheep shearing. In front of the house, I was given a brood of his best horse breeders. At 9 1/2 I had breakfast with everyone in the garden and looked again at the pond with birds, said goodbye to the amiable owners, and at 10.20 am, in fine weather, set off on the return journey. In the steppe, they lost their way and, having made 8 or 10 extra versts, again found themselves on the right road marked by flags. He stopped at the Zakharovka farm and examined the dwellings of two householders; they went to the cuts in 1911 and also settled well. Visited on the railway. station Novo-Alekseevka nursery Ch. Control. Land management. and drove on through Sivash almost all the time along the railway line. roads, without stopping until yesterday's breakfast place - Aleksandrovka. Here we ate and drank tea. It was very warm on the spot, but a strong SW was blowing,\* in an open motor. I drove through Simferopol at 5 o'clock. and, without stopping anywhere, in Bakhchisarai and Aipetri, drove to **Livadia** at 7 1/2 o'clock. It was a great joy to see dear Alix and the children. The face and eyes stung decently. After dinner, I talked about everything I had seen. I went to bed as usual.

\* Headdress.

*1st May. Thursday.*

I slept well. I was busy with the papers until 11 o'clock .. I took a walk with Alix, who was riding in a chaise. The weather was lovely and calm. During the day we played tennis and drank tea in the garden by the house. At 6 o'clock. received Krivoshein. I read intensely before and after lunch.

*May 2nd. Friday.*

After tea he studied and at 10 o'clock went to Kurpaty and along the sea to Livadia and found Alexei at the bath. The weather was hot. Played tennis well during the day. We drank tea there. Received Maklakov. In the evening we went to Yalta to the pier. Then I read until 11 1/2 hours. ; 3rd May. Saturday.

In the morning I saw Nikolasha before leaving for the Don. Walked with Olga. The weather was wonderful. At 12 o'clock he received Falzfein, the cat. had breakfast with us. In Orianda we walked with the officers. At 4 1/2 we drove in two engines to Kharax, where we met a fog, so we drank tea in the dining room. Returned home at 6 1/2. The fog approached Livadia and dissipated by nightfall. I read it and did not go to the all-night vigil. After dinner, the young pianist Orlov played downstairs with us until 10 1/2 o'clock.

*4th May. Sunday.*

At night it rained heavily until 10:00. I finished the last papers. Kostya came from the Caucasus and was at Mass.

Before breakfast we received a deputation from the 1st Orenburg Cossack Regiment named after Alexei, who presented him with a uniform and a saddle with full field packing.

We played tennis, first with a little rain. We drank tea at home. Received Shcheglovitov. At 8 o'clock. the four of us went to Kharax for dinner. After that there were fun games and returned at 12 o'clock.

*May 5th. Monday.*

Walked well and returned by 12 noon. home with the rain, cat. lasted until night without letting go. Received Tolya Baryatinsky. After breakfast we sat at home; played dice, and Alix and the children prepared things for the bazaar. At this time, the parade was rehearsing and [the squadron] approached and anchored in the roadstead. At 6 o'clock. received Goremykin. He began to respond to telegrams. Received gifts before lunch.

*May 6th. Tuesday.*

I'm over 46 years old! That's it! Fortunately, the weather has improved. He wrote telegrams. At 11 o'clock. there was a church parade on the site and then a big breakfast. 3 to 5 hours. played tennis. We drank tea alone. Desperately answered the telegrams. At 7 1/2 went to dinner on the yacht. In the evening "Standart" and all ships were beautifully illuminated. We saw a funny and interesting cinema in the dining room. We returned home at 12 noon.

*May 7th. Wednesday.*

I continued to answer telegrams and when I got tired of this occupation, I went for a walk. Ride with Alexei on the sea. The weather was marvelous with calm. After breakfast we had a great game of tennis; drank tea in the same house. At 6 o'clock. went to the graduating cadets of the Tiflis military school, consisting of 130 people. We starred with them as a group. Received Goremykin and then Bark. I read intensely all evening.

*May 8th. Thursday.*

I was supposed to make a trip to Chatyr-dag in the morning, but the fog is in the mountains and started at about 7 o'clock. rain forced to abandon long-distance travel.

Made a nice walk with Kom [arov] and Drent [spruce] through the farm, Ai Nichol and Orianda W [itt] home from 7 1/4 to 9 1/4. Then he did not go out again, because the rain charged for the whole day. We had breakfast upstairs. Mama wrote before tea. We drank tea with the officers.

Dined: Kostya, Mavra and Mitya. Showed them rooms. They left at 10 1/2.

*May 9th. Friday.*

Fog and rain all day. In the morning he took a walk from 11 am to 12 pm. Accepted a deputation of the construction committee of the church of the 4th brigade in Odessa. After breakfast he received Voeikov and played dominoes with Drent [elny], Zlebov [s] and Nevyarov [skim]. At 6 o'clock I had Bark. Dined at Kharax and then played the same games as last time. At home at 12 noon

*May 10th. Saturday.*

Got up at 8 o'clock to finish the papers. The fog finally cleared away and when I went out for a walk at 10 o'clock, the weather was great and hot. I walked along the seashore and rode with Alexei in a pair. At 12 o'clock he received Georgy Mikhailovich. After breakfast Taneyev for half an hour. Then we played tennis with enthusiasm, at first I single \* with Rodionov. We drank tea in the garden. The weather began to frown again and at about 7 o'clock. Rain is coming.

Took Fredericks. Dined with everyone downstairs. Alix with the children went to the yacht, and I and my retinue listened to the regiment's message. Andriya-nova on the war of 1814 and about 11 o'clock. arrived at the "**Standart**", the cat. we spent the night alone.

\* A tennis game involving two opponents.

*May 11th. Sunday.*

Luckily the rain stopped and the day was good with cool NO. In the morning, Alix and the children were busy with the final preparations for the mall market. At 10 1/2 there was mass, a detour of the crew and breakfast. At about one in the afternoon I went to the "Almaz", which was in front of the pier, and examined it. Returned to the yacht when the bazaar started. I read, walked around the deck and looked at the crowd. At 6 1/2 Alix finished selling. We dined only with the commanders of the ships. Played dominoes. We arrived in **Livadia at 12 noon.**

*May 12th. Monday.*

Finally the weather cleared, fresh NO was blowing and there was a decent surf.

"Almaz" and two torpedo boats went to Sevastopol. Walked along the seashore to the great cliffs in Orianda.

Came home at 12 1/4. After breakfast I went to tennis with my daughters. Alix stayed at home to rest from the bazaar.

We drank tea with the officers at our place. He began to read the papers. By evening it was quiet.

*May 13th. Tuesday.*

The morning was bright and hot; in the afternoon the sky was overcast. He took a walk by the sea and sat with Alexei at the bathhouse. We played tennis a lot during the day. Alix arrived there for tea. At 6 o'clock. accepted Sabler. By the evening I finished my papers.

*May 14th. Wednesday.*

At 8 1/2, on an excellent morning, I went to Uchans by motor. From there I walked on a new path up to Yaila and left not far from the tavern near Aypetri. With me went: Komar [s], Drent [eln], Resin (dezh.), Zlebov, Butakov, Ilinsky (life-grenadier) and Mochalov. The walk came out easy and interesting - a lot of beautiful views. At 11 1/2 we got into the motors and at 12 1/4 we were at home. Countess Vorontsova had breakfast. We played tennis in the afternoon. At 6 o'clock. accepted Sabler. After lunch I took a ride with my daughters to the yacht.

*May 15th. Thursday.*

A wonderful hot day. In the morning I went for a walk for too long, because I felt dizzy during the mass. Breakfast Georgy Mikhailovich and several lancers Her Great., On the occasion of the regiment. idle We played tennis in the afternoon. I read it until lunchtime. We spent the evening with Grigory, the cat. arrived in Yalta yesterday.

*May 16th. Friday.*

I went for a walk quite late; it was hot. Before breakfast he received the Bulgarian military agent Sirmanov. Played tennis well during the day. We drank tea in the garden. Finished all papers. At 8 o'clock. the four of us went to Kharax. After lunch, there were the usual games. At home at 12 noon

*May 17th. Saturday.*

A wonderful day. Walked well in the morning. "Almaz" arrived at 10 o'clock. and left at 11 o'clock. After breakfast we went early to the game. At 4 1/4 I went to Alupka to see the Vorontsovs. Fredericks was with me. We talked for a long time and drank tea. Returned to 7 o'clock. I dined downstairs, where Alix came later. At 10 o'clock. I went with Olga, Tatiana and Marie to the upper Massandra, from there to the pier, past the yacht and home at 11 o'clock.

*May 18th. Sunday.*

In the morning I went with Voeikov and examined the terrain of the future large carriageway. After mass there was a Sunday breakfast. Played during the day. At 6 1/2 I walked with Alexey along the horizontal path. After lunch we rode in a motor in Yalta. We saw Gregory.

*19th May. Monday.*

A wonderful day at 19 ° in the shade and breeze from O. Received Bishop Dmitry and three priests from Simferopol. I took a walk. At 11 1/2 I went with O [lga] and T [atyana] to Yalta for the opening of a small exhibition of roses and gardening. Returned to breakfast. By 3 o'clock. gathered with the officers at the farm and went on foot to Eriklik and further higher to the bench with a beautiful view. By 5 o'clock we returned to the farm and ate yogurt and drank coffee in the garden.

From 6 o'clock. started reading. After lunch we rode to the breakwater.

*May 20th. Tuesday.*

The same wonderful day with a breeze from SW. Walked along the seashore.

The park has such an amazing smell from greenery and everything looks so fresh and juicy.

Played tennis well during the day, despite the heat. We drank tea in the garden. Graduated from paper by 8 o'clock. Four of us went to Kharax. After dinner we walked around the garden; the moon was beautifully reflected on the sea and on the mountains. We played the old games and returned to Livadia at 12 o'clock. in an open motor.

*May 21st. Wednesday.*

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the pacification of the Western Caucasus, a church parade of my company from the Kabardin regiment was held on our site, followed by breakfast at its officers' meeting. In addition to the retinue, there were Mitya and George.

The weather was very hot in the morning. During breakfast, a thunderstorm with a refreshing rain passed. He presented the officers with a large ladle from which they drank Kakhetian. After breakfast I walked around the company premises and at about 3 o'clock. went home. At 3 1/2 we went together to Aytodor along a horizontal path, I reached with T [atyana] and M [aria] on foot. We saw Xenia and drank tea with her. We returned in motors at 6 o'clock. Took Fredericks. We dined on our balcony, and then went for a drive. We saw Gregory and said goodbye to him.

*May 22nd. Thursday.*

Due to various telegrams and cases, I went out for a walk late. Climbed Mast Mountain and the rocks in Oreanda. Accepted Petrovo-Solovovo as Ryazan province. leader. After breakfast we had a good game of tennis. At 6 o'clock. received Sukhomlinov, who arrived yesterday from Vladivostok.

We had dinner early and by 8 1/2 arrived with all the daughters at the People's House of Yalta. Have seen a good story. the play "**Ishmael**". We returned home at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*May 23rd. Friday.*

Great morning at 10 o'clock. I went with my daughters and almost everyone living in Livadia to the Kozmodemyanskiy Monast. On the way, we picked up pantries from a stuck heavy truck and arrived there at 12 o'clock. We entered the church and attended a short prayer service. Then the children and Anya and I bathed in a cold spring.

Spring in the mountains was still going on, we saw lilacs and wisteria in bloom.

We had breakfast in our house and left at 2 1/2. At the Chuchel Pass, my daughters and others, I got out of the engines and went to the recently arranged menagerie on the top of the Scarecrow and saw rounds and stone sheep behind the hedge. We returned to Livadia at 5 1/2. The walk was successful and everyone was happy with it. After tea I began to read yesterday's papers and finished them by 10 1/2 o'clock. Dined on the balcony, although it was only 13 °. The moon shone splendidly.

*May 24th. Saturday.*

The morning was gray, by 12 o'clock. the weather cleared up. Walked around Orianda and met Alix in a chaise; finished the walk with her. In the afternoon there was tennis, on which the players were drenched in sweat, because in the sun the thermometer showed 35 ° R. They drank tea in the garden. At 6 3/4 I went to the all-night vigil. We dined alone on the balcony under the wonderful moon. In the evening we had a great ride on Massandra.

*May 25th. Trinity day.*

Wonderful weather. Birthday dear Alix. Mass began at 9 1/4. At 10 1/2 there is a church parade and vespers with three beautiful kneeling prayers.

Then congratulations and a big breakfast. It was all over in an hour from 1/2. We played tennis well. After tea I took gr. Vorontsov.

We dined with Anya on the balcony and rode around Massandra. The squadron was perfectly illuminated; fireworks were launched in Yalta. We returned by 11 o'clock.

*May 26th. Whit Monday.*

At 9 o'clock. I went with my daughters to the forestry, there they connected with the commander and officers of the yacht and on six engines set off past the Red Stone to the Kozmodemyansky Monastery. We drove on to the river. Alma and from there returned to willing. house on foot. We had breakfast on the balcony. The weather was warm and windy with fog, cat. quickly drove along the tops of the mountains. On the way back we went to the menagerie on the Scarecrow and saw the tours very close to the hedge. We arrived in Livadia at 4 1/2. We drank tea on the balcony. It became stuffy and about 7 o'clock. it poured down the rain. Received by Casso. He began to deal with papers.

At 8 o'clock. went to Kharax; the same and also Ksenia and Sandro dined.

We were busy playing different games.

*May 27th. Tuesday.*

I woke up at about 9 o'clock. from thunder; a thunderstorm was passing over the sea. The stuffiness was great. I read until 11 o'clock. and when the rain stopped, he went for a walk. We saw from the balcony the riflemen of the 16th regiment leaving for Odessa. Music and "hurray!" it was heard well despite the sound of the surf. About 3 hours. went with the officers of the yacht to Kurpaty and after the rest - to Kichkene, where Mitya treated us to rich tea and chocolate. We returned in motors until 6 o'clock. Following the example of the previous one, a company of 117 graduating cadets from the Chuguev Military School, which arrived in the morning by transport, presented itself to us. "Rod". After lunch we rode through Isar and Yalta. The night was full moon.

*May 28th. Wednesday.*

Today Pyotr Sherem [etev], who had been in a sanatorium since last autumn, died of consumption. During the morning walk, I went to Orianda into two guard rooms occupied by the Kabardians. After 12 o'clock. went to Eriklik, where the whole society from Kharax and Kichkene gathered, and Ksenia and Sandro with their sons.

We had breakfast in the dining room and then sat in the garden. It was a wonderful day with a breeze, the heat was so light.

At 3 o'clock the guests left and we went on foot to Livadia. At 5 o'clock. went with their daughters to Kabardians for a cup of tea.

Then we watched gymnastics and various games. At 7 o'clock. the two of us went to Yalta for a memorial service for P. Sherem [etev]. After the service, the body was taken to the cathedral. In the evening I rode with my daughters to the pier and back.

*May 29th. Thursday.*

Tatiana's birthday, she is 17 years old.

In the morning I took a walk, the heat on the seashore was extreme, I wanted to swim madly. At 12 o'clock. went to a prayer service; Alix had breakfast with us downstairs. Gene. Kholodovsky showed guns, altered and lightened according to his method. At 2 1/4, Olga and I went to the cathedral for a memorial service for Petra Sherem



[eteve]. We returned home at 3 o'clock and went to the game. Black clouds came from the mountains, but then they melted, bringing coolness nonetheless. We drank tea in the garden. I began to read new papers. At 7 1/2 we went to the yacht and had a great lunch on the poop. Around the wheelhouse, curtains of flags with electr. light bulbs. After the cinema we returned to Livadia by 12 o'clock. A little rain has passed.

*May 30th. Friday.*

In the morning, NO blew out and at times it rained. At 11 1/2, a sanatorium for officers and soldiers was laid. official, in Massandra near the barracks of the Lithuanian regiment. Returned to breakfast. About 3 hours. the weather cleared up as the wind became fresher. We walked with the officers in Orianda and drank tea with them at home. I read it until lunchtime. Kept on the road. In the evening we went to the pier.

I finished reading the papers for a long time.

*May 31st. Saturday.*

A very hot day. Made the last walk along the sea. At about 12 o'clock he said goodbye to the Kabardians; filmed as a group. Before breakfast a parting prayer was served. After breakfast, a family from the coast came to say goodbye. At 4 1/4, they left the dear Livadia and moved to the "**Standart**". At 5 o'clock we moved away from the breakwater and went along the Crimean coast to Sarych, and then headed for W. The banks were beautifully illuminated by the setting sun. The sea is completely quiet. We sat on deck all evening. The guards are the same: Almaz, Cahul and four torpedo boats of the 2nd division.

*1st June. Sunday.*

At night, it swayed slightly from the old swell. From 8 o'clock. reduced the course, because they approached the view of the mountains. **Constanta**, where it was appointed to arrive at 10 o'clock. The weather was excellent and hot in the morning.

The meeting in Romania was solemn and very welcoming, the program of the day was full and busy, so I was on my feet all the time. The king is quite cheerful, the queen is less mobile, remarkably kind, I have not seen her since the funeral of the old Imp. Wilhelm [in] 1888. After mutual visits, we went to the cathedral, where a prayer service was served. From the yacht, the king took me on a rowboat to inspect the port, the cat. widely conceived. I visited "Cahul" with him. The family had breakfast in the Queen's pavilion. It blew pleasantly from the sea. We returned to the yacht at about 3 1/2. Received the deputation of our eunuchs, chairman. owls. min. Bratiano and min. foreign cases.

By this time, the Romanians invited to tea began to gather.

There was family tea on the quarterdeck. At 6 o'clock. went with the king to the parade of the troops of the 5th arm. housing. He rode at the head of them. The kind of people. I liked it, the faces resemble our southerners. Cerem. the march lasted an hour. Having changed at home, we went at 8 o'clock to the palace in the city for a big dinner with speeches. This took place in a specially built hall at the palace. The conversations were short. We returned to the pier in the Queen's pavilion, from where they looked at the dawn with torches. At 11 o'clock. said goodbye to the hospitable Romanian family and those who saw them off and at 11.25 departed from the pier. The night was wondrous and moonlit.

*2nd June. Monday.*

I slept well and woke up before 9 o'clock. on a wonderful morning, the sea was like a mirror. It was becoming a pity that our voyage was coming to an end. We had breakfast at 12 o'clock before leaving for **Odessa** there was a brigade of ships of the line. Steel on a barrel per hour from 1/2 in the Quarantine harbor. At 3 o'clock we went ashore. Poch. car. from the 59th infantry. Lublin regiment and city administration. In our train we went to the main

station, where the civil authorities and deputations were received. From there I went with the children to the parade and on the way stopped at the church of the 4th rifleman. brigades. The review took place on the parade ground in front of the camp of the Odessa garrison. The troops presented themselves in a cheerful and brilliant form. Such a joy was to see again the wonderful troops of the Odessa military. okr (uh-huh). He returned with the children to the station, where he received the former Shah of Persia, and then drove through the streets of Odessa to the port. It was hot. At 8 o'clock. there was a big lunch on the yacht for 90 people. About 11 a.m. there was prayer in the command room; after her they said goodbye to the officers and the crew and went to the **train**, cat. left at 11.15.

The whole city and port were very beautifully illuminated.

*3rd June. Tuesday.*

Stood midnight on the spot and arrived in **Chisinau** at 9 1/2 on a hot morning. We rode around the city in carriages. The order was exemplary. From the cathedral with a procession, we went to the square, where the solemn consecration of the monument to Imp. Alexander I in memory of the centenary of the annexation of Bessarabia to Russia. The sun was hot. He immediately received all the volost elders of the province. Then we went to a reception with the nobility; from the balcony they watched the gymnastics of boys and girls. From there there was a beautiful view of the outskirts of the city. On the way to the station, we visited the Zemsky Museum. In an hour 20 minutes. left Chisinau.

We had breakfast in a great stuffy atmosphere. At 3 o'clock we stopped in Tiraspol, where they made a review of the 14th and 15th art. brigades, 4th p. arm. division, 8th mort. art. div., 8th drag. Astrakhan regiment and 8th horse artillery. division. Received two deputations and boarded the train when the refreshing rain began. It became easier to breathe in the carriages. I read the papers until the evening.

*4th June. Wednesday.*

I slept well as it was very cool at night. We drove through familiar terrain along the Polesskaya railway. e. Walked with children at some stations. In Baranavichy, up to 3000 students were gathered. At 8 1/4 we were in Vilna.

*June 5th. Thursday.*

It rained at night and it was cool to sleep. I drank tea at 9 o'clock, when the train passed the station. Siverskaya. At 9.45, we arrived at **Tsarskoe Selo** and from the pavilion drove into our cathedral for a prayer service. Upon arrival at the Alexander Palace - Anastasia received gifts, because she was 13 years old.

Having settled a little in his rooms, he went for a walk. I saw with sadness the great devastation inflicted in the park by a hurricane in April. A rehearsal of the parade was going on on the palace ground. At 12 o'clock he received the deputation of the 4th Infantry. Koporsky regiment, commander of my Cuirassier regiment G.-M. Wehrmann and the newly appointed Prussian General Helius.

After breakfast I walked and rode in kayaks with the children for a long time. We drank tea on the balcony. Received Grigorovich. In the evening I was busy with papers.

*June 6th. Friday.*

*WITH*in the morning they attacked me with different questions; the last to receive Groten, appointed aide-de-camp on 22 May. Walked for 1/4 hour. Received Bark and Rukhlov. We had breakfast on the balcony. It was a wonderful day without a single cloud. He climbed onto the white tower and watched the garrison troops lining up trellises. At 3.45 I went to meet the King of Saxony; a guard of honor from my Cuirassier regiment. He brought him to us and then to the Grand Palace - with a platoon of the Convoy in front and behind the crew. At the entrance to the post office. car. from the 1st Shooter. shelf. He took the king to his rooms and returned by 5 o'clock. We drank tea on the balcony. At 7 o'clock. went with Olga and Tatiana to a ceremonial dinner with toasts. The setting sun illuminated the

large hall well. Conversations and performances took place in an anti-chamber. The King has appointed me Chief of the 2nd Saxon. artillery regiment number 28, uniform cat. he brought me. In the evening I rode with O [Iga] and T [atyana] in the engine on a great fresh evening. Was reading.

*June 7th. Saturday.*

Wonderful summer day. At 11 o'clock. the king came to us, we got on our horses and began to go around the troops along the street and on the palace grounds. Cerem. march. passed twice. This parade in winter form, against the backdrop of the palace, resembled paintings of the past. At 12.5 the parade ended.

Breakfast was served in a large hall with the superiors. I returned to my place at 2 o'clock. I had a good ride with the children on the ponds. They drank tea on the balcony. Was reading.

Four of us went to 8 o'clock. to Pavlovsk for a family dinner with the Saxon king [s]. We listened to the Izmailovo balalaika players in the garden. We returned home in an open engine.

*June 8th. Sunday.*

At 9.45 he said goodbye to the Cossacks leaving for their homeland, and watched the newcomers to the Convoy. At 10 1/2 I went with the children to our church for mass. We had breakfast with everyone and then talked on the terrace, where the sun was roasting like a Crimean.

Having accepted the small reports of Trubetskoy and Voeikov, I went to the park, walked around it and rode for a long time on the ponds. After tea I have Meshchersky and then Maklakov's report. I was late for dinner because of him. In the evening we had a great motor ride around Pavlovsk and Babolov.

*June 9th. Monday.*

By 10 o'clock. I came with the King of Saxon to the Sophia parade ground and was present with him at the drill exercises of my company L.-Gv. 1st Page regiment, on the regimental teachings of L.-GV. Consolidated Cossack Regiment and 6th Don Bath. Everything went well, and so did the jiggling of the Convoy's team of hundreds. Towards the end, the Hussar regiment, a cat. came out at seven minutes and in three minutes galloped up to us. I was very pleased! I returned home at about 12 o'clock. and received Grigorovich.

We had breakfast: King, Kostya, Cyril and Ducky. At 2 1/2 I took him to the station and said goodbye to him and his retinue. Having changed his clothes, he went for a walk.

The day was radiant. I brought an elephant with Alexei to our pond and made fun of his bathing.

We drank tea on the balcony. Received Krivoshein and Timashev. Graduated from paper by 8 o'clock. Arseniev (dezh) dined. We rode along different highways outside Tsarskoye.

*June 10th. Tuesday.*

On a marvelous hot morning, I went by motor to Peterhof with Voeikov and Arsenyev and arrived at 11 o'clock. to the Horse Grenadier Regiment. There was a consecration of the monument to Uncle Misha, built by the regiment <sup>[3]</sup>. The resemblance is great and the setting is beautiful. After the ceremony. march in the officers' meeting, breakfast was held. At 2 1/2 I went back and arrived at Ts. S. at 3 o'clock. The elephant was bathing again, this time Alix and all the children were present. Then we took a walk.

Georgie Battenberg arrived from the squadron from Kronstadt and stayed with us. After tea he received Sazonov and Sukhomlinov. I read all evening.

*June 11th. Wednesday.*

Also wonderful weather. After the morning papers, I took a walk for half an hour. Received reports from Bulygin and Kharitonov; Engalycheva, Tatischeva and Shebeko - Grodn. lips.

Had breakfast with the British Admiral Beatty and his staff and commanders. Then he adopted the English. Ambassador Buchanan. At 3 1/2, the whole family went to Boris's garden for a garden-party \* arranged by Kirill and Ducky. It went well. The heat was colossal, light rain poured down, but the tents were saved by the dresses of the ladies. By 5 o'clock. came back home. After tea I read. Olga arrived from Ramon for dinner. We took her halfway to Peterhof before moving through Balt. f. e. Began to pack things.

\* Reception of guests in the Garden (eng.)

*June 12th. Thursday.*

Absolutely Crimean weather and the same light heat, of course, except for the city, where the stuffiness, they say, is terrible.

In the morning I received five people and therefore we managed to walk a little. Alix left for St. Petersburg with O [lga] and T [atyana] up to an hour. Had breakfast with the younger ones. At 2 1/2, he adopted a committee chaired by Dashkova for the construction of a church in memory of the 300th anniversary. I went to the pavilion at 3 o'clock, where I examined the monument for the mountains. Poltava Peter the Great and another, plaster, Gogol. Walked and rode on the ponds with children. We looked again at the bathing of the elephant. Alix was back at 5 o'clock. Uncle Pavel came to tea. Received Shcheglovitov and Prince. Shcherbatov.

After dinner I read all evening.

*June 13th. Friday.*

After finishing the morning papers, I walked for 1/4 hour and came home wet. Accepted reports: Barka, Markov and Reina. Around 12 noon. Georgie B [attenberg] is back. After breakfast we moved to **Peterhof**. A thunderstorm passed around and refreshed the air for our arrival. The usual meeting of lancers and sailors and troops of the garrison with trellises in the Alexander Park. They gladly entered our house. Soon he put his office in order. Olga, Petya, Maria Pavl (ram) and Georgy Mikhailovich] drank tea with us. Georgie lives next to Alexei. I read and did a short kayak ride. We dined on the upper round balcony. The motor went to the mill and Babigon, where they signed the old books. After tea we dispersed soon.

*June 14th. Saturday.*

Today Marie is 15 years old. On this occasion, a prayer service was served downstairs in the dining room. In a downpour, they left for the pier and boarded the Alexandria. When approaching Kronstadt, the weather cleared up. An English squadron on a small roadstead greeted us with a thunderous salute. Passed on a steam boat along the line of ships and switched to the flagship cruiser "Lion". It raised the English. admiral's flag at salute. Examined this whopper in 28,000 tons and then had breakfast at the adm. Beatty. The British were welcoming and helpful and showed me everything that interested me. From there we moved to the cruiser "New Zealand", 19,000 tons, to a cat. floating Georgie B [attenberg].

Finally, at 4 o'clock, we left again with fireworks on the "Alexandria" to Peterhof. A light SW blew out and the weather became wonderful. After tea he received Sukhomlinov and Yanushkevich - the report lasted until 8:00. Dined Cyril (dez.) And Dmitry, who returned from vacation.

In the evening I was busy with papers.

*June 15th. Sunday.*

The weather was excellent, a little fresher. At 11 o'clock. I went with my daughters to mass. Breakfast, as always in Peterhof, was on the balcony of the Farm, and with music. Georgie came for a day from Kronstadt. We walked around Alexandria together.

Riding in a kayak next to Alexei in a two-man team; there were waves. The children with Georgie went to Olga. We drank tea with Anya. Was reading. At 7 1/4 I went with Georgie to the bathhouse and had a great swim in the sea at 18 °. Olga arrived for dinner. At 9 1/2 we all took him to the pier and said goodbye.

*June 16th. Monday.*

In the morning I had to read a lot and walk very little. The day was good, but much cooler and with the same W. From 11 o'clock. received Grigorovich, Krivoshein and Prince. Shirinsky. After breakfast, the deputation of Pavlograd gus. a regiment that brought a winter uniform to Alexei. We visited Comrade Eugene. I walked with my daughters. At 6 1/2 he received Taneev. Ride 1/4 hour in a kayak, and after lunch in the motor.

*June 17th. Tuesday.*

The morning was gray and cool; from 12 o'clock the weather cleared up. I took a walk. Received Sukhomlinov and then Nikolasha. At 12 1/2 I went to the Bolshoi Dvor, where I examined the plans for the last work in the fortresses. Georgy Mikhailovich had breakfast. About 3 hours. I went with Alexei to the review of young soldiers of the 1st Railway, the regiment, who introduced themselves splendidly. I played tennis with my daughters and Anya. Olga drank tea with us. Received Sazonov. I did not go kayaking for long. In the evening Gregory sat with us.

*June 18th. Wednesday.*

Excellent day. Walked for half an hour. From 11 o'clock to one o'clock he received Goremykin, and then Rodzianko. Georgie, who came from Bjorke, had breakfast. At 3 1/2 I went with him to the harbor, where the officers of the alternating composition of Gymnast, fencing. schools featured diving, diving and swimming. Very good, especially in view of the steep wave from the blowing W. Then the officers introduced themselves and I filmed with them in a group.

We returned at 5 o'clock. Olga was drinking tea. Georgie finally left. Received by Casso. I got to the "Worker" in a kayak. We dined on the children's balcony with Dmitry Sher [emetev] (dezh.). Ride in the motor.

*19th June. Thursday.*

It was a wonderful day. From 11 am to 1 pm, a meeting of the Council of Ministers was held at the Farm. Sergey Mikhailovich had breakfast.

During the day I played tennis with the children, Anya and Zborovsky. D. Pavel arrived for tea. He graduated from the evening papers and at 7 o'clock. said goodbye to dear Alix and small children.

I went with Olga A [leksandrovna], Olga and Tatiana on "Alexandria" to Kronstadt, also Ducky and Kirill. We moved to the "**Polar Star**" for the night.

Dined with everyone and spent a wonderful evening in the wardroom until 1/2 hour.

*June 20th. Friday.*

For a long time I could not sleep. Slept until 8 1/2 already on the move. The day was marvelous and the sea was like butter. The British cruising squadron left Bjorke and gradually began to catch up with us.

Not reaching 10 miles to Gochland, the squadron rebuilt from the front line in one wake column and at full speed with salute overtook us on the right side. The evolution was very beautiful. Then the yacht turned left aboard and went back with the destroyers.

The waves of English ships rocked us. We sat down to breakfast at 12 1/2 o'clock. We went to Kronstadt with a small course and stood on the barrel at exactly 7 o'clock. The heat on the deck was Black Sea. We arrived at **Peterhof** at 8 o'clock. and home for dinner.

I read, drank tea together and went to bed at 12 1/4.

*June 21st. Saturday.*

Having finished the morning papers, I went at 10 o'clock with Olga and Tatiana to Tsarskoe Selo.

The weather was wonderful, but very hot, there was haze on the horizon and the smell of burning from forests burning somewhere. By 11 o'clock. put on his winter dress uniform and went to the church parade of my Cuirassier regiment on the occasion of his holiday. The regiment with a machine-gun crew presented itself in a brilliant form. After breakfast I did not talk for long; appointed a new com. shelf in the suite. I changed my clothes and drove back to Peterhof, making the move in exactly half an hour.

We played tennis. Olga was drinking tea. Received Rukhlov, bathed in the sea. Dined Petrovsky (dezh.). I read until 11 1/2.

*June 22nd. Sunday.*

At 9 1/2, they went with their daughters to Krasnoe in the Ulansky regiment, to consecrate a new wooden church to replace the burnt one. After the service, sat down to breakfast in the tent here *is* close to the village. The heat was great with the same winds and haze. We returned to Peterhof at 2 1/2 o'clock. Alexei was lying on the balcony, as he complained of nausea and back pain. We played tennis. At 6 o'clock he received Nikolasha. I read until 7 1/2 and swam well in the sea. Olga A [leksandrovnna] was having lunch.

*June 23rd. Monday.*

Very busy morning and 1/4 hour walk. At 2 1/2, he received a deputation at the Farm from the St. Petersburg Arsenal Imp. Peter Vel [ikogo]. I played tennis. Heat and haze, the sun is completely red and the sea is like fog. Alexei lay all day on Alix's balcony, the fever continued. He took Maklakov from 6 1/2 to 8 hours. I read it in the evening.

*June 24th. Tuesday.*

About 9 o'clock. bathed in the sea. I read and walked a little. Received Sukhomlinov and several introducing themselves. Andrey (dezh.) Had breakfast. I went with Alix and with him to the English Palace to inspect the model of Anpav's monument for St. Petersburg. I played tennis. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. I bought it again. The heat was great, but the air was better, as the burning became less. After lunch, I had Nilov. I read for a long time.

*June 25th. Wednesday.*

An unusually hot day. At 9 1/2 I went to Tsarskoe Selo, where I made **three** consecutive barracks: 2nd Shooter. Tsarskoye Selo and 3rd Bldg. my regiments and finally the Convoy near the railway. pavilion. He returned

neatly by one o'clock. Mitya and Oleg were having breakfast. Despite the heat, we played tennis cheerfully. I walked with children with bare feet in the river. Aunt Michen, Ducky and Kirill drank tea with us.

After reading the usual papers, I swam in the sea, the water was 21 ° R. After lunch, we rode in a motor to Babigon and drove into a rural house. The burn was thicker there. Alexey has themes. normal and he felt good.

*June 26th. Thursday.*

The fierce heat continued. Alix with O [lga] and T (atyana) went to Petersburg. Took all morning. I had breakfast with M [aria) and A [nastasia]. Alexey ate separately on the balcony. At 2 1/2 he received the Greek envoy Psik, who was leaving for Bucharest, and then examined Tkachenko's paintings. I played tennis with all my daughters, Anya and Zborovsky. After tea he received Meshchersky. I bathed well. Olga A [leksandrovna] dined. Spent the evening together on the balcony.

*June 27th. Friday.*

At 9 1/2 went to St. Petersburg on the "Alexandria" and from the pier to the location of L.-Gv. Horse regiment, where he laid the foundation for new barracks. From there I went to the Mikhailovsky Theater, against which the construction of the future exhibition building had begun, the foundation of which I had done together with Aunt Mikhen. Returned to the yacht at 12 1/2. I saw in the Neva - "Standart", cat. tidied up after swimming. I looked at the ships of the line ending and under construction on the slipways with a pleasant feeling. Had breakfast on the way back. A breeze blew into the sea. I played tennis.

At 6 o'clock. accepted Barca. Bathed - at 20 ° in the sea. Struve dined (dezh.). In the evening we went for a drive in the motor.

*June 28th. Saturday.*

Anniversary of the death of dear George. At 10 1/2 we went to a memorial service. I took it all morning exactly in winter.

Alexey had breakfast; gr. Fredericks too. At 2 1/2 I went with Alix and Olga to the Grand Palace, where Sabler introduced us to 110 teachers of parish schools. They sang to us several prayers of various melodies and secular songs. I played tennis. The weather was wonderful with a refreshing breeze. After tea I read a lot. Redeemed. We dined and spent the evening with Olga and Petit.

*June 29th. Sunday.*

It's a wonderful day. We went to mass at 10.45. Comrade Michen and her brother, the husband of the Queen of Holland, were received at the Farm; he came to Petersburg in Dutch. armor "Zealand". They had breakfast with us and their retinue. During the day he went kayaking and played tennis with his daughters, N.P. Sablin and Rodionov. They drank tea with us. Read until 7 1/2 and redeemed; in water 21 °.

Dined: Olga A [leksandrovna] and Sonya Den; they spent the evening with us.

*June 30th. Monday.*

After the morning hustle and bustle, I managed to walk for half an hour. The heat continued the same. Received Grigorovich, Timashev and the retinue of general-m. Shipova. Boris (dezh.) And Nikolai Mikhailovich had breakfast. I played tennis. At 6 o'clock. received Goremykin. While I was swimming, "Shtandart" was passing from St. Petersburg.

In the evening, five of us rode in the engine, the alleys smelled great of linden trees. I read it for a long time.

*1st of July. Tuesday.*

We got up early. I had to read and write until our departure. At 10 o'clock. went to Kronstadt. The weather was stifling and rainy. We drove into the harbor and were present at the consecration of a new huge dock named after Alexei. When the water was flooded, the cruise went to the dock. "Rurik". In an hour from 1/4 we arrived at the **"Standart"**. After breakfast we went to sea. The weather has improved. At 8 1/4 pm stood on a barrel at the **"Standart raid"**.

With us came: "Pol [bright] Star" and five destroyers - **"Voiskovoy", "Volunteer", "Moskvityanin", "Emir of Bukharsky" and "Finn"**. The air became wonderful and the smell of burning disappeared. I played dice in the evening.

*2nd July. Wednesday.*

Slept great and woke up with such a joyful feeling to be on a yacht in this good place.

About 10 a.m. I went in a kayak with Grabbe and Kira Nar [yyshkin] around Tucholm. Was reading. Have breakfast the gene. Samsonov and all the commanders of the ships. At 2 o'clock Fredericks for min. "Finn" went to Peterhof. I went ashore with my children and played tennis. Then he took a bath with the officers at the old place. Played dominoes in the evening.

*3rd of July. Thursday.*

A wonderful, not particularly hot day with an S breeze. In the morning I rode with O [lga] and T (atyana) in two. By breakfast, the usual outfit of six officers from the ships sailing with us began.

At night I arrived on the yacht for min. "Finn" artist Tkachenko.

At 2 1/2 I went with the others to Padio and did a good walk; Then he moved to Alexei's place and bathed perfectly.

After tea, he read and signed the papers sent at night. In the evening, bones - Zelenetsky, Zlebov and Nevvarovsky.

*4th of July. Friday.*

It blew at night and rain fell in the morning. Before breakfast I sat on a yacht.

At 12 o'clock. received Governor General Zane. I left at 2 1/2 with the people walking at the telegraph station and walked along the road to the village, and then back to Alexei's place. Swim great. After tea, thunderstorms began from different directions, continuing until midnight with interruptions. The lightning was wonderful. Played dominoes.

*July 5th. Saturday.*

Had a great day. Did a great trip with the three of us in kayaks. After breakfast we said goodbye to Butakov, the cat. translated old. official to the "Princess". We drove off and walked on Tucholma. Was swimming. At 6 hours 45, there was an all-night vigil on the poop. The courier arrived and brought a lot of papers.

After lunch I read and then broke down and played dominoes.

*6th July. Sunday.*



The weather in the morning became clear and cooler than the last days. At 10 o'clock. took off from the barrel and went to Kronstadt.

A mass was served on the way. After breakfast I finished reading yesterday's papers. On the Big Roadside we passed along the brigade of cruisers, greeted the teams. At 3 1/2 o'clock we left the "Standart" for "Alexandria" and went to **Peterhof**. During tea we saw a yacht sailing to St. Petersburg. I read, walked and swam in the sea. Dined: Aunt Olga and Tatiana Konst [antinovna]. Then Olga and Petya arrived.

*July 7th. Monday.*

In the morning I took it endlessly. After Grigorovich's report went to 12 o'clock. to the pier and examined the new radiotelegraph station. I went to the Alexandria to Kronstadt and had breakfast on the way. Before leaving, there was a thunderstorm downpour; then the weather improved. At exactly two o'clock, a French squadron entered the small raid as part of the armor. "France", "Jean Bart" and two destroyers.

Grigorovich brought President Poincare to the yacht; after the mutual presentation of the suites, we went to **Peterhof**. The fireworks did not stop. At the pier, everything is VK, retinue and marvelous poch. car. from the Guard ekp. With an escort, he brought him to the palace, where there was an excellent priest. car. from the Yenisei regiment. In 1/4 hour Alix arrived with O [lga] and T [atyana]. She took Poincaré and then returned home together at 4 o'clock. Walked with Tatiana; visited Dmitry. We drank tea with N.P. Sablin (dezh.). Was reading. At 7 1/2 a ceremonial dinner with speeches took place. After conversations, we said goodbye to the good president and arrived at our place at 10 o'clock.

*July 8th. Tuesday.*

In the morning he studied until 10 1/4 and went to the palace to Poincaré. Chatted to 11 1/4; he went to Petersburg for the whole day, and I went to the English Palace. In front of him on the lawn were lined up: a company and officers of the permanent and variable composition of the Shooting School.

On July 1, they celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Anpap shooter's command. by the mouth of the Training Infantry. battalion. He received the parade and the officers, filmed in a group on the stairs and then examined the model of the monument to Anpap, made by the Canon, in the palace. I returned home at 12.45 with Dmitry (dezh.). Received for 1/4 hour Sukhomlinov. After breakfast I played tennis. Was reading. At 7 1/2 I swam with Dmitry. He and Olga were having dinner. Ride in the motor. It was a wonderful day. Only at 12 1/2 am poor Poincaré returned from the city.

*July 9th. Wednesday.*

At 11 o'clock. accepted a deputation from my Romanian 5th Rosior regiment. She brought the entire regiment uniform and several albums from the king. At 11 1/2 Poincaré himself brought gifts for Alix and the children. I went with him to the palace; French officers and Romanians had breakfast.

At 3 o'clock we went by train to **Krasnoe Selo**. At the station car. from Ulansky Her Led. and at the palace on the highway from 12 green. Astrakhan regiments. At 4 o'clock the detour of the camp began in wonderful weather. Alix rode with Poincaré, Marie and Anastasia. The troops looked remarkably vigorous.

After dawn he returned with the president. At 7 1/4 there was a big dinner at Nikolasha and Stana's in the tent. At 9 1/2 I went with Poincaré, Olga and Tatiana to the theater. It was a good, short performance. I had a snack with Alix and my daughters - in dressing gowns.

*July 10th. Thursday.*

I went with Poincaré to inspect the troops, the cat. started with a detour at 10 o'clock. He rode with Alix and M [aria] and A [nastasia]. The passage ended at 12 1/4. I was very pleased. Breakfast was in the Krasnoselskaya tent. It became very hot during the day. **Returned** on request. dor. at 3 o'clock. He took a walk, sweated a lot and bathed with pleasure. A large cloud rose from the west; a thunderstorm with a downpour passed just before our departure from Poincaré to Kronstadt.

At 7 1/2 we moved to a new armor. "France", cat on the quarterdeck. there was a dinner for 104 people. Everything went very well, and at 10 o'clock. we said goodbye to the president and went to Peterhof, where we arrived at 11 o'clock. calm and with darkness. Was reading.

*July 11th. Friday.*

The heat reached 24 ° in the shade. In the morning I was busy until one o'clock. Bagration (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked up to 3 1/4; then went with Olga and Tatiana to Krasnoe. Received a cavalry and aeronautical officer. schools in front of a large dining room. I was half an hour late for the races. I dined with the cavalry guards and was in the theater.

*July 12th. Saturday.*

On Thursday evening, Austria presented Serbia with an ultimatum with demands, of which 8 are unacceptable for an independent state. Its term expired today at 6 o'clock. day. Obviously, everywhere we talk is only about this. In the morning I went to Krasnoe Selo, and at 10 o'clock. an excellent review of the Astrakhan regiment took place. From 11 am to 12 pm I had a meeting with 6 ministers on the same issue, and on precautions, cat. we should accept. I had breakfast with the officers of Astrakhan. grenada. At 2 1/2 I went to the infirmary of Comrade Mikhen. From there to a military hospital. Transferred the prize for the best shooting in the cavalry to L.-GV. Hussar regiment. He reviewed the 9th drag.

Kazansky and 12th Hussar. Akhtyrsky regiments. All the chefs were present. At 6 o'clock. there was a production of cadets in front of the dining tent.

At 7 o'clock. there was lunch for the officers of both regiments. After talking, I went with my three older daughters to the theater. There was a long jubilee performance to mark his 50th birthday. I returned to Peterhof at one and a quarter, and went to bed after 3 hours, due to the mass of papers.

*July 13th. Sunday.*

Got up at 9 o'clock. with pouring rain. After mass, he received the equestrian Mekl [enburg] -Strelitsky court on the farm, who had arrived with the news of his death. duke. He was having breakfast. About 2 hours. the rain stopped, and by evening the weather cleared up. I took a walk with children and went kayaking. Was reading. Swam in the sea. Olga A [leksandrovnna] was having lunch. We sat together in the evening.

*July 14th. Monday.*

The wonderful weather continues. Walked for half an hour in the morning; then received Grigorovich and Taneyev at 12 o'clock.

We had breakfast alone. From 3 hours. played tennis. At 6 o'clock. received Maklakov. There was little interesting news, but from the report written by Sazonov [it is clear that] the Austrians, apparently, are puzzled by the rumor about our preparations and are beginning to talk. I read all evening.

*July 15th. Tuesday.*

I accepted the report of Sukhomlinov and Yanushkevich. Breakfast: Elena and Vera Chernogorskaya. In 2 1/2 was taken in the Bolshoi. the palace of representatives of the congress of the naval clergy with Fr. Shavelsky at the head. I played tennis. At 5 o'clock. I went with my daughters to Strelnitsa to see Aunt Olga and drank tea with her and Mitya. At 8 1/2 he received Sazonov, a cat. reported that today at noon Austria has declared war on Serbia. Dined: Olga and Arseniev (dezh.). I read and wrote all evening.

*July 16th. Wednesday.*

In the morning he received Goremykin. At 12 1/4, he produced about a hundred shipbuildings in the palace. midshipman to midshipmen. Played tennis in the afternoon; the weather was wonderful.

But the day was unusually hectic. I was constantly called to the phone by Sazonov, or Sukhomlinov, or Yanushkevich. In addition, he was in urgent telegraphic correspondence with Wilhelm.

In the evening I read and received Tatishchev, the cat. I'm sending to Berlin tomorrow.

*July 17th. Thursday.*

In the morning it was quieter in terms of occupation; received Mamantov, Botkin from Lisbon and the commander of the Caspian regiment Iskriksky. After breakfast I had Sazonov and Tatishchev. Walked alone. The weather was warm. At 6 o'clock. accepted gr. Fredericks with Voeikov, then Nilov. I bathed with pleasure in the sea. Olga dined and spent the evening with her.

*July 18th. Friday.*

The day was gray, and the inner mood was the same.

At 11 o'clock. a meeting of the Council of Ministers took place at the Farm. I returned home by one o'clock. After breakfast he received the German ambassador. Walked with my daughters. I studied before lunch and in the evening.

*19th July. Saturday.*

In the morning there were the usual reports.

After breakfast I summoned Nikolasha and announced to him that he had been appointed supreme commander-in-chief until my arrival in the army. I went with Alix to the Diveyevo monastery.

Walked with the children. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. Upon returning from there, we learned that **Germany had** declared war on us. Dined: Olga A [leksandrovnna], Dmitry and John (dezh.). English arrived in the evening. Ambassador Buchanan with a telegram from Georgie. I spent a long time composing an answer with him. Then I saw Nikolasha and Fredericks as well. Drank tea at 12 1/4.

*20th July. Sunday.*

Good day, especially in terms of uplifting. At 11 o'clock. went with Marie and Anastasia to mass. We had breakfast alone. At 2 1/4 we set off on the Alexandria to St. Petersburg and by carriage straight to the Winter Dv. He signed a manifesto declaring war. From Malakhitova we went out into the Nikolaevskaya hall, in the middle of the cat. the manifesto was read. and then a prayer service was served. The whole audience sang "Save, Lord" and "Many Years".

He said a few words. On their return, the ladies rushed to kiss their hands and patted Alix and me a little. Then we went out onto the balcony on Alexandrovskaya Square and bowed to a huge mass of people. About 6 hours. went to the embankment and went to the boat through a large crowd of officers and the public. We returned to Peterhof at 7 1/4. The evening was spent calmly.

*July 21st. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock. the four of us went with O [Iga] and T [atyana] to the Ulan regiment. A prayer service was served at the cathedral. Officers and lancers kissed the cross and standard and then kissed Alix's hand.

Having missed the regiment, he admonished him several times. words. We returned to our place at 11 1/2 o'clock. Received Grigorovich and Fredericks. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Walked with the children. The weather was gray and windy. After tea I received Timashev and then studied. The evening was free.

*July 22nd. Tuesday.*

Yesterday Mom came to Copenhagen from England via Berlin. From 9 1/2 to an hour, I took it continuously. Alec, the cat, arrived first. returned from Hamburg with great difficulties and barely reached the border. Germany has declared war on France and is directing the main onslaught against her.

I had reports: Goremykina, Sukhomlinov and Sazonov. Cyril was a dezh.

*July 23rd. Wednesday.*

In the morning I learned the good news: England declared the warrior of Germany

for the fact that the latter attacked France and in the most uncereemonious manner violated the neutrality of Luxembourg and Belgium.

The campaign could not begin in the best possible way for us. Took all morning and after breakfast until 4 o'clock. The last

I had a French. Ambassador Palaeologus, who came to officially announce the break between France and Germany. Walked with the children. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. The evening was free.

*July 24th. Thursday.*

Today **Austria has finally declared war on us.** Now the situation has been completely determined. From 11 1/2 at the Farm I had a meeting of the Council of Ministers. Alix went to town in the morning and returned with Victoria and Ella. Besides them, we had breakfast: Kostya and Mavra, who had just returned from Germany and, like Alec, who had difficulty crossing the border. It rained warm all day. I took a walk. Victoria and Ella had dinner and then left for town.

*July 25th. Friday.*

In the morning Alix went to town. It was a wonderful day. Olga A (leksandrovna) had breakfast with me and the younger children. We walked together and found a lot of mushrooms. Ride to tea in Gatchina. Was reading. Alix is back at 7 1/2. Alix had a headache.

*July 26th. Saturday.*

At 9 1/2 I went to the city in "Patrol". I went to Winter with Nikolasha. Received members of the State. council and the Duma. Then at his place - Ilyin on the "Red Cross" and Sukhomlinov. Around 12 noon. went with Ella to Peterhof. A decent SW was blowing, but it was warm.

I had breakfast at home. Accepted Prince. Shcherbatov. Walked with the children. After tea, Ella said goodbye and left for Moscow. Was reading. Olga dined. All the officers of the yacht spent the evening with us.

*July 27th. Sunday.*

At 10 1/2 there was mass due to the arrival of dear Mama at 12.36 here in Peterhof. The whole family, ministers and retinue met. A wondrous honor was exhibited, a guard from the Guards crew. Mom came with Ksenia, having made a 9-day trip from England to Berlin, from where she was not allowed to go to our border, then Copenhagen, across Sweden to Torneo and St. Petersburg. She is not tired at all and is in the same high spirits as all of us. We had breakfast and dinner at the Cottage. Walked with my daughters. At 6 o'clock he received Nikolasha. The weather was great.

*July 28th. Monday.*

Sat for half an hour in the morning with Mom. Accepted: Grigorovich and Krivoshein. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked with children and looked for mushrooms. The weather was very warm.

Maria Pavlovna drank tea with us. As always, Nikolasha was at 6 o'clock with a brief daily report. Sandro arrived from the Crimea. Was reading. Dined and spent the evening with Mom.

*July 29th. Tuesday.*

On the 27th of July our 10th and 11th cavalry. divisions, crossing the border, had good dealings with the Austrian troops. In the morning we took the gene. Radko Dmitriev, who left the Bulgarians, service and was just appointed commander of the 8th arm. housing. Then there were Alec and Sukhomlinov. Sazonov was the last to receive. Andrey (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked with T [atyana] and A [nastasia]. It was really hot. At 6 o'clock he received Nikolasha and after Fredericks. Was reading. Dined at Mom's; Alix stayed at home due to a headache. A thunderstorm passed in the night.

*July 30th. Wednesday.*

Today dear Alexei is ten years old. In the morning he received Yanushkevich and said goodbye to him. I was late for mass with Alix. Mom had breakfast with us. Walked with children for a long time. The weather was great with a crisp SW. After tea Nikolasha brought back a machine gun taken from the Germans on the border at Eidkunen. At 6 o'clock he received Shcheglovitov. I dined with Mama, with everyone and Dmitri [s] Sherem [etev] (dezh.). I read and responded to telegrams.

*July 31st. Thursday.*

In the morning he said goodbye to Nikolasha, Petyusha and Kirill, who were leaving for the army at night. I went to Mama until 11 o'clock and then received Maklakov and Mamantov. After breakfast - Goremykina. SW continued to blow, squalls with rain came. Walked with the children. I studied calmly until lunchtime. I spent the evening at home.

Two days ago, the 7th cavalier, division had a successful deal for the Austr. border.

*1st August. Friday.*

It cooled down. At 11 o'clock. I had Sergei, then Bark, Sabler and Rukhlov. After breakfast Vladimir Bobrinsky, cat. came from the State. Duma in the Hussar regiment and will be in the headquarters of the 8th corps at Radko Dmitriev. Walked with children and got caught with them in the rain. At 6 o'clock. accepted Casso. He was in Germany and also, along with thousands of Russians, experienced all sorts of abominations from the Germans. I did. We dined at Mom's. Today Olga A [leksandrovna] went to the army as a nurse with an ambulance train.

*2nd August. Saturday.*

It was a gray, cold day.

After 11 o'clock. received Sukhomlinov, Sazonov and Frederiks, and at 10 o'clock Sverbeev from Berlin. We had breakfast: Comrade Mikhen, Elena and Niki. I walked with my daughters and rocked with them like all these days on a swing. Aunt Olga [Konstantinovna] drank tea with us. Took the gene. Evert, who arrived from Irkutsk and was soon to be assigned to the active army. Was reading. We dined with all the daughters at Mom's.

*3rd August. Sunday.*

The weather was cool, the sun peeped out for several hours during the day. We were at Mass and had breakfast in our rooms at the Farm. Stacking things and papers. Walked with my daughters, met Mom near the swing. I read and studied after tea. At 8 1/4 they left our sweet home. We dined with Mama with comrades Olga, Mitya and Tatiana. At 10 1/4 we said goodbye to them and left **Peterhof**. We drank tea on the train.

*4th August. Monday.*

We stood for a long time in Gatchina. It was cold and rainy in the morning; approaching **Moscow** - the sun began to appear. At 2 o'clock we arrived at the capital. Poch. car. from the Alexander military school. On Tverskaya, the mass of people and troops were trellised; reserve battalions and several secondary divisions. After praying at Iverskaya Street, we arrived at the Kremlin and accommodated ourselves in the old rooms. We drank tea and dined with Ella. He wrote telegrams.

*5th August. Tuesday.*

The morning was sunny and warm. At 11 o'clock. the exit to the Assumption Cathedral began and after the prayer service - to the Chudov Monastery, from where we returned in carriages. After breakfast I read it. At 3 o'clock we went to the Kazansky railway station, where we examined the newly built ambulance train named after Alix, which is leaving for the army today. From 4 to 5 1/2 I had a meeting of the Council of Ministers. At 6 1/2 we went to the Vigil service at the Archangel Cathedral. After lunch I studied.

*6th August. Wednesday.*

For the first time in many years I spent this day away from the Preobrazhensky regiment. Many former officers and my comrades came to congratulate me on the holiday in the morning. We were at Mass at the Savior on Bor. After breakfast, he took a walk with his daughters in the garden near the Kremlin wall and then, together with Alix, went to the churches of St. Constantine and Helena and the Most Holy. Theotokos Unexpected joys.

At 4 o'clock we went to the house of the Merchant Council <sup>[4]</sup>, which was given over to the main warehouse for the wounded mountains. Moscow. From there we went to the monastery of Ella, where they drank tea. I read and responded to telegrams. The evening was free.

*7th August. Thursday.*

It's a great clear day. Walked with Alexei in the garden in front of the windows. We had breakfast at 12 1/2. We went to Khodynka to the Soldatenkovs hospital, where they saw the first wounded in business in Vost. Prussia,

including 6 people. five of them light and one - heavy in the neck, sergeant-major of the 2nd Pskov Life Dragoon Regiment Polishchuk.

An amazing fellow who sensibly explained the details of the case and knew perfectly well everything that was going on around him - in the neighboring units.

From there we drove into one of the warehouses of the all-land organization in the house of the princes. Gagarina and then to the Noble Assembly in the noble warehouse. There is vigorous activity everywhere! We returned by 5 o'clock. I did a little, and the evening was free for me.

*August 8th. Friday.*

In the morning he received 40 mayors and a deputation of the Czech colony. At 11 o'clock. in front of our windows he inspected the military schools: Aleksandrovsky, Alekseevsky and Tver cavalry. At 12 1/2 o'clock they **left Moscow** and went to the Trinity-Sergius Lavra. There was an eclipse of the sun on the way. After the prayer service at the shrine of St. Sergius boarded the train and at the station. The Likhobors saw a second-order battery echelon. It became quite cool - 7 °.

*August 9th. Saturday.*

About 6 hours. in the morning the train stopped between Aleksandrovskaya and our pavilion. We arrived at **Tsarskoe Selo** at 9 1/2 o'clock. I put the rooms in order and went for a walk. It's strange to be here this time of year. N.P. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast. I went to the Church of the Sign with Marie and Anastasia and walked with them. Caught in the rain. Uncle Pavel drank tea with us. After that I felt dizzy with nausea and lay down for the whole evening. At 9 1/2 Alix with the children, Anya and Nick [olai] Pavlovich] came to me and sat for a long time. By 12 o'clock. the vile feeling is gone.

*August 10th. Sunday.*

I slept well and felt healthy. I received from Nikolasha the good news about the successful end of the two-day battles of our 1st Army against two and a half Prussian corps, which had retreated to the west. We were at mass in the regimental cathedral. Breakfast: Anya, Sablin and Mordvinov (dezh.). We drank coffee on the balcony - it was a wonderful day. Walked with M (aria) and A [nastasia). I went for a ride in a kayak with Alexei in "Gatchinka". After tea I read a lot.

*11th August. Monday.*

Great summer day. I took a walk. Received Grigorovich, Goremykin and Krivoshein. After a walk at 4 o'clock I went with Marie and Anastasia by motor to Elagin to Mama. I drank tea with Xenia. At this time Misha entered, who had returned from England last night, also via Norway and Sweden to Torneo. It was a pleasure to meet! Returned to Ts. S. with him. He dined with us.

I read it in the evening.

*August 12th. Tuesday.*

From that morning, on the advice of Botkin, he began to take iodine. After the walk, he received Sukhomlinov, gr. Velepolsky and Maklakov. Andrey (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Walked and rode in a kayak and with Alexei in "Gatchinka". We drank tea with Maria P. and Elena Petrovna. At 6 o'clock. I had Sazonov. I read it in the evening.

*August 13th. Wednesday.*

After a short walk he accepted Markov and Taneyev. Elena and Niki, returning to Greece, had breakfast. Walked with children and rode with them on the ponds. I read before lunch, and in the evening I put all the papers in the table in order.

*August 14th. Thursday.*

It was a very pleasant day. The morning was busy. Breakfast: Georgy and Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.). I rode bicycles with my daughters, jumped with them and Alexei on a net and rode on ponds. I read a lot before lunch, and in the evening I put in order the mass of letters received during the year.

*August 15th. Friday.*

A very warm day. At 10 1/2 we went to the cathedral for mass. Sablin (dezh.) And Misha had breakfast. Received Bark and then took a walk. At 3 o'clock we went with O [Iga] and T (atyana) to the city and visited the wounded officers of the 1st Guards. kav. division in Blagoveshchensk, infirmary. From there to Mama at Elagin for tea.

We returned to Tsarskoe S. by 7 o'clock. Was reading. After lunch, we examined the battle sites on the 13th and 14th August on the Austrian and German fronts on a map.

*August 16th. Saturday.*

The same great day. After the morning papers, I took a good walk. Received Sukhomlinov and Fredericks. He and Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast. I rode bicycles with my daughters around Babolovsky Park. Then on the ponds. Uncle Pavel was drinking tea. At 6 1/2 I went with Ella and the children to the all-night vigil. Dined at 8 1/4. Was reading. Yesterday we took germ. cr. "Magdeburg", which sat on the stones west of Revel. They removed the commander, 2 officers and 54 people. teams.

*August 17th. Sunday.*

The day was warm, it was raining in the morning. At 10 1/2 we went to mass. Andrey (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Walked without rain. After tea I read and rode a bike for a while. There was no particular news; our armies, advancing in Galicia, are fighting on a front of 300 miles.

*August 18th. Monday.*

There were the usual talks. After breakfast Alix, Ella and Olga drove to the city. Walked and rode on the ponds. At 6 1/4, Alix returned. Received Shcheglovitov. Ella left for Moscow before dinner.

I received heavy news from the 2nd Army that the Germans attacked the 13th and 15th corps with overwhelming forces and almost destroyed them with heavy artillery fire. Gene. Samsonov and many others died!

*19th August. Tuesday.*

It was a cold, damp day and my soul was sad. Walked twice. Aunt Michen and Ducky drank tea with us. In general, the day was more free than usual.

*20th August. Wednesday.*

At 9 1/2 I went to Petrograd and visited the ending battleships - "**Sevastopol**" and "**Gangut**". Examined them in some detail. They make a strong impression - the decks are clean, only four towers with three 121-inch guns each. On both the work is coming to an end and there were a lot of workers. Grigorovich treated us to a good breakfast on the Neva yacht. The weather was sunny. I drove to a French hospital where Prince. Kantakuzin,



regiment. Cavalier. n., seriously wounded in the battle at Gumbinen. Returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 3 1/2. Ride in a kayak. He was delighted by the news of a great victory over the Austrians at Lvov - Ruzsky's third army. Dined Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.).

*August 21st. Thursday.*

In the afternoon I received the happiest news of the capture of Lvov and Galich! Thank God!

The weather was also bright.

Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. I walked and rode a bicycle with M [aria] and A [nastasia]. Misha and D. Pavel were drinking tea.

I am incredibly happy with this victory and I rejoice in the triumph of our dear army!

*August 22nd. Friday.*

We took a walk in the morning. Time before breakfast was busy. At 2 1/4 he received Goremykin. At 3 o'clock in the pouring rain I went with Olga and Tatyana to Strelna in a motor. We visited Comrade Olga on the occasion of her birth. He stopped at our house in Peterhof and returned to TsS at 5 1/4 for tea. Received Casso and read. After lunch, Gregory was seen, for the first time after he was wounded [\[5\]](#).

*August 23rd. Saturday.*

It got colder. Walked up to the reports. Breakfast: Militsa, Stana and Andrey (dezh.). They leave for Kiev to the hospital for the wounded, set up in the Pokrovsk community of Aunt Sasha. I rode bicycles with O [lga] and A [nastasia]. There are many yellow leaves on the trees. After tea he received Maklakov and read until lunchtime.

*August 24th. Sunday.*

Had a good day. At 10 1/2 we went to mass. After breakfast, they accepted a deputation from Konstantinovsky art. schools. At 2 o'clock on the site of the Bolshoi. Palace was the production of officers about 350 cadets of both artillery and Nikolaev engineering schools.

From there we went to the palace hospital, where they visited the wounded officers and lower ones. ranks. We took a walk. At 4 1/2 Mom and Ksenia came and drank tea. I had Voeikov. Was reading.

*August 25th. Monday.*

The weather became quite warm. Walked in the morning. Resin (dezh.) Had breakfast. I went for a ride with Olga, Anastasi [her] and Anya on a bike in Babolovo. Then in a kayak. At 6 o'clock. received Bulygin. In the evening we saw Gregory.

*August 26th. Tuesday.*

The first half of the day was warm and clear. Walked well in the morning. After breakfast I went with Voeikov in a motor through Krasnoe Selo and Ropsha to Mikhailovskoye to Sergei Mikhailovich. He lies with violent articular rheumatism; he looks bad. Returned to Ts. S. with the rain. After tea he received Sazonov. Dm. Sheremetev (dezh.). Alix had a headache - so the evening was very short.

*August 27th. Wednesday.*

The day was clear. In the morning I managed to walk twice. I saw Kirill, who came for a few days from Nikolasha's headquarters. Misha, the cat, had breakfast. received the Caucasian native cavalry division. I traveled with my daughters to Babolovsky Park on a bicycle. Then I went for a drive on the ponds with Alexei.

I studied and wrote until lunchtime. The evening was completely free.

*August 28th. Thursday.*

Warm day. Between the reports he received a well-known figure of Galicia Dudunkevich. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. At 2 1/2 he took a general adjutant. Danilov, leaving for the army. Walked and rode in a kayak. Xenia and Uncle Pavel were drinking tea. Was reading. In the evening we had Kozhevnikov and Rodionov, who were going on a hike the other day with the Guards crew.

*August 29th. Friday.*

Wonderful summer day. I took a walk. At 12 o'clock. there was a memorial service in the regimental cathedral for all those killed.

After breakfast he received Barca. We took a long walk, Alix in a chaise, along Babolovsky Park. Ride with Alexei on the ponds. Mordvinov (dezh.) Dined.

*August 30th. Saturday.*

Good news came about the victory on the Austrian front in the south of the Lublin province, where about 30,000 people were taken prisoner.

Alec had breakfast. I rode a bicycle with M [aria] and A [nastasia]. It was very warm. It rained at times. At 6 o'clock. I had Kochubey. I went to the all-night vigil. I studied in the afternoon.

*August 31st. Sunday.*

Summer weather continues. Were at mass. Breakfast: Andrey (dezh.) And Komarov, appointed head of the Petrograd palace administration. I walked for a long time and went with the children to a new small infirmary near the cathedral, arranged in a clergy house - for 20 wounded. Aunt Michen was drinking tea. At 6 o'clock. received Goremykin. In the evening, N.P. and M.P. Sablin were with us - the latter had arrived for a few days from the 1st Army.

## Started in Tsarskoe Selo

*1st September. Monday.*

Yesterday and today, pleasant news continued to arrive about the further consequences of the defeat of the Austrians on the entire front and inside Galicia!

Received four reports. After breakfast we made a good walk in Babolovo with Alix in a shack. I finished all the papers before lunch. In the evening I pasted photographs into an album.

*2nd September. Tuesday.*

During the day it was 15 ° in the shade, it was very hot to walk. After Sukhomlinov received Shcheglovitov. We made a joint walk in Babolovo. At 6 o'clock. I had Sazonov. In the evening I pasted some photos.

*3rd September. Wednesday.*

Received Alec, who returned from Nikolasha. Walked and received Taneyev. At 12 1/4 I went to the city and to Elagin to Mama. I had breakfast with her, Xenia and the boys. On the way to the station, I stopped at Fredericks' and returned by 5 o'clock to Ts. S. Elena Petrovna was drinking tea. Received Maklakov. Sablin (dezh.) Dined. I studied in the evening.

*4th September. Thursday.*

Got up early and therefore walked longer. Between the reports he received a deputation of Czechs living in Russia. Misha had breakfast. Walked with Alix and the children, and then went for a ride with Alexei in the "Gatchinka". After tea I read. In the evening I pasted Crimean photographs into an album.

*September 5th. Friday.*

Wonderful clear day. After the walk, there were the usual two reports. Dmitry Sheremetev had breakfast and dinner (dezh.). Walked together in their park and then rode on the pond.

You live here with your body, but with your soul you are completely there with our heroes, performing their heavy duty valiantly and meekly!

In the evening we had the consolation of talking with Gregory from 9.45 to 11.30.

*September 6th. Saturday.*

Good news continues to come from Galicia. Our troops from the east, south and north are approaching Yaroslav and Przemyśl; Samborg is busy.

In the morning I had two reports; before them he accepted 39 newly promoted officers from the military topographic school.

Ksenia had breakfast and walked with us. The day was good. After 5 hours it was raining. I read it before lunch, there were a lot of papers. Mordvinov (dezh.) Dined.

*7th September. Sunday.*

In the morning it rained until 12 o'clock. We were at mass and had breakfast alone. At about 2 o'clock we went to the House of Charity of Invalid Warriors, where now 150 wounded are accommodated, half of whom we visited. After that he took a walk with Marie and rode in a kayak. Maria Pavlovna drank tea and talked about her stay in Petersburg in one of our hospitals. Was reading. We spent the evening together.

*September 8th. Monday.*

Received Grigorovich at 10 o'clock. Then we went to mass on the occasion of the feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos. Before breakfast he received Krivoshein, after - Goremykin. Walked in the warm rain. I studied until 8 o'clock.

Andrey (dezh.) Dined. In the evening I pasted photographs into the album.

*September 9th. Tuesday.*

The weather became cooler. Between the reports I received the gratifying news that our flag was flying near Yaroslav in Galicia. During the day I rode a bicycle with my daughters. Then he took a walk and rode in a kayak. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. Was reading. The evening was free.

*September 10th. Wednesday.*

At 10 o'clock. The four of them went with Olga and Tatiana to Petrograd to the Nikolaev military hospital, where they visited about 280 wounded. The appearance of them and of the rooms was neat; the mood is the most cheerful. By one o'clock we arrived at Elagin, where we had breakfast and sat with Mom. In 3 1/4 went to Tsarskoe S. Walked and rode with Alexei on the pond. It was cold weather. After tea I read intensely. Veselkin (dezh.) Dined.

*September 11th. Thursday.*

Sunny good day. All morning I took from 10 o'clock to one o'clock. After breakfast Alix went with Olga to the city. Having accepted Markov's report, he and his daughters rode a bicycle around Babolovsky Park. Then with Alexei on the pond. At 6 o'clock he received Maklakov. In the evening I pasted photographs.

There was no news of the battles. Our armies began to tax the fortress of Przemyśl.

*September 12th. Friday.*

After the report, Bark received Zhilinsky, the cat. has just handed over the main command of the armies of the North-Western Front to General Ruzsky.

N.P. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. We took a walk together and rode in boats. The weather was gray and foggy. I read and wrote to Olga.

*September 13th. Saturday.*

Wonderful warm day - 14 ° in the shade.

At 10 o'clock he received Casso. Fredericks had breakfast. We took a walk in Babolovsky Park, and then rode with Alexei in "Gatchinka". At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. Resin (dezh.) Dined. I read and pasted photographs.

*September 14th. Sunday.*

Until 10 o'clock. Alec came to me and detained me, so we were much late for mass. Dmitry Pavlovich, who had come from the army with instructions from Nikolasha, had breakfast. It was so nice to see him with the St. George's Cross on his chest. I sat with him for an hour and a half and talked about many things. Walked with Alix and the children. After tea he received - Captain Lazarev L.-Gv. Keksholm regiment, cat. went to the army to learn about the details of the almost complete death of the regiment. In the evening we waited for Gregory's arrival for a long time. We sat with him for a long time.

*September 15th. Monday.*

In the morning I ran off for a short walk.

After the usual reports, he received the Khan of Nakhichevan, who had arrived with a light early in hand from the war. He had breakfast with us and told a lot of interesting things. At 2 1/2, various bank directors were hired,

donating 2 million rubles for the needs of the war. We took a walk. Ride with Alexei in "Gatchinka". The weather was gray and cold. Uncle Pavel was drinking tea. Was reading.

Zhukov (dezh.) Dined.

*September 16th. Tuesday.*

*It was pouring rain in the morning.*

Was busy for up to an hour with various receptions. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Walked with Olga and Marie. At 4 o'clock, Alix visited the wounded officers at the local Red Cross hospital. Returned home at 5 1/2. Received Sazonov. In the evening I graduated from sticking photos to the album.

*September 17th. Wednesday.*

At 9 1/2 we went to Petrograd and visited the Obukhov city hospital, which now housed 150 wounded.

We stayed there for over two hours. On the way to Elagin, we examined a small hospital for officers, set up at the Lyceum. We had breakfast at Mom's. By 4 o'clock we returned to Ts. S. Walked in the pouring rain.

At 6 o'clock he received Kharitonov's report. Veselkin (dezh.) Dined.

*September 18th. Thursday.*

Walked a little in the morning. Had three reports. Breakfast: Andrey (dezh.) And lancers - Daragan and Prince. Andronikov. At 3 o'clock on the Sofia parade ground he inspected six squads and nine hundred of the State militia in the pouring rain. The warriors have a good vigorous appearance; only a strange impression is produced by the combination of all sorts of colors of shoulder straps and peaked caps in the same part. Dined: Andrey, Dmitry and Maria P [avlovna].

*19th September. Friday.*

I forgot to write down yesterday that at 9 1/2 o'clock in the morning we examined the new Anastasia ambulance train.

The weather was cold, then sun, then rain. Walked a little. The day has been busy. After breakfast he received Shcheglovitov. We took a walk in the park. Kostya and Mavra were drinking tea. At 6 o'clock Maklakov was there. We did not see Gregory for long in the evening.

According to a telegram from Nikolasha received yesterday, I decided to go to him and the army for a short time!

*20th September. Saturday.*

Didn't take a long walk. Received an officer, Unt.-of. and a private 41 infantry. Selenginsky regiment, cat. took in battle and brought me the banner of the 2nd Tyrolean regiment. At 12.30 we went to a prayer service. Misha was having breakfast. At 2.30 he said goodbye on the train to his dear ones and **went to the active army**. My long-standing desire to go there closer - came true, although it was sad to leave my own family! Accepted Fredericks' report. I read a lot. In the evening I played dice with Drenteln.

*September 21st. Sunday.*

For a long time I could not fall asleep, because at the stations there were sharp shocks at stops. I woke up on a gray morning, from time to time there were squalls of rain. But he was delighted with the news that the onslaught of our troops drove the Germans abroad from Suwalki and Augustow. At 5 1/2 I arrived in Baranovichi. Nikolasha got on the train, the cat. moved to the Headquarters of the Supreme Commander in a pine forest. There is a railway in the church. the brigade served a prayer service. At 7 1/2 I had dinner: Nikolasha, Peter and Cyril and several of the main generals of the Verkh staff. Chapters After lunch I went to Nikolasha's carriage and listened to a detailed report from the general. Yanushkevich about the present state of affairs and new assumptions. I returned to my room at 10 1/2 and drank tea with some of the retinue's faces.

*September 22nd. Monday.*

The day was sunny. At 10 o'clock. in the house near Nikolasha's train, Quartermaster General Danilov reported on everything that had happened yesterday on both fronts. He walked in the forest and entered the dugouts of the Cossack outposts against the airplanes. At 11 1/2 he took the gene. Ruzsky, appointed him adjutant general.

He had breakfast with other generals. Filmed as a group with the entire headquarters of Nikolasha. Made a good walk with Drenteln [th] along the location of the railroad. dor. brigades. Alix wrote. After tea I read the papers. In the evening I played dominoes with Dr [entelniy].

*September 23rd. Tuesday.*

It was raining in the morning. At 10 o'clock. there was a report in the house. I read it before breakfast. In 2 1/2 he took the gene. Lagish [a] and English. General Williams. Did a nice walk with D [rental] in the rain. Granted to Nikolasha hordes. St. George 3 tbsp., And Yanushkevich and Danilov 4 tbsp. Fredericks did not feel well and, on the advice of the doctors, left for Petrograd in the evening. I played dice with D (rent).

*September 24th. Wednesday.*

At 12 1/2 am I left Headquarters and at 9 o'clock. morning arrived in Rivne. With great joy I met Olga and Sandro at the station. I went with them to the infirmary, to the cat. Olga has been caring from the beginning of the war as a nurse, and then to the local infirmary, where she bypassed the more seriously wounded. I found everything in order and cleanliness. I had breakfast with Olga, Sandro and Dmitry at my place and at 1/4 o'clock left for **Brest-Litovsk**. Arrived here at 6 o'clock. Nikolasha, general adjutant. Ivanov and other chiefs were waiting at the station. I talked to Ivanov and gave him the 2nd wall of George. Dined with Nikolasha and senior local officials. In the evening I listened to the usual report for the previous day. I went to bed early.

*September 25th. Thursday.*

At one o'clock in the morning, the train set off for Bialystok, where it arrived early in the morning. At 6 1/2 I left with Sukhomlinov in a military motor for **Osovets**; arrived at the fortress at 8 o'clock. completely unexpected. A special feeling seized me at the sight of the destruction wrought by the German bombing of various buildings and the mass of craters in the ground. But the fortress itself did not suffer in the least. I went into the church while the commandant general. Shulman was gathering part of the free garrison on the site nearby. Most of the troops worked in forward positions. He thanked them for their military service and, very pleased with what he had seen, left the same road to Bialystok. The morning was cold but sunny. I met a huge baggage train of the 11th Siberian Rifle Division, marching forward to the border. At 11 o'clock I went to Vilna. I met military trains along the way. Arrived in Vilna at 3 o'clock; There was a big meeting at the station and the troops stood in trellises in the streets - reserve battalions, militias and, to my delight, dismounted squadrons of the 2nd Guards. kav. div. and horse batteries. I drove into the cathedral and the military hospital. From there to the building of wives. hymn., where the Red Cross infirmary was set up. In both institutions, he went around all the wounded officers and lower ranks. I stopped by to bow to the icon of the Ostrobramskaya Mother of God. The Vilnius military school was introduced at the station. He left very pleased with what he saw and received by the population, instead of 6 hours. - at 8 1/2 o'clock. I went to bed early.

*September 26th. Friday.*

On a gray morning at 9.45 I arrived in my native **Tsarskoe Selo** in the bosom of a dear family.

After 11 o'clock he received Bark. Then he walked with Marie until breakfast. In the afternoon I also took a walk with my daughters. I traveled around the pond in a kayak. After tea I read and immediately finished everything that had accumulated on the table. The evening was free.

*September 27th. Saturday.*

I slept great. Now, after returning from the trip, I felt inner peace!

Walked - the weather was sunny, it was frosty at night, the ponds were covered with ice. Received the reports of Sukhomlinov and Goremykin. N.P. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast.

I walked around the park with my daughters. At 4 o'clock we went with them to the city to Mama on Elagin. We returned to Ts. S. at 7 1/2 o'clock. Dinner NP [Sablin].

*September 28th. Sunday.*

In the morning he received Ozerov, Yusupov and Drachevsky; they are sent to the inner provinces to check the receipt by families of spare government rations and allowances. At 10 1/2 we went to mass. The weather was excellent. Dm. Had breakfast and dinner. Sheremetev (dezh.). We took a walk. Then I rode with Alexey on the pond and broke thin ice. T. Michen, Ducky and D. Paul were drinking tea. In the evening they saw and talked for a long time with Gr [Igor].

*September 29th. Monday.*

Yesterday I learned that Oleg was wounded in the attack on the Prussian patrols; he was transported to Vilna, where Kostya and Mavra immediately went. But he passed away tonight!

Between reports received the priest of the 29th infantry. Chernigov regiment, which saved the regimental banner.

Did a nice walk in Babolovo. After tea I had Timashev. I finished everything before lunch. In the evening, unimportant news came from near Warsaw.

*September 30th. Tuesday.*

Great warm day. Walked in the morning. After the report, Sukhomlinov received two Belgian and two Japanese officers and an American naval agent. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Made a walk. At 3 1/4 we went in a motor with O [lga] and T [atyana] to Strelna. We met at Comrade Olga's, Mitya's and Mama's. We had a memorial service for Oleg. After tea, we visited a small infirmary set up by Mitya in the school building.

At 6 1/2 they returned to their place. Received Sazonov. After dinner I read all evening.

*1st October. Wednesday.*

At 10 o'clock. went to the consecration of a beautiful small church of the local community of Kraen. Cross. Returned home at 12 1/4.

At 2 o'clock in the Grand Palace was the production of pages and cadets for officers - there are about 700 people here, and 2400 hours throughout Russia.

We walked together, the weather was good. I traveled around the pond in a kayak. Received Alec after his new trip. After tea he received Maklakov. Svechin (dezh.) Dined. Was reading.

*2nd October. Thursday.*

Walked a little in the morning. There were the usual talks. After breakfast I went to Gatchina, where on the military field I inspected the 57th brigade of Gosud. Militia. The squads are all formed in the Livonian province; people are prominent and strong. He drove around and examined a part of the fortified position south of Gatchina and returned to Ts. S [elo] at 5 1/2 o'clock. The weather was very good and quiet.

After tea I studied. Free evening.

*3rd October. Friday.*

We went to the city to the fortress for the funeral service for Oleg, because today he is buried in Ostashev Mosk. lips. We had breakfast on the train. At 2 1/4 he received Barca. Walked with Marie and rode with her in a kayak.

The weather was excellent. At 6 o'clock. received Rukhlov and then Shcheglovitov. Kozlyaninov (dezh.) Dined. I read for a long time.

*4th October. Saturday.*

It was frosty at night, foggy in the morning, and by 12 o'clock. excellent sunny weather came. We went to the Convoy parade on the palace ground in horse ranks. The platoons had 15 rows each.

After the prayer, the Convoy passed the ceremony twice. march. and left the site with songs. We had breakfast alone. Took Fredericks. I traveled with my daughters the entire Babolonsky Park on bicycles. Then he took a walk. Received by Bulygin. At 6 1/2 to all-night vigil. Resin (dezh.) Dined. In the evening I studied until 11 o'clock.

*October 5th. Sunday.*

Dear Alexei's name day.

At 10 1/2 we went to mass; Mom and Xenia have come to the end. We had breakfast at our place. At 2 1/2 we went for a walk with Sablin (dezh.) And walked around Babolovsky Park. The weather was wonderful, just rare - 7 ° in the shade. Aunt Michen was drinking tea. I read and responded to congratulatory telegrams, mostly from regiments from the active army. We dined and spent the evening with NP [Sablin].

*6th October. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock. went to Peterhof.

The 74th infantry inspected three regiments on the parade ground. division, 2 reserve battalions and the 74th artillery division. brigades.

They introduced themselves very well. At 12 1/2 I went by train to Oranienbaum, from there by motor to Krasnaya Gorka. It was quiet but foggy.

He examined all the batteries of the Alekseevsky Fort. It's amazing how much new has been done there in recent years. Returned by train from Oranienbaum at 5 1/4. Received both reports after tea. Dined: John, Elena, Gabriel and Kostya, who returned from Oleg's funeral.



*7th October. Tuesday.*

The day was gray and cold. I managed to walk before the report. At 2 1/2 I went by motor to Krasnoe Selo. On the military field, he inspected one Tver foot squad, two batteries of Gosud. Militia, 9th, 10th and 12th Orenburg Kaz. regiments and the 5th Orenb (Urg) kaz. battery. All units introduced themselves perfectly, and especially the Cossacks on their small, strong horses. Then he drove along the Ropsh [in] highway and to the right side, where he examined the completed fortifications with the installed guns. Returned to Ts. S. at 5 1/4. After tea he received Sazonov.

In the evening we had a good talk with Gregory.

*October 8th. Wednesday.*

At 9 1/2 I went to Petrograd.

It was a frosty sunny morning. He visited the battleships "**Poltava**" and "**Petropavlovsk**" on the Neva against the factories. The latter is slightly behind in terms of its readiness, but by November 1st it will be ready for the last tests of artillery and vehicles. I was very pleased with the look of the teams.

Grigorovich treated me and the authorities to breakfast on the Neva yacht. Then he went to the station, met Ella who was approaching and with her arrived in Ts. S. at 3 o'clock. I had a good walk with Marie and Anastasia.

We dined and spent the evening as a family.

Today, thank God, decisive successes have gone beyond the Vistula.

*October 9th. Thursday.*

It got a little warmer. Walked up to the reports. Breakfast: Ella and Kostya (dezh.). Made a nice walk with Marie and Anastasia. We saw Alexei in the park, the cat. rode in a gift to him on the 5th oct. small motor.

Uncle Pavel was drinking tea. Received by Casso.

In the evening, Ella left for Moscow.

*October 10th. Friday.*

It froze quite strongly at night. The day was sunny. After the report, Barka received Kostya, who had returned from Ostashev, and the company. L.-Gv. Equestrian shelf bar. Wrangel, the first Knight of St. George in this campaign. We had breakfast alone. We took a walk together. At 4 o'clock we went to Pavlovsk to Kostya and Mavra. We found both very calm.

At 6 o'clock. was the cinema "The feat of Vasily Ryabov". - Took Maklakov.

*October 11th. Saturday.*

Foggy warm day. Received Sukhomlinov and Fredericks. The latter had breakfast, as well as John (dezh.) And Igor. We took a walk together. At 4 o'clock we went to the court hospital, where the wounded officers are lying, between five [s] riflemen of the 1st and 2nd regiments.

Returned home at 5 1/2. After tea I read. John and Helena dined.

*October 12th. Sunday.*

The same gray warm weather. At 10 1/2 we went to mass. About 2 hours. I went with T [atyana], M [aria] and A [nastasia] around Babolovsky park along the water pipe. Alix caught up with us in the chaise at the end of the walk. At 4 o'clock we went to the infirmary of the Hussar regiment, where we visited the wounded officers and lower ranks. Returned home at 5 1/2. After tea he received Goremykin. I read it before and after lunch.

*October 13th. Monday.*

We got up early and at 9 o'clock. went to the pavilion. We examined the arrived hospital train named after Alexei with the wounded. I returned home at 10 o'clock, read the papers and took a walk. Gabriel (dezh.) Had breakfast. I walked around Babolov with M [aria] and A [nastasia]. The weather was calm. I studied until lunchtime. In the evening I wrote to Nikolasha.

*October 14th. Tuesday.*

Sleet was falling. At 11 o'clock. on the palace ground I saw a newly formed automobile company with 47-mm cannons and machine guns with steel shields. She goes on a hike. After breakfast, we went to the city and visited the Semenovskiy-Aleksandrovskiy military hospital, where about 150 wounded were bypassed and then the Alexei infirmary at the Nikolaev military academy. There were 20 officers (five Erivans) and 180 lower ranks - wounded. This infirmary is superbly equipped at the expense of Mantashev. We returned to Ts. S. at 7 o'clock. Received Sazonov and read the whole evening.

*October 15th. Wednesday.*

The day was not cold. I had a report by Shcheglovitov and received two members of the State. Council - Avelan and Kaufman. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast. We made a big walk with him in Bab [Tinsky] park. At 6 o'clock. received Taneyev. Was reading.

Good news is coming from across the Vistula, the Germans are retreating on almost the entire front.

*October 16th. Thursday.*

The war with Turkey has begun today.

Early in the morning, the Turkish squadron approached Sevastopol in the fog and opened fire on the batteries, and left half an hour later. At the same time, "Breslau" was bombing Feodosia, and "Goeben" appeared in front of Novorossiysk.

Germans - scoundrels continue to retreat hastily in western Poland.

In the morning it was snowing and the day was gray. Breakfast: Ella and Dmitry Sher [emetev] (dezh.). Up to 2 hours. went to the city. Alix to the meeting, and Tatiana and I to Yelagin to Mom. Then he returned with her and T [atyana] to the Winter House, where he said goodbye. At 4 1/2 we returned to Ts. S. Engaged. At 11 1/4, Ella left for Moscow.

*October 17th. Friday.*

26 years since the train crash!

After the papers I walked for a quarter of an hour. Had the usual reports and received different persons. At 2 1/2, the new American Ambassador, Mr. Marie, introduced himself with members of the embassy. Did a nice walk. I was in

a frenzied mood against the Germans and Turks because of their vile behavior yesterday on the Black Sea! Only in the evening, under the influence of Gregory's soothing conversation, did the soul come to equilibrium!

*October 18th. Saturday.*

They came to me all morning and interfered with my studies; barely walked. Breakfast: Frederiks and Mordvinov (dezh.). Walked with Olga and Anastasia. At 4 1/2 he received Kharitonov.

I was at the all-night vigil. Dmitry P [avlovich] had lunch, he came from the army for 4 days.

*19th October. Sunday.*

In the morning Alec came from the detour; then he received Khan Nakhichevan, a cat. recovered and was going to receive a new cavalry corps, were at mass. After breakfast we made a nice walk. The weather was bright and pleasant. At 4 o'clock he received Maklakov, and at 6 o'clock. Zane. I did a lot. From the armies, thank God, good news.

*20th October. Monday.*

Twenty years have already passed since the sad death of the beloved Pope!

At 10 1/4 we went to the city and to the fortress for the funeral mass.

We had breakfast at Mom's at Elagin. On the way to the railway. we drove into the Savior's chapel and stood a prayer service. We returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 3 1/4. It was clear and frosty - about 5 °. Walked for half an hour. Received Grigorovich and Timashev. After tea - Goremykina and Krivoshein. At 7 o'clock. drove to the all-night vigil with akathist in the lower church. After dinner I read it.

In the evening we confessed.

*October 21st. Tuesday.*

We were honored to partake of the Holy Mysteries in the lower church. After tea I read and received Sazonov's report as well. We had breakfast at 12 1/2. An hour later, having said goodbye to his family in the carriage, he **went to the army**. The day was frosty and sunny. The same And also Kira Nar [yyshkin] and Sablin are traveling with me.

I read a lot. I accepted the report of Sukhomlinov. By evening, the frost became less.

*October 22nd. Wednesday.*

Woke up on a cold rainy morning. At 10 o'clock. arrived in **Minsk**. At the station there was a reception by the authorities and several deputations. I drove through the city in my engine with Sukhomlinov. After the cathedral, he examined the infirmary for the wounded in the governor's house and a military field hospital on the outskirts of the city. I left Minsk half an hour late. I arrived in Baranovichi at 5 o'clock. I met Nikolasha there and got on the train. At 5 1/4 he was at the **Stake**. Took the gene. Ruzsky, Yanushkevich and Fr. Shavelsky. Dined with everyone at 7 1/2. I saw Petya, the cat. came from Galicia directly from combat positions. After the report continues. In the evening I drank early tea and went to bed at 12 1/4.

*October 23rd. Thursday.*

Today is about 4 o'clock. a telegram was received about the general retreat of the Austrians from all of San.

At 10 o'clock in the house near the train Nikolasha listened to a report on the summary of reports. At 11 o'clock. received Panteleev.

After breakfast I sat with Petya, the cat. talked about his stay in Galicia.

I took a walk with N. P. [Sablin]. At 6 o'clock. there was a thanksgiving prayer service.

After dinner I read the papers.

*October 24th. Friday.*

It was a wonderful quiet frosty day. After the morning report in the house, I made a walk around breakfast before breakfast. At 2 1/2 I went to the location of the Life Hussar Regiment, summoned the regiment to the site, thanked him for his military service and examined the barracks of my squadron. He walked through the military town and watched the brood of horses of the 2nd squadron. I returned to the train very pleased. At 6 o'clock he received the book. Shcherbatov. After dinner I read it. I played dice.

*October 25th. Saturday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to inspect two infirmaries with the wounded and returned half an hour late for breakfast.

Misha came for the whole day. At 2 1/2 I went back to the town, thanked the Horse Guards for their military service and also examined all the horses in two huge sheds.

Returned to the train for tea. At 6 o'clock. went with Misha to the all-night vigil. After dinner I said goodbye to him; he went to Vinnitsa to his division. I read for a long time in the evening. At 11.40 we started a detour from the Headquarters.

*October 26th. Sunday.*

At 9 o'clock. came to st. mountains. Hill. There he met the General Director. Ivanova with the headquarters and Nikolai Mikhailovich. I went to the cathedral and defended the episcopal mass. Then he drove into the excellent infirmary Krasus. Cr. for 230 wounded. By the hour from 1/2 I returned to the train and to the station. Wlodawa had breakfast and talked with Ivanov. In Lukovo in the evening I examined the small infirmary of the Kursk zemstvo. I arrived in Sedlec at 8 1/4. I dined with the general assistant. Ruzsky and headquarters. Then I talked with him for a long time. I saw Andrey there.

*October 27th. Monday.*

I got up when the train was approaching Baranovichi. At 8.45 we arrived at **Headquarters**. The weather is warm and foggy. After the morning report in the house, Alix wrote. I saw Velepolsky. At 2 o'clock on the site opposite the church, the Horse and Hussar regiments were lined up, in front of which he handed out military awards to officers and lower ranks. Then he made a good walk with Voeikov and Sablin. After tea I studied. In the evening, he received the candidate-adm. Nenyukova, cat. returned from Sevastopol. Played dominoes.

*October 28th. Tuesday.*

The weather became warmer, it was raining at 5 ° C. After the morning report in the house I filmed with Nikolasha, Yanushkevich and Danilov. I read cases and wrote to Alexey. At 2 1/2 I went for a walk with many and walked around Baranovichi. After lunch there was the last report from the headquarters. I said goodbye to Nikolasha. I played with N [silt], D [rent] and S [ablin] at dice.

*October 29th. Wednesday.*

At 10 o'clock. on a wonderful warm morning I arrived in **Rivne**. Olga and Sandro met me; went together to her infirmary. Now there were much more wounded than the last time.

We got back on the train for breakfast. At 2 o'clock I went with her to two military hospitals, to a cat. I was there too. I saw many Austrian wounded. At 4 1/2 we drank tea on the train. Was reading. Walked a little at the station. After dinner I sat with Olga. He said goodbye to her and Sandro at about 10 o'clock. Then he played with the same dominoes.

*October 30th. Thursday.*

At 9 o'clock. in heavy rain I arrived in Lublin. From the station I went to the cathedral. Then he visited the local infirmary, the field hospital - in the city theater and the Kr. Cr. Countess Shuvalova. I left Lublin for about an hour, having stopped first at the old church. The weather has improved. Arrived in **Ivangorod** at 3 o'clock. I went in the engine with the commandant Schwartz (s) to the crepe. the cathedral. On the way were the troops of the garrison and between [them] the company of Her Vel. Gvar. Crew. and companies of the Baltic and Black Sea teams. At the central point I heard a report on the defense of the fortress and on the assistance of the fortress. art. field troops in repelling the enemy. Then he drove forward, examined the bat. No. 4 and further heavily damaged church in the folv [arch] \*Opatstvo. I stopped at Fort Vannovsky, my acquaintance from 1892. Returned to the train with darkness. Dined Nikolai Mikhailovich] and got stronger. bosses. About examined Tatiana's hospital train \*\*, passing from Radom with 300 wounded. After tea I went to bed.

\* Manor with outbuildings in the countryside (Polish)

\*\* So in the text.

*October 31st. Friday.*

At 9 o'clock. walked around Her Vel. Gvar. Crew. and thanked her for her service. I went with the commandant far ahead and drove around the positions of the Germans. I saw several villages half destroyed. The peasants are surprisingly calm and don't complain. Returning to the fortress, he visited the local infirmary. I had breakfast with my superiors. At 2 1/2, the battalion bypassed the cap. I p. Mazurov from the Balt [yskiy] and the Black Sea team. and went to inspect the left section of our battle line, where the Austrians were sitting and from where they were knocked out by our guard. body. The villages are also in a sad situation. To see all this was exciting - next to the trenches in the field and in the forest were scattered graves of our heroes with crosses and inscriptions on them. The weather was excellent and sunny. On the way back, I stopped at Fort No. 6. The impressions of everything seen for both days are the strongest and deepest. What is the commandant such are his headquarters and the entire garrison — especially the serf artillery. At 12 o'clock. left Ivan-city.

*1st November. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock. in the morning **drove** to **Grodna** \*. Received officials and deputations from the provinces. At 10 1/2 Alix arrived with Olga and Tatiana. It was a pleasure to meet. We went together to the cathedral, and then to the two infirmaries with the wounded. The weather was cold and rainy. We had breakfast on the train. At 2 1/4 I went from the command. Kaigorodov through the city along the Osovetskoe highway. I got to Fort No. 4 on the hill. I listened to a report on the work to strengthen the defense of the fortress.

I examined the fort and then battery No. 19. I returned to the train at about 5 o'clock. On the road outside the city, there were troops who had come from different fortifications. I read it until lunchtime. At 10 1/2 we set off to the north.

\* Grodno.

*2nd November. Sunday.*

At night, the rain drummed on the roof of the carriage. At 9 o'clock. arrived in **Dvinsk**. After the usual meeting, four of us left the station in a motor for the fortress. All along the road were reserve troops and militia squads. In the fortress cathedral we were at mass and then examined the military hospital. We saw German wounded in 2 wards there. From there we went to the city and visited the barracks of the local zemstvo. We returned to the train with a delay of 50 minutes. We had breakfast on the go. In Pskov, at the bus stop, Maria P [avlovna] came to us for 10 minutes. I read it all the time. We caught up with lost time and arrived on time at 10 1/2 hours. to **Tsarskoe Selo**. He hugged Marie, Anastasia and Alexei, the cat. woke up when I walked in to him. I returned very happy from my interesting trip.

*3rd November. Monday.*

Today dear Olga is 19 years old. I read, received Botkin, took a walk, accepted the reports of Grigorovich and Krivoshein. At 12 o'clock we went to a prayer service in a cave church. Ella came to us for one day. In the afternoon I took a walk with Tatyana. The weather was great. Before tea we said goodbye to Ella, she left for Lvov. We dined as a family. In the evening I even managed to read for myself.

*4th November. Tuesday.*

Walked on a great sunny morning. Before breakfast I received only Sukhomlinov. Dmitry Sherem [etev] had breakfast. Did a great walk in Babolovsky park. Uncle Pavel was drinking tea. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. In the evening, we had the consolation of Gregory's conversations before his departure for his homeland.

*5th November. Wednesday.*

Quiet day with a little frost. At 11 o'clock. received the Serbian envoy Spalajkovic, the report of Markov and at noon the new envoy to Serbia, Prince. Trubetskoy. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Did a great walk around all Babolov. At 6 o'clock he received Maklakov. I read all evening.

*6th November. Thursday.*

I went to the city and at 11 o'clock. arrived at the Marine Corps. Both battalions were assembled in a large hall; a prayer service was served there on the occasion of the corps festival. Then he produced 188 ships. a midshipman as a midshipman and appointed Alexei as the chief of the corps. There was a parade, they went through the ceremonies twice. march. Visited the sick in the infirmary and looked at the new large swimming pool. On the stairs, I introduced myself to all the newly produced ones. Left at 12 1/2 and returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 1.10.

Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Walked with him, Maria and Anastasia. Snow fell at 1 ° C. At 4 o'clock he received Mamantov, and after tea Sabler.

*7th November. Friday.*

The morning was busy until one o'clock. Andrei and Nikolai Mikhailovich had breakfast. The whole family took a walk. The weather was calm with a slight frost. After tea he received the kind Goremykin. Was reading. In the evening I wrote to Count Vorontsov about my suggestion to go to the Caucasus.

*November 8th. Saturday.*

*In the morning* it was snowing, it was 2 ° frost. After a short walk, he accepted the reports of Sukhomlinov, Kochubei and gr. Niroda, because Fredericks is unwell again.

Received Gears from Constantinople. After breakfast a deputation from L.-Gv. Moscow regiment on the occasion of the regiment. holiday. Regiment commander Mikhelson was wounded, company commander. wounded by 7 bullets and the second lieutenant was also wounded. Walked with the children. At 4 o'clock I had a French. Ambassador Palaeologus. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. I studied all evening.

*November 9th. Sunday.*

The last days were alarming due to very vague and brief information about the breakthrough between our 1st and 2nd armies and about the deep offensive of the Germans precisely into this space in the direction of Petrokov. Thank God, more reassuring reports came by evening! Our troops are attacking the enemy from different directions. God grant that our successes will be decisive.

In the morning received DS Arsenyev and brother Botkin. Were at mass. Voeikov was with me after breakfast. We took a walk; quiet, 3 ° frost. At 4 o'clock, we visited the wounded officers in the small palace [ital]. We went together to Pavlovsk. We drank tea with comrades Olga, Kostya and Mavra. I studied before and after lunch.

*November 10th. Monday.*

All day I waited for news, which finally came in the evening: the main forces of the Germans were retreating in front of the 2nd and 5th armies, but their other units were still advancing on the Lovic-Sochachev line.

In the morning, he received the General Director. book Vasilchikov, who returned from the 9th Army after the distribution of St. George's crosses on my behalf. Dmitriy

Cher [emetev] (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. After the walk we stopped at the Bolshoi. dv., where the wounded officers lie. The evening was more free.

*November 11th. Tuesday.*

At 9 1/2 we went to the pavilion and examined the new bath-train, very practically equipped with several railways. roads. He returned home before 10 o'clock and received Alec and then Engalychev. Walked for 1/4 hour. From 11 o'clock I received reports: Sukhomlinova, Kulomzin and Ermolov. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner.

We took a walk in Babolovo. It was a gray day at zero! At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. The evening was also free.

*November 12th. Wednesday.*

Until 10 o'clock. good Nilov appeared and detained me until almost 11 o'clock. Then he took the wing. Mikheev, who returned from Feodosia, Yusupov from a business trip to the northern provinces, gen. Dobronravov and Taneyev. Leuchtenberg Kolya (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Together they received a young second lieutenant and a warrant officer of the 1st infantry. Nevsky regiment, who found the regimental banner buried in Vost. Prussia near the border. We took a walk in Babolovo.

I read intensively until lunchtime.

The news came very good.

*November 13th. Thursday.*

Walked a little and then took up to an hour from 1/4. After breakfast we went to the consecration of the train named after Alix for 360 wounded. Walked for another half hour and at 3.50 went to Petrograd. Alix had a meeting of the Supreme Soviet in the Winter Palace; and I went to Anichkov and drank tea with Mama, etc. Olga.

At about 6 o'clock Alix arrived with O [lga] and T [atyana]. We returned to Ts. S. by 7 o'clock. I read it before and after lunch.

*November 14th. Friday.*

I can't believe that today is the 20th anniversary of our wedding! The Lord blessed us with rare family happiness; if only to be able to prove worthy of such great mercy during the rest of your life!

At 10.20 we went to the city in Anichkov on the occasion of the birthday of dear Mama. We were at mass and had breakfast with a few members of the family. At 3 o'clock we returned to Ts. S. for a walk. It was melting, it was dark. At 6 o'clock he received Bark. Prior to that, three soldiers Georg were taken together. kaval., who personally took two Austr. banner. One Tomsk infantry., And two Kolyvansky regiments.

*November 15th. Saturday.*

Received by the regiment. Hartmann, commander of the L.-GV. Horse regiment. After breakfast - gr. A.D.Sheremetev, who returned from the 3rd army, gene. Radko Dmitrieva - to distribute St. George's crosses to those who distinguished themselves.

Fredericks ate breakfast after his lecture. We walked around the entire park. From 4 to 5 o'clock I had Maklakov. Let's go to the all-night vigil. I studied in the evening.

*November 16th. Sunday.*

Got up late. At 10 1/2 we went to mass. Had breakfast and lunch

N.P.Sablin (dezh.). Did a nice walk in Babolovskiy park. There was a thaw and a strong SW was blowing. I read and wrote until 8 o'clock. There was no particular news from across the Vistula.

*November 17th. Monday.*

Walked for a quarter of an hour; was busy before breakfast and after it until 3 o'clock. I went to the city to see Sergei, the cat. still sick with articular rheumatism. He visited the wounded in the small infirmary arranged by Georgy in the large hall. From them I went to Mom and drank tea with comrades Olga and Ksenia. He said goodbye to them and returned to Ts. S. at 7 o'clock. I read and went to bed after lunch.

*November 18th. Tuesday.*

At 9 1/2 we went to the prayer service and then to the **train**. At 10 o'clock. hit the road. There was a thaw, it was blowing, it was raining. I read a lot. Coming with me are: Benkendorf, Nilov, Voeikov, Orlov, Drenteln, Dm [itri] Sheremetev, Sablin and Fedorov. Played dominoes in the evening and went to bed early.

*19th November. Wednesday.*

I slept well. After tea I read. At 12 o'clock. arrived in Baranovichi, where Nikolasha entered. At 12 1/2 the train reached **Stavka**. I had breakfast with all the elders from the Headquarters. Then there was a report on the fighting. At 2 1/2 I went for a walk and made the whole circle. It was warm with a little rain. Before lunch I read



papers. Among others, four foreign generals dined. In the evening I talked with Nikolasha and Yanushkevich. There was no news from the fronts; learned today only the details of what was happening earlier.

*20th November. Thursday.*

I got up about 9 o'clock. The weather was mild; it was nice to stretch my legs at the stops. At 2 o'clock I arrived in **Smolensk**. Routine meeting at the station. I went with the Benckendorffs to the cathedral. The mass of troops stood with tapestries - about 36 thousand people. He visited four hospitals and saw about 1,000 wounded and sick. Late with departure for an hour 3/4. The mood in Smolensk is cheerful and good. I read it in the evening for my own pleasure.

*November 21st. Friday.*

At 9 o'clock. arrived in **Tula**. After meeting at the station, I went with Benckendorff, as always in a motor, to the cathedral. At the end of the episcopal mass, he went to the Armory Imp. Peter the Great plant. I examined it in detail and walked around all the workshops that were working at full speed. He remembered his stay there in 1887. He visited the infirmary for the wounded at the factory, supported by his means, returned to the train for breakfast. At 3 1/2 he examined three more hospitals in the city and at about 6 1/2 o'clock left Tula, very pleased with the reception. We stood all night at the station. Mtsensk.

*November 22nd. Saturday.*

Today we all got up early, for at 8 o'clock. morning arrived at the station. **Eagle**. After the usual reception of officials and deputies. with bread and salt, drove along the familiar road to the city. Many troops and students stood in trellises. He visited the cathedral and several hospitals. At 11 1/4 I got on the train and arrived in **Kursk** at 2.20. The weather was gray, but not cold. The station is 6 versts from the city. There are also many troops and recruits. I drove into the cathedral and then into three infirmaries. I left Kursk tired at 7 1/2 o'clock. I dined with gusto.

In the evening I read the papers. During the night the train stopped at the famous station Sazhnoe.

*November 23rd. Sunday.*

At 9 o'clock. arrived in **Kharkov**. There was a reception in the familiar large hall. Then he went to the cathedral, where arch. Anthony served Mass, the cat. lasted an hour and 3/4. He visited the wounded in three university clinics and in the house of the ladies' committee. I had breakfast on the train. At 2 1/2 he continued bypassing the hospitals and ended it with a visit to the distribution point near the station. Exactly at 4 o'clock I left Kharkov further south, very pleased with the meeting and order in the city and the appearance of the troops.

After dinner I played dice.

*November 24th. Monday.*

I slept well. In Rostov, he boarded the train to Grabbe, and in Tikhoretskaya, the chief chieftain, general. Babich. At one o'clock in the afternoon I arrived in **Yekaterinodar**. At the station car. - a separate Kuban hundred. There were deputations in the hall. I went with Bab [ich] in a motor, with an escort of another hundred, to the military cathedral. Regalia stood on both sides of the road. After the prayer service, he visited several hospitals with wounded from the Turkish front, as well as the Kuban Institute and large troops. orphanage. They left half an hour later than the appointed time - at 4 1/2 o'clock. Remained under the great impression of the reception and the appearance of the Cossacks and the population. The city of Yekaterinodar has changed a lot for the better since 1888. In the evening before lunch I went to the station. to the mass of schoolchildren of the nearest station. The weather was warm and the night was moonlit.

*November 25th. Tuesday.*

I woke up on a wonderful bright morning. We drove in new places for me past a ridge in the distance, wonderfully illuminated by the warm sun. I got out at some stations and walked. During breakfast we saw the Caspian Sea near Petrovsk. There were big meetings and real Caucasian faces in **Derbent** and Balajars. On the second st. there were all the bosses from Baku and honor, a guard from the Caspian naval company.

We all came in a good mood from the warm weather. In the evening I played dominoes as usual with Nilov, Drent [elniy] and Sablin.

*November 26th. Wednesday.*

I got up on a wonderful sunny morning. Both ridges of the mountains were clearly visible to the right and left. In the morning he entered the train. Myshlaevsky, cat. I accepted. At 11 o'clock. arrived in **Tiflis**. Count Vor (ontsov) was unwell and therefore the countess met at the station with the ladies of the court. Honor guard from the Tiflis military. uch. and bosses. I went with Benckendorff in the motor; in one Circassian coat it was warm. There were a lot of people on the streets. The Viceroy's convoy was escorted in front and behind. Visited the ancient Zion Cathedral, the Armenian Cathedral of Van and the Sunni and Shiite mosques. There I had to go up and down the steep narrow winding streets of the old picturesque Tiflis. The order is great. Arrived at the palace after an hour. I visited the count and had breakfast with the countess, Benckendorff, Voyk [ov], Dm [itri] and Pavel Sheremetevs. In the afternoon

visited three hospitals with the wounded: Armenian charity society., merchant society. and the judiciary. I returned to the palace at about 6 o'clock.

He wrote telegrams. I dined with the same composition. About 10 a.m. Georgians entered from the street with instruments and danced several dances; one of them brought a basket of fruit.

*November 27th. Thursday.*

The holiday of the Nizhny Novgorod regiment was held in Tiflis, and the regiment is holding it in Poland! At 10 o'clock. began a large reception of military, civilian officials, nobility, city council, merchants and deputation of peasants in Tiflis province. Walked in a beautiful garden for 1/4 hour. Received two wounded officers - Nizhegorodsky and sub. book Tumanov of the 4th line of the I.F. regiment. After breakfast, I visited the Aramyants hospital - 180 wounded and an infirmary in buildings with no open lips. prisons - over 600 wounded. He returned after 6 o'clock, and drank tea, and sat with the Vorontsovs. After dinner, the pupils of the gymnasiums walked with lanterns and sang a hymn in front of the windows of the palace. In the evening I read the papers.

*November 28th. Friday.*

In the morning I was busy reading the papers. At 10 o'clock. went to the military cathedral, from there to the Temple of Glory, to the Transcaucasian Institute and to the women's institution of St. Nina.

After breakfast I went to the warehouse named after Alix right there in the halls where a lot of ladies worked. Then he visited the Tiflis cadet corps and a real school, in which pupils and pupils from other institutions were gathered. Returned to the palace at 4 1/4; and at 5 o'clock. went to the house of the deceased merchant Saradzhev for a cup of tea of the nobility. I saw many old acquaintances of women and some very beautiful ones. The Georgian choir sang and played. Stayed there for an hour and a quarter and got home around 6 1/2. Received Voeikov and studied. After dinner I listened with great pleasure to the wonderful choir of singing Cossacks of the convoy of the governor with old Kolotilin. There was a short dance.

*November 29th. Saturday.*

In the morning he received all kinds of Caucasian deputations. He visited the diocesan school and the Tiflis military school. A battalion of cadets was seen on the parade ground. The weather was wonderful and warm. After breakfast he received Catholicos Kevork of all Armenians. Then at gr. Vorontsov was a report on military operations.

Walked for half an hour in the garden. At 5 o'clock. went for a cup of tea to the city administration; everything happened according to yesterday's program. A lot of very kind ladies vied with each other to treat me. At 6 1/2 he returned and sat with the Vorontsovs until dinner. At 09.20 he left the palace with an escort. Tiflis accompanied me very warmly; Countess Vorontsova with the ladies at the station. At 9.45 the **train** moved on.

I drank tea with my companions. At night, the train began to rise and rocked like a ship from side to side.

*November 30th. Sunday.*

At 9.40 he arrived in **Kara**. The frost was 4 °, quiet, but unfortunately fog. At the station, the bosses and an excellent post. car. 1st company of the new 10th Caucasian Rifle Regiment. On the streets of sleepers [erami] 3rd Caucasus. Brigade, Kars Crepe. art. and reserve battalions. I was at mass in the crepe. cathedral; served as a kind exarch. I had breakfast on the train. Then he went with Benckendorff to inspect the fortress.

I visited a military infirmary - a few were wounded. I went to the forts: Buchkiev, Rydzovsky and new Yuzhny, on the opposite side. Very thoroughly and much has been done during the war; but the fog made it impossible to orientate and see the surrounding area at all. Returned to the train at dusk. After tea we all slept. The higher and serf authorities dined. In the evening I played dice with N [silt], Dr [entelny] and S [ablin].

*1st December. Monday.*

The most significant day for me from the entire trip to the Caucasus. At 9 o'clock. arrived in **Sarikamysh**. It is a great joy to see my company of the Kabardin regiment in poch. car. He got into the motor with Benckendorf, Voyk [ov] and Sablin [s] (dezh.) And drove to the church, and then two passes to the border in the village. **Medzhiygert**. The most distinguished lower ones were built here. ranks of the entire army, including 1200 people. He walked around them, talked and handed them St. George's crosses and medals. Plastuns made the strongest impression with their fighting appearance! Very old drawings of the Caucasian war by Horschelt. He returned to Sarikamysh at 4 o'clock and visited three hospitals. Said goodbye to the gene. Myshlaevsky, beginning. headquarters of gen. Yudenich, other persons and with my wonderful Kabardian company, in which he distributed 10 Georg. crosses; and at 4 1/2 o'clock I went back to Kara. The train went smoothly and quietly. There was a short stop in **Alexandropol**. In the evening bones.

*2nd December. Tuesday.*

I slept well and for a long time. At 10 o'clock. at the **Elisavetiol** station there was a stop for half an hour. He took over the bosses, several wounded officers, clergy, nobility, merchants, urban and rural representatives. As always, there were a lot of children and even unexpectedly an honor guard from the squad of the state. militia. After breakfast, I made a nice half-hour walk along the path from the station. Kurdamir. I read the papers of three couriers. The weather was very warm.

During lunch we stopped at the station. Jasper. In the evening, an ordinary game of dominoes.

*3rd December. Wednesday.*

The train stopped at the station. Jasper until 8.15 am. Then he moved north along the coast of the Caspian Sea. I read the papers. After breakfast we stopped behind Derbent opposite the sakli, in the cat. according to legend, Peter the Great stopped in 1722. Before dusk they went out to breathe the air, walked to the seashore, where they collected a lot of beautiful shells. Again, like the first time, at all the stations there was a crowd with children, sometimes they played the zurna. In the evening we passed Grozny and stopped for the night at the **Samashkinskaya** station.

*4th December. Thursday.*

At st. Beslan, the Terek ataman, general, entered the train. Fleischer. At 10 o'clock. arrived in **Vladikavkaz** with a wonderful sun. Poch. car. from an excellent militia squad, receiving deputations, etc. I went to the new military cathedral, near the cat. there were troops, a circle and representatives of the peoples of the entire Terek region. The city is also unrecognizable since 1888. Traveled several hospitals and, at the end, the Vladikavkaz Cadet Corps. From there to the train station. Left at 1.45. The view was wonderful on the ridge - Kazbek kindly showed up. Before lunch at the station. Mineralnye Vody there were many deputations from the Stavropol province and the darkness of the people. The weather was mild.

*December 5th. Friday.*

At 8.35 am I arrived at the station. Rostov, where there was a post. car. from the local kaz. teams, a lot of students and people. Accepted deputations and troops, order, chieftain Pokotilo. I arrived in **Novocherkassk** at 10 o'clock. Directly to the new huge cathedral and then to the chieftain's house, where the priest was. the guard of the local team and the last release of warrant officers from the school. I visited two infirmaries and had breakfast on the train. He also visited hospitals and then attended the officers' meeting for a cup of tea. I saw wounded Don officers. Was in the cadet corps, institute and orphanage. At 7 o'clock. left Novocherkassk. Played dominoes in the evening.

*December 6th. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock. arrived in **Voronezh**, received the introductions and deputations, and at 10 1/2 met dear Alix with Olga and Tatyana, the cat. returned from an independent trip to Kharkov. We went to the cathedral, defended the episcopal mass, bowed to the relics of St. Mitrofan and examined the small infirmary right there in the monastery. We got back on the train for breakfast. From 2 1/2 to 5 1/2 went to the rest of the hospitals, which were very well organized. The city greeted us with a warm welcome and warm weather. Let's go to Kozlov. We stood at night at the station. Saburovo. I received a lot of telegrams and the same number of packages of papers.

*December 7th. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock. arrived in **Tambov**. After the meeting, we went to the cathedral, which I knew from 1904. Vladyka Kirill served the Liturgy very well and soon. They attached themselves to the relics of St. Pitirim and went to his well. We stopped at the military hospital and on the train for breakfast.

After breakfast we visited three more infirmaries and at the end stopped by for half an hour to see AN Naryshkina. She is Unhealthy and could not leave the house. We left Tambov under the excellent impression of everything we saw. I was busy with papers and replies to telegrams.

*December 8th. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock. arrived in **Ryazan**, also familiar to me from 1904. After my reception of officials, the peasant women brought Alix pieces of their work.

We went to the cathedral in an open engine. From there to the ladies' warehouse, arranged in the assembly of the nobility, and then to 4 infirmaries. We returned to the train, of course, half an hour late and drove on. I read until tea time and finished everything. At 5.45 we arrived in **Moscow**. Here we were met by Mari, Anastasia and Alexey, who had just arrived from Tsarskoe Selo, and Ella. Excellent post. car. from the Alekseevsky military school; all military commanders headed by Sandetsky. In the premises of the station, the nobility, the zemstvo, ladies and the Moscow City Duma.

All over Tverskaya there were troops - reserve battalions - mostly recruits - and squads of the state militia. After a short prayer service at Iverskaya, we arrived at the Kremlin at 6.15. Ella dined and spent the evening. The weather is good - 3 ° frost.

*December 9th. Tuesday.*

Got up late - at 9 o'clock. In the morning they interfered with the reading of the papers - Benkendorf, Voeikov and A. Sheremetev. At 11 o'clock. went to the garrison arena, where they inspected the 84th and 192nd infantry. reserve battalions, in the cat. consists of 3856 young soldiers. Nice bouncy faces, very well dressed with carefully tailored gear. We had breakfast at 12 1/2 o'clock. We went to the assembly point at Moscow in the afternoon. warehouse of the Red Cross. We walked around the whole building, completely new; saw the wounded and went through a hospital train that had just arrived from Warsaw. From there we drove to Ella's monastery, drank tea with her and walked around the wounded lying there. We returned home tired at 7 o'clock. After dinner I read it. The weather is mild - 4 ° frost.

*December 10th. Wednesday.*

At 10 o'clock. went to the arena and examined: the 55th, 85th and 193rd infantry. reserve battalions. Introduced 6210 pier. soldier. as good as yesterday. Then he visited the Alexander military school. Came home at 12 1/2. Received the captain and private of the Bessarabian regiment with the Austrian banner taken. After breakfast, we visited the Vseros dressing and nutritional detachment. Term. Union, Sergiev-Elisabeth refuge and a hospital in the Petrovsky Palace for 500 people.

Returned home at 5 1/2. After tea he received Goremykin. Was reading. At 9 o'clock. in the Andreevskaya Hall, I listened to reports from all organizations to help the wounded and sick. I went down to my room at about 11 o'clock.

*December 11th. Thursday.*

At 10 o'clock. made the last [review] to the recruits in the arena and then went to Sokolniki, where he visited the Suvorov Cadet Corps, located in the sapper barracks. I met Kostya there. On the way back, the boy got run over by an engine \*, but fortunately he was pretty safe. I received Yusupov, whom I am sending to the French and English and also the Belgian armies from Georgiev. crosses. At 2 o'clock we went to the hospital of the joint committee of Moscow. Exchanges. and Coop. societies for 720 people. Huge 6-storey. a building that is simple and practical. We returned home at 5 o'clock. After tea I took gr. Niroda with a report.

Was reading. We dined and spent the evening at home.

\* Under the car.

*December 12th. Friday.*

On a clear frosty morning at 9 1/2 o'clock I went to the Alekseevskoe military school, to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Moscow cadet corps. I examined them and returned home at 12 o'clock. After breakfast I received Tatishchev, the cat. travels to Serbia and Montenegro with Georg, cross. We visited our infirmary for 50 officers in the Amusement Palace. Then we went to the very good Konshina infirmary for 100 wounded. We drank tea at Ella's.

We stopped by together to see our beloved Metropolitan Macarius. At home he received several more deputations, which he finished by 7 o'clock. I read it until lunchtime. At 9.45 we went to the station and then left - Alix with the children in **Tsarskoe S.**, and I went west **to the army.**

*December 13th. Saturday.*

All my companions got a good night's sleep, so did I. got up at 9 1/2 o'clock. There was no snow, only there was a little bit on the ground near Minsk. During the day I read a book by Belomor. At one of the stations I saw a train of recovered wounded going to war. After lunch I managed to play dominoes. At 10.45 he arrived at the **Headquarters**. Nikolasha, Yanushkevich and Danilov entered the carriage And immediately made a report. I went to bed at 12 1/4 o'clock.

*December 14th. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock. there was a report in the house. I went to church for mass. At 12 o'clock. had breakfast as always here with the same. I talked to Petya. Did the usual walk around the forest.

At 4 o'clock I had a conference with Nikolasha, Goremykin and Yanushkevich. Then he drank tea. I felt a kind of ramolishment. After lunch, the chief of staff had a long report with me. I played dice.

*December 15th. Monday.*

I fell asleep so much that I could hardly keep up with the 10-hour report. Then he read until 12 o'clock. Nikolai, Andrey and four foreign generals, as well as General Savvich, the commander of the 4th Siberian corps, had breakfast. Made a nice walk through fields and forests. After tea I went to the local cinema. Bezobrazov dined; appointed him adjutant general. In the evening I played dice.

*December 16th. Tuesday.*

At 10 o'clock. went to the report. After filming a huge group with all the accompanying. I read to 12 1/4. Sandro came from Rovno. Walked in the afternoon, the weather was unpleasant with a sharp wind.

After tea I finished reading the papers. At 9.30 he left Headquarters. I played dice.

*December 17th. Wednesday.*

I drove through Ivangorod to Garvolin station, where at 8 1/2 o'clock I got off the train. My company of the Preobrazhensky regiment was on the guard of honor. Immediately on the field, the 1st Guar was lined up in peace. infantry. div. with her artillery and mortar battalion. The shelves are almost completely stocked. The look of the parts is wonderful. After the distribution, Georg. crosses went around all the parts and thanked them for their service. Left at 12 o'clock. with the chiefs of the units and had breakfast with them. At 1.30 I arrived in Novo-Minsk. The weather was lovely, calm and sunny. The guard was here. shooter. a brigade and a combined Cossack regiment from the 6th Don Batt. Also the view of all parts is great. With sunset at 5 o'clock. went to **Sedlec**. Took the gene. Ruzsky. He and the chiefs of the guards. p. brig. dined with me. In the evening I saw Sandro. In the evening there was a little dice game.

*December 18th. Thursday.*

At 9 o'clock. I went in a motor out of town to an excellent field, where I made a review of the 2nd Guar. infantry. division with its artillery and the Ataman regiment, led by a cat. saw Boris. After going around the front, he handed out the crosses of St. George. Then Georg. cavaliers passed the ceremony. march. He walked around the regiments between the companies and thanked them for their valiant military service, the 2nd division suffered greatly in battles and was not yet fully equipped.

The day was as warm as yesterday. I left Sedlec at 12.30 am extremely pleased. I had breakfast with the guards. superiors. Sat with Boris to Brest; there they all got off the train. I continued my journey home east. I read the papers. I played dice in the evening.

*19th December. Friday.*

I slept well and got up at 8 1/2 after a stop in Vitebsk. We drove all day in new places, cat. still passed at night. Walked at many stops. At 10 o'clock. evening finally returned to **Tsarskoe Selo**. Olga and Tatiana met me. So happy to hug Alix and the younger children. We sat together until tea. We went to bed early.

*December 20th. Saturday.*

Today I got a hefty runny nose with a cough. In the morning I read until 11 o'clock. Adopted Sukhomlinov and then gr. Niroda. After breakfast I took a walk with Anastasia. The weather was mild. At 6 1/2 I went with my daughters to the all-night vigil. I read for a long time in the evening. We drank tea with Anya.

*December 21st. Sunday.*

In the morning I developed a fever with a sore throat, stayed in bed and lay there until noon on **December 26th**. I rested completely, since I did not see anyone, I only read my daily affairs.

It was nice to get dressed again and go into your rooms and be independent again! Dmitry Pav (lovich) was drinking tea. In the evening I studied, as always, and finally took a bath. \*

\* Further, the omission in the daily records - due to the illness of the king.

*December 27th. Saturday.*

At 9 1/2 I got up, went to my room, got dressed and, having drunk tea, began to study. Life went back to normal except for walks. At 11 o'clock. received Sukhomlinov. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received Goremykin. Then I read it. Ksenia drank tea with us. From 6 o'clock to 7 1/4 took Taneyev.

After lunch, I continued to study for a long time, on December 24, our glorious Caucasian army inflicted a decisive defeat on the Turkish troops, which made a deep bypass of our right flank. The main battle took place at Sarikamysh.

*December 28th. Sunday.*

In the morning Benckendorff and Nilov came to see me. At 11 o'clock. I went with the children to the camp church for mass. Boris and Andrey had breakfast. Was reading. At 4 o'clock he received the book. Shcherbatov on Horse Breeding. After tea I read and finished everything that had accumulated during my illness. In the evening I looked through my diary for 1888.

*December 29th. Monday.*

Got up late and barely had time to finish the papers by 11 o'clock. Received Grigorovich and Krivoshein. After breakfast - a deputation of the Ural Cossacks who brought caviar; at 3 o'clock - the Persian prince Shoahus-Saltane. **Walked for** twenty minutes. for the first time. The weather was mild. At 4 o'clock I had a report with B [ar.] Taube - comrade. min. Nar. Break through. Mom came to tea. At 6 1/2 he received Maklakov. After dinner I read it.

*December 30th. Tuesday.*

Today I walked in the morning and in the afternoon. At 12 1/2, the Metropolitan and his brethren glorified Christ. After breakfast, I received the report of Mamantov and Golubev - isp. about. pre. State Sov. At 4 o'clock Kryzhanovsky - Gosud. Secretary; and at 6 o'clock. Sazonov and then Barka. Georgy Mikhailovich dined and talked about his tour of the corps of the 10th Army in East Prussia. I studied in the evening.

*December 31st. Wednesday.*

Got up late. Accepted reports by Bulygin and Sabler. Walked after breakfast, the weather was mild. At 4 o'clock the Senate was adopted. Markovich. At 6 o'clock - Timasheva. Was reading. After dinner we spent the evening together.

At 11.45 we went to a prayer service. We prayed to the Lord God for the granting of victory to us in the coming year and for a quiet and peaceful life after it. Bless and strengthen, Lord, our incomparable valiant and uncomplaining army for further deeds!

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*1st January. Thursday.*

In the morning I had to answer telegrams and accept congratulations on Nov. Year. I went with the children to Mass at the Feodorovsky Cathedral. After breakfast I read and then took a walk. The weather was calm and pleasant - 4 ° C. At 3.40 he went to the Grand Palace - he received the ministers, new officials of the Court in the retinue. Then he spoke with diplomats in the large hall. Returned home at 5 1/4 for tea. Received Engalychev, appointed Governor-General of Warsaw. I studied until lunchtime. The evening was also busy.

*2nd January. Friday.*

Took all morning until an hour and a quarter. At 2 o'clock I went with the children to the arena for the Christmas tree of the wounded, for the Convoy and the Consolidated Regiment. I took a walk. Before tea took Shcheglovitov, after gene. Markov. I learned from Voeikov that at 6 o'clock. by M.V.R. yellow dor. a collision of trains happened between Tsarskoye Selo and the city. Poor Anya, among others, was seriously wounded and about 10 1/4 were brought here and taken to the palace infirmary. Went there at 11 o'clock. The parents arrived with her. Later Grigory arrived.

*3rd January. Saturday.*

In the morning we learned that Anya is a little better. Alix went to the operation and stayed for almost an hour.

Before the reports took a walk for twenty minutes. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. At 2 o'clock I went with the children to the Christmas tree in the arena, and then to the infirmary to Anya. He sat with her; I also went to the wounded three Nizhny Novgorod residents.

We all returned together for tea. I read it until lunchtime.

*4th January. Sunday.*

I went to mass with the children. At 2 o'clock there was the last tree in the arena with songs and lezginka at the end.

We visited Anya in the infirmary; thank God she is better, although she feels pain all over her body. Walked in the dark before tea. At 6 o'clock. received Trenev - the former Kiev general-lips. I read the whole evening until 10 1/2 o'clock.

*January 5th. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock. received Grigorovich. At 11 o'clock. went with children to mass in FSU. church. After breakfast I received Goltgoer and Voyno-Panchenko for a long time - com. 3rd baht. L.-Gv. Con. Art., Who came from the war, and also a wing. Mikheeva. I went for a walk at 4 o'clock.



Was very busy before and after lunch.

*January 6th. Epiphany.*

Rarely do you have to spend the morning of this day at home. At 10 o'clock. accepted a short report from Bark, who was leaving for France on an important mission. At 10.40 I went with the children to mass. We had breakfast alone. Walked well; the weather was sunny, there was a lot of snow this week. At 4 o'clock I went with Anastasia to the infirmary, went to see all the wounded officers, and at the end sat with Anya.

After tea he received Sazonov and read and wrote the whole evening.

*January 7th. Wednesday.*

I read until 11 o'clock and then took until one o'clock. Kostya and Igor had breakfast.

I walked around the whole park. Uncle Pavel was drinking tea. Received Panteleev. At 7 1/2 I went to Petrograd and dined with Mama. Talked to 10 1/2; then he returned to Tsarskoe Selo.

According to the reports of Count Vorontsov, it is clear that the pursuit of the remnants of the defeated Turkish corps is over; they are all driven far abroad.

Thus ended the famous movement inside our borders of the army under the command of Enver Pasha, who imagines himself to be Napoleon!

*January 8th. Thursday.*

In the morning he received Voeikov, then Mamantov and Sabler. Breakfast: Boris and John (dezh.). Received Ignatiev, cat. will be appointed as the head of the Ministry of Public Education. Walked and went to the infirmary with Marie. I visited Anya and several wounded residents of Nizhny Novgorod. We returned home at 5 1/2 o'clock. Took Maklakov after tea. John dined. I studied all evening.

*January 9th. Friday.*

Sunny frosty day. At 11 o'clock. a meeting of the Council of Ministers took place in the corner living room. We got up at 12.45. Sandro Leuchtenberg had breakfast. Well and took a long walk. At 4 1/2 he received Botkin, a retired sailor. Andrey Vladimirovich was drinking tea. After lunch, Grigory from Anya came to us and stayed for tea.

*January 10th. Saturday.*

Walked for a quarter of an hour. Received Sukhomlinov and gr. Niroda. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. After a day's walk, I visited the large court infirmary with the children, a cat on the top floor. there are wounded lower ranks. Today there were 194 of them. He walked around everyone and handed out quite a few medals.

Returned home at 5.45. I read it until lunchtime.

*January 11th. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock. accepted gr. Ignatiev on the occasion of his appointment. I went with the children to mass. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Walked with him and went to the hospital to Anya and the officers.

We returned at 5 1/2 o'clock. The weather was calm - 2 ° frost. After tea he received good old Goremykin. I read it in the evening.

*January 12th. Monday.*

From 10 o'clock. received: Avelan, Nilov, Neidgart, Lopukhin - Vologda province., Chelnokov - Moscow head, reports by Grigorovich and Krivoshein.

Dm. Had breakfast and dinner. Sheremetev (dezh.). I took a walk. At 4 o'clock we went to the Bolshoi Dvor. and visited the wounded officers lying there. After tea I read it calmly. In the evening we stopped by for a while to Anya; she suffered from leg pains.

*January 13th. Tuesday.*

In the morning I did not take a long walk; the weather was mild and calm - 3 ° frost. Received Sukhomlinov and then Rein. After breakfast I went for a walk with Alix - she was riding in a sled. I worked with Alexei for a long time in the snow near his house and a permanent campfire site. At 6 o'clock. I had Sazonov. I studied all evening.

*January 14th. Wednesday.*

In the morning Alec sat with me for a long time, returning from the Caucasus. From 11 o'clock. received adjutant generals and retainers of major generals, cat. went to various armies to distribute the St. George's crosses. In the afternoon I took a walk and worked with Alexey. I read until 8 o'clock. Ksenia was having lunch. She brought two English books. magazine with very interesting articles from the diary of a certain gr. Schwerin with an account of events before and after the war; interrupted by his suicide.

*January 15th. Thursday.*

After the papers, I managed to take a walk. Before the reports he received Ozerov - also after a business trip. In the afternoon I took a walk with Tatiana, Mari and Anastasia, and then worked with Alexei. I studied until lunchtime. In the evening we visited Anya and the officers in the infirmary.

*January 16th. Friday.*

During the night, a huge amount of snow fell. I took a short walk before the reports. Instead of Bark, he accepted Kharitonov. During the day, I stayed for two hours in the blessed air, working in the snow until dark.

At 7 1/2 I went to town. I dined with Mom and Xenia. Returned to Tsarskoe S. at 11 1/2 for late tea.

*January 17th. Saturday.*

It was an ordinary day. Breakfast: Frederiks and Mordvinov (dezh.). I walked for a long time and worked with Alexey on the construction of an extensive tower. I was at the all-night vigil with the children. After dinner I read for a long time and then visited Anya and the officers in the infirmary.

*January 18th. Sunday.*

Alec arrived in the morning, but did not stay long; he leaves for Headquarters. The whole family was in the cathedral at the mass. I walked with my daughters and then did a lot of work at the tower. The weather is calm - 7 ° frost. After tea he received Goremykin. We spent the evening together at home.

*January 19th. Monday.*

After reading numerous packages, I managed to take a walk. Received Grigorovich, Krivoshein and Markov. Breakfast: Kirill and Sablin (dezh.).

I did to him \* a walk and then went to the hospital and visited Anju and officers. The wounded are now busy collecting different *puzzles* in the wards. Finished all papers before 8 o'clock. N.P.Sablin dined and sat in the evening.

\* The arrow points to the word "Sablin".

*January 20th. Tuesday.*

The frost increased and reached 12 °. In the morning I had Komarov and Voeikov. Then Sukhomlinov and Maklakov. Nikolai Mikhailovich had breakfast. Walked alone. At 6 o'clock. I had Sazonov. In the evening Grigory came to visit us. I studied until 11 o'clock.

*January 21st. Wednesday.*

Walked for a quarter of an hour. Received until 12 1/4, then there was Shcheglovitov's report. After breakfast I went to Petrograd. I visited Sergey, the cat. recovering from severe articular rheumatism. Then I saw George; gave him an order to go to the Caucasus and to the army. Drove into the Marble Dvor. to t. Olga and Kostya. Drank tea at Mom's. I returned to Tsarskoe Selo by 7 o'clock. After lunch we went together to the infirmary, Anya is better. He said goodbye to her and to the wounded officers. Was reading. Packed my small belongings for a new trip.

*January 22nd. Thursday.*

At 9 1/2 we went to a prayer service; said goodbye to my dear family and at 10 o'clock. set **off**. The day was sunny and frosty. I often went out at bus stops. I read a lot. Played dominoes.

*January 23rd. Friday.*

At 12 1/2 I arrived at **Headquarters**.

I had breakfast with Nikolasha, Kirill, Petya, general. Ivanov and others. Made a nice walk along the snow-covered circular road. After tea he received Veselkin, who had arrived from Serbia. In the evening there was a general report on the hostilities.

I read papers until evening tea.

*January 24th. Saturday.*

Woke up at 8 1/2. Went to the usual [report] at 10 o'clock. into the house. Studied at home and wrote to Alix. We had breakfast at 12 1/2. For a long time he received Engalychev, who had come from Warsaw on various business.

Made a walk on the other side of the forest. The frost was slight - 8 °, but a very sharp unpleasant wind was blowing. At 6 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil. After dinner I read and then played dominoes.

*January 25th. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock. I was in the house for a report, after which I went to mass. I went straight from the church to the platform, where the Leib-Cossack regiment was built in peace. He gave awards to officers and crosses to distinguished Cossacks.

After breakfast I went to see Nikolasha. I took an hour-long walk through the woods along a familiar road. At 5 1/2 I went to the cinema - I saw interesting pictures. After lunch I talked to Nikolasha and Yanushkevich. Then I read it. I went to bed early.

*January 26th. Monday.*

At 9 o'clock. arrived in **Rivne**. Olga entered the carriage. We went together to her infirmary. It was full of wounded - 220 people. Visited the sisters' quarters and her room. We had breakfast on the train at one o'clock. The weather was sunny, we drove out of the city and from there we returned to the station by a good road. After tea, we sat together until my departure at 7 o'clock. Played dominoes in the evening.

*January 27th. Tuesday.*

At 9 o'clock. on a wonderful frosty morning arrived in **Kiev**. after a usual meeting at a temporary station, he went to the St. Sophia Cathedral, and then to the Intercession Monastery. In the church I was met by Milica and Stana, who showed me the perfectly arranged infirmary for the wounded in the hospital established by Aunt Sasha. From there he visited the hospital for 85 officers in the house of the nobility. Returned to the train by one o'clock. After breakfast I drove to the 1st Kiev Military School, then to the surgical department of a military hospital, and finally to Militsa and Stan, a cat. gave me tea. I examined the distribution and feeding point maintained in the freight station by all employees of the Southwest Roads. In the morning an ambulance train arrived, so you could actually see how everything worked properly. Upon departure, the cadets and ensigns of the new accelerated courses, the American Red detachment, gathered at the station. Cross, Milica and Stana and many ladies. Left at 8 o'clock instead of 7 o'clock. very pleased with Kiev. In the evening we played dice.

*January 28th. Wednesday.*

At 9 o'clock. arrived in dear **Poltava**. After the meeting, I drove across the city to the cathedral. The weather was cold with wind. I visited the infirmary, set up by the Cossacks and peasants of the Poltava province in the merchant building. club, then an infirmary in the house of the nobility and a cadet corps. I recalled my stay in 1909. I returned to the train at one o'clock in the afternoon. After breakfast with the top officials, we continued south.

*January 29th. Thursday.*

Got up after Art. Alma; it was strange to see snow in these familiar places. I arrived in **Sevastopol** at 10 o'clock. Having walked around the mass of those who presented themselves at the pier, got into a steam boat and went to the squadron. I visited the flagship **Eustathius** and the cruiser Cahul. Passing the rest of the ships, everywhere he thanked the crews for their military service.

I also drove to the naval hospital, where there were still 4 wounded sailors. I returned to the train at 12 1/2 o'clock. The senior naval officials and Grigorovich had breakfast. At 3 o'clock he moved across the bay and ascended to the naval barracks; inspected the young sailors - 3200 hours. Excellent vigorous view. Then he went to the premises of the school of young men and to the monument of Admiral Lazarev, from where he returned to the boat. After tea he took the adm. Eberhard and Grigorovich. The admirals and commanders of the 1st rank ships dined. Walked for half an hour at the pier. The day and evening were quite quiet.

*January 30th. Friday.*

Got up at 8 o'clock. wonderful sunny morning. At 9 1/2 I went by boat to the north side to Ing. the pier and in the engine drove around all the batteries, sowing. department, starting from the end of the defense of the coastal front from No. 16, which was the first to be subjected to fire from "Goeben".

He walked around all the fortifications on foot and thanked the officers and the lower. ranks.

I saw how the squadron went out to sea on a new campaign to Trebizond.

I visited a small infirmary, where there were two more wounded gunners. Got back on the train at 12 1/2. I had breakfast with the land command.

At 2 1/4 I drove through the city and in the same way examined the batteries of the southern front. Finished inspection of the newest baht. No. 20, cat. it borders on No. 21 near Balaklava. It was cold in here, sweat. that a fresh breeze was blowing from the sea. He returned directly to Sevastopol. I visited the Tekrasnoe institution - the Romanov Institute of all kinds of treatment [\[1\]](#), where many wounded officers use it. I stopped at the Vladimir Cathedral and the Krasn infirmary. Cross. Came back about 6 1/2 to the pier, with the cat. there was a new large submarine "Nerpa", which had just arrived from Yalta. He said goodbye to everyone and at 7 1/2 set off on his way back. The night was warm. I was very pleased with the type of troops of the garrison and naval teams.

*January 31st. Saturday.*

I got up at 8 o'clock after passing Sinelnikovo. There was a slight frost with fog, the cat. later dissipated. At 9 o'clock. arrived in **Yekaterinoslav**- for the first time. At the station, gen. Nikitin and the authorities, but inside the military and civilian ranks and deputations. As in other cities, there were many monetary donations for the needs of the war. Up to the cathedral I drove 5 versts along wide boulevards and streets. He visited the infirmary in the noble house, the former Potemkin's palace, the infirmary named after Alexei and the local historical and natural history. Museum. I had breakfast with higher education. ranks. The train approached the Bryansk Alexandrovsky South-Russian plant, cat. I examined it slowly and with great attention; saw the operation of blast furnaces and the production of rails, steel sheets, armor and wire. 9500 workers. - everything is made from our materials and generally makes an excellent impression. At 5 1/2 I left through Yekaterinoslav on Sinelnikovo to the north. Order in the city and at the factory was exemplary.

*1st February. Sunday.*

I got up at 8 1/4 after Kursk. Walked at many stations. The weather was gray and thaw. I read all day, with breaks for food - the papers of three couriers had accumulated. At 6 o'clock. drove through Moscow. The ensigns of the Tver Cavalry School, produced today, were stationed in Tver. Played dominoes.

*2nd February. The beginning of Great Lent.*

Got up at the usual time and drank tea with all the companions. At 9 o'clock. the train approached the **Tsarskoe Seda** pavilion . I came home with my daughters in a sleigh. It is a great joy to see them all, and especially Alix and Alexei, healthy. I read the papers and put my things in order, and then took a short walk. They began to fast in the cave temple of the Feodorovsky Cathedral. During the day we all walked together, Alix in a sled. Then he worked with Alexey and his staff at the tower. There was a thaw. After lunch I was pretty busy, Alix sat in my office.

*3rd February. Tuesday.*

In the morning I received the report of Sukhomlinov. During the day he took a walk with Olga, and then worked hard at the tower.

During the walk, the thaw was immediately replaced by frost. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov and stayed with him until 7 1/2, so that he could not keep up with the church. After dinner, Anya and the wounded were visited.

*4th February. Wednesday.*

Before mass received Maklakov. The day was sunny at 10 ° C. Breakfast: Fredericks and Dmitry Sher [emetev] (dezh.).

Took it \* after 2 hours. Walked and worked with Alexey. At 6 o'clock. I had Goremykin. I read it after lunch.

The arrow points to the word "Fredericks".

*February 5th. Thursday.*

In the morning I had Sabler.

We had breakfast with us: English. General sir Arthur Poget and Ambassador Buchanan. The first one brought orders from George for Nikolasha and the generals.

Walked and worked with Alexey. At 7 o'clock. went to Anichkov. Was with Mama at the service and dined with her and Xenia. Returned to Ts. S. at 11 1/2.

*February 6th. Friday.*

Over the past 4 days, the Germans launched an offensive in the East with large forces. Prussia. Thanks to a deep bypass of the right flank of our 10th Army, it had to retreat from the Masurian Lakes across the border. The fighting continues within the Lomzhinskaya and Suwalki provinces. Apparently, the enemy's movement is suspended; Nikolasha's reports are more reassuring. And on our extreme left flank in Bukovina and the adjacent Carpathians, our troops also retreated under the pressure of overwhelming enemy forces.

It is sad and unpleasant, but, one must think, all this is transitory!

Before mass, he received Kharitonov on Ming affairs. finance.

During the day I took a good walk and worked. In the evening they confessed.

*7th February. Saturday.*

We were honored to partake of the Holy Mysteries together with our ladies, Voeikov [s], Resin, the Cossacks and lower. ranks for 30 people. from the Convoy and from the Vault. shelf. After tea I read and took a walk.

Breakfast: Maria Pavl [ram], Dmitry P [avlovich] and Mordvinov (dezh.). Walked and worked at the tower. The weather was mild - 2 ° m. Uncle Pavel was drinking tea. I went to the all-night vigil with the children. In the evening Gregory was with us.

*February 8th. Sunday.*

Alec came to me in the morning and held me for a quarter of an hour. It was nice to eat the fast food again.

I read my morning papers and walked with Olga and Marie. Then he worked at the tower until 5 o'clock. In the evening they were with Anya and all the wounded officers.

*February 9th. Monday.*

The thaw continued. After morning papers I managed to walk until 11 o'clock.

Received Timashev and Krivoshein. Yusupov, who had returned from a business trip to England and France, had breakfast. Then he received Voeikov and Prince. Shakhovsky - adjut. Nikolasha with a letter from him. For a long time I worked with Alexey at the tower. At 6 o'clock. there was a report by Grigorovich. After lunch I studied.

*February 10th. Tuesday.*

At 10 o'clock. accepted Velyaminov. Walked, the thaw continued.

Received Sukhomlinov, then Frese, who returned from six months of captivity in Berlin. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Did a good walk with him and then worked at the tower. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. I read and finished everything before lunch. In the evening we were at Anya's infirmary.

*February 11th. Wednesday.*

From 10 o'clock. received - Ozerov, Nilov and Grabbe. Walked for 10 minutes. Melted away. Had the first report of gr. Ignatieva by Min. People. Enlightenment; then book. Shcherbatov. Aunt Michen was having breakfast; she was in Warsaw, visited the trenches and returned with a 1st degree medal on the St. George ribbon. At 3 o'clock we went to the Officer's infirmary. Artil. schools. Examined only half. At 5 o'clock. were at home. D. Pavel drank tea.

Before lunchtime he received Shcheglovitov. I read it in the evening.

*February 12th. Thursday.*

Walked for about 25 minutes. There were the usual talks. After breakfast I received a deputation with Alexei from the Marine Corps, cat. presented him with a corps officer's uniform. Walking around the park, did a good job in the snow. At 6 o'clock. received Zane, and at 7 o'clock. Taneeva.

I read all evening.

*February 13th. Friday.*

On our northwestern front, thank God, things have improved considerably. Successful offensive battles are going from Lomza to Prasnysh; our troops took quite a number of German prisoners, guns and machine guns; cars with cannons and machine guns helped a lot to the success! Received at 11 o'clock. Barca returning from France and England.

Walked and worked with Alexey until 4:00. Then I went with Alix to Pavlovsk. I visited the sick Kostya.

At 6 o'clock. received Rodzianko. In the evening we were in the hospital with Anya and the officers.

*February 14th. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock. I went to the station and examined the second bath-train, leaving for Sarikamysh. I read and took a walk. After Sukhomlinov, he received Panteleev, and then Fredericks, the cat. had breakfast. At 2 1/2 he accepted the book. Golitsyn-Muravlin.

Walked and worked with Alexey. The weather was fine with a slight frost. At 6 o'clock. received Kulomzin, after which he went to the all-night vigil. After lunch I worked hard.

*February 15th. Sunday.*

At 10 1/2 we went to mass. Breakfast: John and N.P. Sablin (dezh.). We walked together and worked at the tower. After tea there was an interesting cinema of Khanzhonkov from the war. Was reading. In the evening we visited Anya, a cat. today she moved into her house, but she is still lying.

*February 16th. Monday.*

From 10 o'clock. received: V. Volkonsky, Voeikov, Grigorovich, Tsvetsinsky and Krivoshein. After breakfast Senator Neklyudov, who returned from Germany. Worked with Alexey. The weather was warm. At 6 o'clock. received Maklakov. Dm. Sheremetev (dezh.). Was reading.

*February 17th. Tuesday.*

The last days have brought good news about the retreat of the Germans from Mlava to N [north] -E [east] along the front to Grodna.

The morning was busy. Princess M.V. Baryatinskaya had breakfast. Accepted Prince. Shakhovsky and offered him the Ministry of Trade and Industry. I worked with Alexey. At 4 o'clock we went to the Muslim hospital in the location of the Cuirassier regiment. We returned at 5 1/2 o'clock. Received Sazonov. I read all evening.

*February 18th. Wednesday.*

Sunny frosty day. I took a walk after a lot of morning papers. Received by Bulygin, bar. Meindorf and Rauch. We arrived for breakfast: French. Ambassador Palaeologus, General Poe and the Marquis Lagish; besides them E.A. Naryshkina and Benkendorf. Walked and worked with Alexey. Fabritsky (dezh.) Dined. In the evening I sat with Ani.

*19th February. Thursday.*

*In the* morning frost and a strong blizzard. At 11 o'clock. received Sazonov on the straits and then Mamantov. Walked up to an hour. Dmitry (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. After a short work at the tower, we all went together to the officers. Art. school, where they visited the wounded in another department of the same infirmary, in the cat. we were on February 11th.

At 6 o'clock. did not receive Grigorovich for long. I read and finished everything until 8 o'clock.

I played billiards with Dmitry all evening.

*20th February. Friday.*

Clear frosty day with a northerly wind. Walked for 10 minutes. Received Bark and the Dane Andersen. After breakfast I went to the local new radio station, the cat. examined in detail. Together with Moscow, it is the strongest station in Russia - 300 kilowatts. Returned at 4 o'clock and worked with Alexey.

We dined with Mama with Ksenia, Andrey and Fedor. Were at home at 11 1/4.

*February 21st. Saturday.*

In the morning he received Voeikov and walked for a short time. The day was bright and frosty. Between the reports of Sukhomlinov and Fredericks, he received Shakhovsky on the occasion of his entry into the management of the ministry.

At 2 1/2 he received Goremykin,

For a long time he worked with Alexei and others on the tower, the cat. has increased significantly. We went to the all-night vigil with the worship of the Cross. Mordvinov (dezh.) Dined. Was reading. I sat with Ani.

*February 22nd. Sunday.*



Sunny frosty day. Before mass, I managed to overcome all the packages that had been sent. At 2 o'clock I went with Alexei to test the car on the system runners. Kegress himself. We sat down and went for a drive on the field and on the ice through ditches and snowdrifts. It went well everywhere. We returned from Babolovsky Park and rode around the cathedral and the Farm, having a large sleigh with 12 drivers in tow.

The experiments turned out to be quite successful. Then they worked on the tower for a long time. After tea I studied. In the evening we sat with the officers in the palace infirmary.

*February 23rd. Monday.*

At night the frost reached 17 degrees, and in the afternoon it went down to 10 degrees. The day was sunny. Nikolay, who had returned from Galicia, had breakfast. Walked and worked for a long time with Alexei in the garden. At 6 o'clock. was Shcheglovitov. In the evening I read and then visited Anya.

*February 24th. Tuesday.*

The same sunny day with frost. Walked well in the morning. After the report, Sukhomlinov received Engalychev, the cat. had breakfast with us. Then I had Sazonov. I worked with Alexey. At 6 1/2 he said goodbye to Alix and the children on the train and **set off** across Petrograd on a new bridge across the Neva along the **Finnish road**. At st. Terijoki had a small meeting from local residents and Russian peasants. Played dominoes in the evening.

*February 25th. Wednesday.*

At 9 o'clock. arrived at **Helsingfors**. At the station there is a guard of honor from Gosud. the militia is a great company! Senators, heads of main departments, consul, city administration and deputations from the population introduced themselves in the premises. In a motor with Benckendorff I went to our cathedral. On one side of the streets were troops, there were a lot of people. From the cathedral I drove to the Nikolaev Protestant Church, where a prayer service was also served; and from there onto the ice to the squadron. Visited flagm. cor. cruiser "**Russia**" and then lin. cor. "**Petropavlovsk**". The original appearance of the vessels in white color and surrounded by ice. The crews of the rest of the ships stood with trellises against them. I drove to **Sveaborg**, was in a crepe. cathedral and made an inspection of the garrison. Returned to the train for breakfast.

At 3 o'clock he set off to detour the entire land defense line, built during the war and 35 miles long. I left the engine to inspect batteries, strong points and other structures.

The work is huge and well done. At 5 o'clock. arrived at the palace, drank tea and examined the infirmary for 200 wounded. He visited the steamer "Ariadis", set up as a naval hospital, a city hospital and a huge infirmary in the building of a new station for 1200 wounded.

I was a little late for dinner. In the evening I listened to an interesting report by the adm. Essen and at 10 o'clock. left Helsingfors.

*February 26th. Thursday.*

Arrived at 10.50 at the station. Lanskaya, got into the engine and drove into the city directly to the fortress for the funeral mass. Mom, Comrade Olga and Ksenia were there. I had breakfast with them in Anichkov. I arrived at **Tsarskoe Selo** at 3 o'clock. I talked to Alix and my daughters and went into the garden. I did a good job with Alexey. It wasn't cold. At 6 o'clock. accepted Sabler. I read until 11 o'clock.

*February 27th. Friday.*

The weather has warmed up. Alec flew in in the morning and then received Voeikov. I took a walk. Lectures before breakfast: Barka and Rukhlova, after Maklakov. He worked with Alexey on the tower. After tea he received

Taneyev, and at 7 o'clock. Sazonov and Buckenen. I read it in the evening. We spent half an hour with Anya and Grigory.

*February 28th. Saturday.*

At 9 1/2 we went together to a prayer service in a cave church and then on the train. We said goodbye to the train, and 10 1/4 set off **on the road**. I read all day and walked at the stations. I played dominoes in the evening.

*1st March. Sunday.*

Not far from Baranovichi I found two trains with marching teams at a stop, which I walked around. At 12 1/2 I arrived at the **Headquarters**. I received Nikolasha before breakfast. After the table there was a short report. Went for a walk and did a very nice walk through the woods and fields. The weather was spring and the sun was pleasantly warm. After tea, I received George for a long time with a report on the Caucasus. I read all evening; drank tea with everyone.

*2nd March. Monday.*

The day was gray, at times it snowed, but it was melting. At 10 o'clock. went to the house for a report. Then he sat with Georgy in his carriage. Apart from others, Sazonov and Gen. Po, returning from Galicia. Did the usual walk around the forest. After tea he received Sazonov; read and wrote until lunchtime. In the evening I played dice.

*3rd March. Tuesday.*

The weather was bad: it was blowing, pouring, and in the evening it began to snow and frost again. After the lecture I wrote at my place.

Palaeologus, a cat, arrived for breakfast. I took after breakfast. Walked with his companions despite desperate weather conditions. After tea, he received Sazonov and distributed military awards to 10 Leib-Kazach officers. shelf. I went to the cinema. After dinner I read and played dice.

*4th of March. Wednesday.*

The report lasted an hour; in general, it is good at the fronts. I read and wrote before breakfast. Said goodbye to the gene. By. At 2 1/2 I went for a walk; the weather was clear and light frost, then a cloud immediately approached and a desperate blizzard began, very unpleasant in the open field. Came back about \* covered with snow. I finished all the papers before lunch. Dominoes.

\* So in the text.

*5th March. Thursday.*

Nice sunny day. At 10 o'clock. went to the report, and then to the carriage to Nikolasha. After breakfast, I read and made a long walk through the fields and forests, on the contrary of yesterday's.

He wrote and studied after tea.

Sergei Leuchtenbergsky came from the south. At 9 o'clock. I went with everyone to the cinema and saw interesting and funny pictures.

*6th March. Friday.*

Clear frosty day. After the lecture, Nikolasha and Nikolasha walked back and forth in the sun. I read it before breakfast. At 2 1/4 I drove with my own along the highway 24 miles away and had a great walk in the woods and passed the Skobelevsky camp. We returned at 5 o'clock.

I studied until lunchtime. In the evening he played dominoes with Nilov, Grabbe and Sablin; Drenteln stretched out the ligaments in his leg.

*7th March. Saturday.*

The report in the house lasted an hour. I wrote a letter to Alix and postcards to all the children. In the afternoon I made the usual walk around our forest.

At 5.45 I went to the all-night vigil, the cat. ended at 6.45. After lunch, Nikolasha reported that the Austrians made a strong sortie near Przemysl, but were repulsed with heavy losses, having lost 4,000 prisoners alone. with 105 officers and 12 machine guns. Dominoes in the afternoon.

*8th March. Sunday.*

After the lecture I went to mass. Breakfast was as always at 12 1/2 o'clock. The day was clear and windy, melting away. At 2 1/4 I went along the Bialystok highway into the same forest. I went on foot to the bridge and turned this time to the left along the river, and so with my right shoulder around the forest I returned straight to the engines. At 5 o'clock. were on the train. Was reading. I played dice in the evening.

*March 9th. Monday.*

After the morning report, Alix returned to his room and began a letter, when suddenly Nikolasha burst into my room with Yanushkevich and Danilov and announced the good news of the **fall of Przemysl!** After breakfast, a thanksgiving service was served in front of many officers and Life Cossacks. He sent Selivanov to the 11th army with awards and crosses. Did a little walk. It melted strongly. Gave Nicholas Georgiy 2nd degree. I studied after tea and finished everything. At dinner we drank a glass of champagne. In the evening Drenteln played dominoes.

*March 10th. Tuesday.*

Wonderful sunny day. At 10 o'clock. went to the last report; learned about the number of surrendered in Przemysl Austr. troops, namely: 9 generals, 93 pcs. officer., 2500 about [er] office. and ranks and 117,000 lower. rank. Our troops besieging the fortress were less than half. After breakfast I walked a little and at exactly 3 o'clock set off on the **way back**. Passed Vilna at 8 1/2. Played dominoes in the evening.

*March 11th. Wednesday.*

I woke up as always at 8 1/4. It was 5 ° frost and the terrain was very wintry with a lot of snow. At exactly 10 o'clock. arrived in **Tsarskoe Selo**. All the children except Marie were met at the station; inside the entire Council of Ministers.

I came home with great joy. He sat with Alix, put the papers in order, took a walk and read until breakfast. Yesterday and today I received many telegrams on the occasion of the fall of Przemysl.

During the day I took a walk with Anastasia and worked for a long time with Alexei on the tower.

After tea he received Maklakov. I read until 11 o'clock.

*March 12th. Thursday.*

It was nice to wake up with the consciousness that you are at home. But during the day I also felt the other side - reports and a lot of papers, and telegrams, and a certain fuss. At 9 1/2 I had Benkendorf, Voeikov, Derfelden - adjutant. Nikolashi, who came directly from Przemyśl with interesting details about the surrender and occupation of the fortress by our troops; the last was Sabler. After breakfast I worked at the tower for a long time. At 6 o'clock. was with the first report of Shakhovskoy. Dm. Had breakfast and dinner. Sherem [etev] (dezh.). At 9 o'clock. the session of the Historical Society began and at 11 1/4 ended.

*March 13th. Friday.*

At 10 o'clock. accepted reports: Ignatiev, Barka and Rukhlov. Breakfast: Kostya and Mordvinov (dezh.). Walked and did a good job on the tower. At 6 1/2 I went with Olga and Tatiana to the city.

We dined with Mom and went together to the Mariinsky Theater for a performance for a wheelchair. There was an interesting "**Izmail**". There were many wounded officers and lower ranks in the hall. The play went on with great enthusiasm, the anthem was sung very often. At 12 1/2 the show ended and we returned to Tsarskoe Selo at one in the morning.

*March 14th. Palm Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock he received Markov, then Voeikov. Walked for a quarter of an hour. Received Sukhomlinov and Fredericks. He and Petya had breakfast. At 2 1/2 a deputation from Konstantin [ovsky] art. schools. Received Maksimovich, who sorted out the papers of gr. Witte. Worked on the tower. Alexei had a headache and did not come out. At 6 o'clock. I had Goremykin. I went with my daughters to the all-night vigil. After lunch I studied for a long time.

*March 15th. Palm Sunday.*

Today the Galicians sang at the mass - rural teachers and teachers very well. The day was frosty and sunny. After breakfast he received Wrangel's wing-adjutant - the Cavalry Regiment and prof. Reina with a report. He sat upstairs with Alexey, he has a cold and should not get out of bed.

I worked with Nagorny on the tower, cat. successfully moves in height. I studied all evening.

*March 16th. Monday.*

In the morning I had Andrey, and then Grigorovich. We began to fast in the cave temple. The weather was sunny, frosty - just like in February. After breakfast he received Krivoshein. He worked for an hour and a half at the tower. In the evening I barely coped with the mass of papers.

Yesterday the Black Sea Fleet began shelling the forts of the Bosphorus from a long distance.

*March 17th. Tuesday.*

Breakfast: Kirill - Gvar appointed by the commander. Crew and Sablin (dezh.). We walked together. He worked in the garden. I spent the whole evening studying until tea.

*March 18th. Wednesday.*

In the morning he received Grabbe on his return from Przemyśl. Then, Shcheglovitova. Sunny frosty day. After breakfast he received the Kamchatka governor Monomakhov. Walked and worked for a short time; I stopped by Anya's before tea.

In the evening we confessed.

*19th March. Maundy Thursday.*

We received the Holy Mysteries of Christ. After mass, Alexey joined in bed, as his neck glands were swollen. After drinking tea in his playing [room], I went for a walk. The weather was excellent, and early in the morning it was snowing heavily. During the day I worked successfully on the tower. At 6 o'clock. accepted gr. Fredericks and went to the service of the 12 Gospels, cat. ended at 8 1/4. I read all evening.

*20th March. Friday.*

At 10 o'clock. I had Bark with a report. Was reading. We had breakfast at 12 1/2 with Mordvinov (dezh.). At 2 o'clock we went to take out the shroud until 3 1/2 o'clock. He worked. The weather was gray, melting in the morning, freezing in the afternoon. At 6 1/2 the service was in the cave temple until 8 1/4. I studied until 11 o'clock.

*March 21st. Saturday.*

Walked a little in the morning. At 11 1/2 went to the liturgy, cat. ended at 1 1/4. Georgy, who was on the occasion of his appointment as the chief of the 4th Kuban Plastun battalion, was there and had breakfast with us. Worked on the tower. Alexey came down to us today.

At 6 o'clock. took Marling, eng. envoy to Persia. I read, wrote and answered telegrams. After dinner, they gave each other a gift.

At 11 3/4 we went to matins.

*March 22nd. Bright Resurrection of Christ.*

The cathedral was very beautifully lit with sparklers outside during the procession. The frost was light and the night was clear.

Mass ended at 2 o'clock. Straightened out with all the daughters. I slept until 9 1/2 o'clock. The day was radiant. At 11 o'clock. Christianity with all courtiers until 12 1/2. After breakfast I took a long walk and worked. At 6 o'clock. Gregory arrived briefly. Was reading. At 7 o'clock. went to Vespers. The evening was spent at Anya's with N.P. Sablin.

*March 23rd. Monday.*

We had a Mass and a prayer service in honor of St. Nikon Pechersky. D. Pavel had breakfast. At 2 o'clock the Christian [co-operation] began in the Grand Palace with the retinue, the district commanders and the lower ranks of the reserve battalions of the patron's units; among them there are many wounded and recovered from their wounds. I worked from 4 to 5 o'clock. in the garden. Wet snow was melting and falling. I went to Mama's for dinner. Returned at 11.45.

*March 24th. Tuesday.*

At 11 o'clock. I went with my daughters to the parade to the Consolidated Regiment on the palace ground. After the moleben, the regiment passed the ceremonies twice. march. Received Sukhomlinov and the chief intendant, general. Shuvaeva. At 2 o'clock there was the last christianity with the Old Believers and volost elders. I took a walk and worked at the tower for a long time. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. I was at the all-night vigil. I read it in the evening.

*March 25th. Annunciation.*

For mass in the church of the Grand Palace were invited officers of the L.-G. Horse regiment and formerly served in the regiment, and then they were offered an Easter treat. We had breakfast at home with Dmitry (dezh.). Walked with my daughters. Worked with Alexey on the tower; he started coming out today. It melted strongly. After tea I calmly read. In the evening we played together in the pyramid.

*March 26th. Thursday.*

Nice spring day. After the morning papers I took a walk. From 11 o'clock. received Goremykin, who had returned from Headquarters, Prince Lvov, Palitsyn and Sabler. Sandro (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. He worked with Alexey at the tower; walled up the entrance, because it began to melt strongly. We carried out preliminary work on breaking ice near the bridge at the old place. After tea he received the book. Shirinsky-Shikhmatov on the Palestinian Society. We spent the evening at Anya's with Sandro, Sablin and Zlebov.

*March 27th. Friday.*

Walked in the morning. It started raining in the afternoon. Strongly chopped the ice; that's why the hand is trembling because for 2 hours in a row he worked with a crowbar in both hands. I read before lunch, and in the evening, with Olga's help, pasted photographs into an album.

*March 28th. Saturday.*

Walked for half an hour. Received Ozerov, Nemshaev, Sukhomlinov and Frederiks. Breakfast: Kirill, he \* and Sablin (dezh.). At 2 1/4 we went to the city to the Yusupovs for the christening of their granddaughter Irina. Mom and I were the recipients. Father almost drowned the little one. We drank rich tea with chocolate. We returned to Ts. S. at 5 1/2. Walked up to 6 o'clock. We were at the all-night vigil.

\* The arrow points to the word "Fredericks".

*March 29th. Sunday.*

After mass, Boris and Andrey had breakfast. Received the commander L.-GV. Ulan. Her led. Knyazhevich's regiment. I worked for a long time on the ice with my daughters. The weather was warm. I studied until lunchtime.

Alix fell ill before tea due to high fever influenza.

*March 30th. Monday.*

Great sunny day. In the morning I received reports: Ignatieva, Prince. Shcherbatov and Krivoshein. Alix has a sore throat and pace. rose again to 39.1.

Walked and did a good job with the children on the ice. At 6 o'clock. received Knyazhevich - Tavrishesky governor, and then Grigorovich. In the evening I read and sat with Alix.

*March 31st. Tuesday.*

Sunny day. I took a walk. Received Sukhomlinov and Maklakov. In an hour from 1/4 I went to the Putilov factory. I examined his huge workshops with great interest from 2 to 5 1/2 hours. The workers make a good impression; 22 thousand of them work there. He returned to Sazonov's report with a slight delay. Lunch was Dmitry Sherem [etev] (dezh.). I read all evening.

Alix felt better pace. was lower, the throat still hurt when swallowing.

*1st April. Wednesday.*

A radiant day. Walked a little. Accepted reports: Strukov, Shakhovsky and Markovich. Breakfast: Misha and the commandant of Osovets, gen. Shulman.

I worked for a long time with Alexey and others on the ice, sawing and chopping one floe after another from 2 1/2 to 5 1/2 hours.

After tea he received Bulygin. Mordvinov (dezh.) Dined. In the evening the three of us sat with Grigory. Alix's throat, thank God, is going away.

*2nd April. Thursday.*

The same great day. At 11 o'clock. accepted gr. Bobrinsky - military. General-Governor of Galicia. After breakfast made a review of the 2nd Khopersky and 2nd Labinsky Kuban regiments, cat. after resting in Petrograd, they set out on a campaign again. Chopped the ice. At 6 o'clock. received Taneyev. I read in the evening and stopped by Anya to say goodbye.

*3rd April. Friday.*

A wonderful warm day. I didn't have time to walk for long. At 11 o'clock. I had a meeting of the Council of Ministers. Then he accepted the reports: Kharitonov and Barka. We had breakfast in due time. At 2 o'clock I took a cap with Alexey. Polyakova Gen. headquarters, cat. brought the fortress flag of Przemyśl. He worked with children on ice; the sun baked wonderfully. I went to Mom's for tea; then stayed with Sergei until 7.45. Returned to Ts. S. at 8 1/4. I packed my things and studied the whole evening.

*4th April. Saturday.*

Walked in the morning. Received: Skoropadsky, Sukhomlinov, Kazakevich, cat. appointed an aide-de-camp, and Panteleev.

After breakfast he said goodbye to Alix and Alexei and went with his daughters to the prayer service. At 2 1/4 I got on the **train** and hit the road. At a bus stop in Pskov I saw Maria Pavlovna, a cat. works here in his infirmary. The day was rainy. Was reading. Played dominoes in the evening.

*5th April. Sunday.*

At 9 1/4 he arrived at the **Stavka**. After talking with Nikolasha, I went to the report. At 10 1/2 I went to mass. In the afternoon, I took a walk around Baranovichi and saw the training of the machine-gun team of the Life Cossacks in their craft. I read, wrote, and rested until lunchtime. Played dominoes in the evening. The weather was cold, sunny, and even snow fell.

*6th April. Monday.*

It was a wonderful spring day. After the lecture I walked with Nikolasha in the garden. Was reading. In the afternoon I took a walk in the fields and ended up in a healthy swamp. At 6 1/2 I went to the cinema. After lunch, gene. Williams became ill and had to be carried out of the car.

Played dominoes. Grunwald arrived.

*April 7th. Tuesday.*

It was a very warm day, it was pleasant to sit in a carriage with open windows.

There was a short report. After that, Nicholas took over the Belgian military mission. I had Grunwald and then Engalychev. At 2 1/2 he went to the Skobelevsky camp and further to the Grodno province. We walked along the highway five miles and returned to tea. I read and wrote. After dinner I played dominoes.

*April 8th. Wednesday.*

Our 21st engagement anniversary! It was a wonderful warm day. After the lecture, I walked around the trains. Before breakfast he received Krivoshein. At 2 1/2 I set off along the same highway 46 miles away and reached the mountains. Slonim. We walked back five miles, drenched in sweat. From 6 to 7 1/2 Nikolasha had a meeting with Krivoshein and Yanushkevich in the carriage.

After dinner I read and wrote.

Set off at 10 1/4 on a trip south.

*April 9th. Thursday.*

A significant day of my arrival in Galicia! At 10 o'clock. arrived at the station. Brody. Now I went to Nikolasha's carriage, where I listened to the report of the headquarters and then the regiment. Mosyagin, who described the offensive of our 3rd army from the border to Lvov. Finished the papers and letter to Alix. It was getting hot in the carriages. We had breakfast at 12 o'clock and then drove out in a motor with Nikolasha and Yanushkevich. The further, the more beautiful the area became. The type of villages and inhabitants strongly resembled Little Russia. Only the dust was unbearable. Stopped several times at the site of the battles in August m-tse; I saw the mass graves of our humble heroes near the road. The sun was hot as in summer.

At 4 1/2 on the descent from the mountain was met gr. Bobrinsky and then drove into the mountains. **Lviv**. Many troops and people stood in the streets with trellises. At the huge arena, facing the church, there was an honor, a guard from the 23rd march. battalion. After the prayer served by Archbishop. Eulogius, visited Olga's infirmary, where he saw Xenia. About 6 1/2 he arrived at the governor's palace; och. car. a hundred Life Cossacks. The city makes a very good impression, resembles in a small form Warsaw, but with a Russian population on the streets. I went out onto the balcony to the peasants who came from the neighborhood. After dinner, Bobrinsky was appointed adjutant general.

*April 10th. Friday.*

I slept well and drank tea at 8 1/2. An hour later I went to the station, where there was an operational report. At 10 o'clock. went with Nicholas and others by rail. dor. to **Samborg**. I arrived there about an hour and was greeted by Brusilov and my wonderful company of the 16th Infantry Imp. Alexander III regiment - under the command of her sergeant major. Drove to headquarters. Brusilov, where he was appointed general-ad [yutant]. He fed us breakfast, after which we returned to the train and continued south. The first ridge of the Carpathians was clearly visible. The weather was wonderful. About 4 hours. arrived in **Khyrov**, where the entire 3rd Caucasian corps of the general was assembled. Irmanov. I walked around all the parts on foot and then drove around them in the engine and thanked them for military service. The view of the regiments is magnificent. I was so happy to see my Shirvans. Returned to the train and continued on **Przemysl**, where I arrived at 7 o'clock. Replacement battalions and squads stood in trellises in the streets. I drove into a church arranged in a railway station. dor. the shed, and then to the house prepared for Nikolasha and me. At 8 o'clock. went to dinner at the garrison meeting, where they collected various weapons found in Austrian warehouses. The evening was warm, like summer, and with the moon.

So, I got to Przemysl, by the grace of God, a month and two days after its fall. A lot of strong impressions.



*April 11th. Saturday.*

I got up at 8 1/4 and after tea I listened to the report at my place. At 10 o'clock. went with Nikolasha to the fortifications of Przemyśl, first to the Eastern Front (Sedlis Group), then to the Southern. I drove along an excellent fortress road past forts, fortifications, batteries and redoubts and was amazed at the huge number of guns and all kinds of ammunition. He returned to our house at 12 1/4 and went to the garrison meeting. After breakfast at 1.30 I left for **Lvov** by motor through Radmno and Yavorov again to the places of battles. Arrived in Lviv at 5 o'clock. and drove through the whole city to the mountain, on the cat. entered on foot. Nice view of all the surroundings. I put myself in order in the house of the governor-general. Ksenia and Olga sat with me and dined. At 9 1/4 he left for the station, warmly escorted by the population. At 9 1/2 I left back and at 12 1/2 I arrived in Brody and got on my **train**. On the way, I had a good snack with everyone traveling with me.

*April 12th. Sunday.*

I slept long and well; got up at 9 o'clock. At 11 o'clock. went to the train to Nikolasha for a report. I walked around the station, the weather was wonderful. We had breakfast at 12 1/2. I said goodbye to Nikolasha and everyone and left at 2 o'clock. In Zdolbunov I saw a train of recovered people and many children from schools. From Art. Shepetivka turned onto Proskurovskaya railway. and at 9 o'clock. stopped at st. Krasilov for the night. I read papers all the time and in the evening I wrote a long letter to Alix.

*April 13th. Monday.*

By 9 o'clock. the train approached Proskurov. I set off in a motor along a good highway to Kamenets-Podolsk - 90 miles and arrived there by noon. The weather was wonderful. I drove into the cathedral and the city garden, from where I looked at the old Turkish fortress. Then he inspected the Trans-Amur infantry and cavalry regiments, the 22nd Turkest (Ansky) unit and the Crimean cavalry regiment. He visited two hospitals and left Kamyanets-Pod (Oolsk). In one grove he ate some cold provisions and arrived in Proskurov with a delay of 3 hours. On the trail. stations went out to the echelons of the Zaamur artillery. Played dominoes in the evening.

*April 14th. Tuesday.*

Wonderful summer weather. At 9 o'clock. arrived in Odessa. On the way to the cathedral there were a lot of troops, educational institutions and people. The order was amazing. On the Kulikovo field, a review was held of the troops that are part of the airborne corps. I was glad to see the dear Guards crew in combat. He visited the military hospital and the city hospital of Sosnovskaya and Nikitina's warehouse-workshop. Got back on the train at 2 o'clock. I had breakfast with Cyril and higher. superiors on the go. At many stations it went out to the constructed echelons, all parts of the Caucasian rifle division were concentrated in Odessa. Played in the evening.

*April 15th. Wednesday.*

The weather changed dramatically and it became cold. At 8.45 I arrived in Nikolaev, where I was with Dad and Mom in 1886. I drove to the cathedral and to the shipyard - superbly equipped, on the cat. ends with lin. cor. "**Imp. Maria**". He visited the Naval Hospital and the infirmary for the wounded named after Alexei at the factories. Returned to the train for breakfast and continued from 3 hours. inspection of other pestilences. factories. Walked around the deck of the ship "**Imp. Catherine the Great** ", destroyers "**Pylky** "and "**Hasty** " and sub. boat "**Narwhal**". Having laid the mortgage board on the ship "**Imp. NikolayI** ", went through the boathouses and various workshops and graduated from the shrapnel house. Everything was very clear, instructive and interesting. The workers made an excellent impression on me. At 6 o'clock he left Nikolaev. I read and studied. In the evening I played dice.

*April 16th. Thursday.*

There was a blizzard at night and it was very cold. I slept well. I read all morning and after breakfast. The weather was unfriendly, just approaching Simferopol, the sun appeared. But the greenery moved a lot and even the lilacs began to bloom. Arrived in **Sevastopol** at 6 1/2. A mass of bosses and educational institutions occupied the entire pier all around.

Dined with the highest. ranks - Sandro, Cyril and Sergey. After lunch I walked around the pier. I played for a short time in the evening.

*April 17th. Friday.*

The weather improved, the morning was cold with a crisp NW breaking out a wave in the northern bay. At 10 o'clock. went to ling. cor. "**George the Victorious**", where there was a report by the adm. Eberhard. I visited the new terminated dock and walked around the entire squadron by boat. After breakfast I went to inspect the hospital ship "Peter the Great", where I saw two wounded from the "Almaz". At 4 o'clock my 6th Plastun battalion lined up on the pier. Bypassing him, he awarded officers and Cossacks, presented for military awards. It's a pleasure to look at these faces. I missed the plastuns of the cer. march. After tea I read. Promoted Plancon to vice admiral, and Sablin to rear admiral. After lunch I studied, wrote and took a walk on the pier.

*April 18th. Saturday.*

Got up by 9 o'clock. wonderful morning. At 9.45 I went to the city and entered the St. Nicholas Cathedral; from there to the camp for a review. The 1st and 2nd Plastun brigades were in the ranks with the artillery assigned to them. and sapper units. Bypassing the front, he stopped opposite the 3rd battalion and appointed Alexei as its chief. Cerem. march. walked freely and beautifully. I've never seen such a mass of plastuns together! After the show, he was filming with the officers in a group. Returned to the train for breakfast. At 2 1/4 I went in a motor through Baidary to the place of a landslide that happened in March of this year. We drove off a part of the highway at the 52nd verst and the orchards of the village. Kuchuk-Koy. I went down there on foot with Voyk [ov] and Sabl [other], and back upstairs in the local phaeton. It was nice to look at the southern coast and breathe in the mountain air. Came back very soon. Now, upon arrival, I examined the submarine at the pier - the minelayer "Crab". After lunch I studied and walked around the pier. At 11 o'clock. left Sevastopol.

*19th April. Sunday.*

Today was a very hot day - the pace in the carriages. reached 22 °. Despite the heat, I had to read and finish papers brought by three couriers. At some stations. went out to stretch my legs.

*April 20th. Monday.*

At 9 o'clock. arrived in Bezhitsa at the Bryansk plant. After the meeting, I went to the church and from there on the motor to the workshops. I saw many interesting and instructive things for myself.

It was very hot and a desperate wind blew, raising clouds of dust. I had breakfast with the bosses and the top administration of the plant. From 3 o'clock. continued to inspect the workshops and the beautifully arranged exhibition in the new crane house. I stopped at two workers' houses, a hospital, a bakery and an infirmary for 500 wounded. It started raining and immediately became cold. At 6.20 he went back to Oryol, very pleased with everything he had seen. In Bryansk, he walked around three companies of the marching battalion. After dinner I read intensely.

*April 21st. Tuesday.*

I slept well. At 11 o'clock. stopped in Moscow; saw Ella. At 2 o'clock I arrived in **Tver**. After the meeting went to the motor with gr. Fredericks [om] to the city in 4 ver. It was very cold. From the beautiful ancient cathedral I went to the palace, where I accepted all the provincial institutions, examined the rooms, the warehouse and the museum. I

went to the assembly of the nobility. Upstairs there was a small infirmary, and downstairs there was a reception and tea from the nobles. Then he visited two hospitals - in the Red Cross and in the Department. Gosud. Jar. By 7 o'clock. returned to the train and dined with his superiors. In the evening I played on the go.

*April 22nd. Wednesday.*

It was freezing at night. At 9 o'clock. arrived in **Tsarskoe Selo**. The children were met at the station, and I came home with them. Such a bright joy of meeting your family! I talked with Alix until 11 o'clock, put things and papers in order and went for a walk. After breakfast I chopped and broke the last ice on the pond. Walked with Anastasia.

I studied before and after lunch. Bright evening.

*April 23rd. Thursday.*

Dear Alix spent his name day calmly and modestly. At 10 1/2 I went with the children to mass; Alix arrived a little later. By 12 o'clock. Mom and Xenia arrived from the city. D. Pavel and Dmitry (dezh.) Also had breakfast. We sat there until 2 o'clock. Walked and rode in a kayak and "Gatchinka" - which opened the navigation here today. The weather was excellent and warm. After tea he received Sazonov. In the evening I played billiards with Dmitry.

*April 24th. Friday.*

The day was even better and warmer. Alec sat with me in the morning, and then said goodbye to Dmitry, who was leaving for the army. I took a walk. Received Bark and Rukhlov. Kazakevich had breakfast. I took a walk around the park and rode the ponds with the children. After tea he received Sukhomlinov. I studied and finished everything before lunch. At 9 1/2 we went to Anya's. We found N.P.Sablin there.

*April 25th. Saturday.*

Summer day. After a morning walk, he received Bagration-Mukh-Ransky, who had returned from Tver, Maklakov and gr. Fredericksz. He and Georgy Mikhailovich had breakfast. I took a walk with my daughters and rode with Alexei on the ponds. Towards evening, the sky became clouded and rain, necessary for nature, began. Received Goremykin and went to the all-night vigil. I read it in the evening.

*April 26th. Sunday.*

Today our choristers sang the entire mass of Tchaikovsky - excellent. During the day I took a good walk and rode with the children on the ponds. The weather was crisp. I studied before lunch, and in the evening I read for my own pleasure.

*April 27th. Monday.*

The cold weather continued. Yesterday I learned about the occupation of Libau by the Germans along the coast. In the morning I saw Komarov returning from a business trip to Odessa, Lvov and Przemysl. After breakfast, three officers L.Tv were received. Con. art. on the occasion of her holiday. I walked with my daughters and rode in a kayak. Misha was drinking tea. At 6 1/2 took Sabler. We spent the evening with Anya and Grigory.

*April 28th. Tuesday.*

Cool clear day. In the morning I walked for half an hour. During the day I went with Olga, because the others went on horseback. Ride with Alexei on the ponds.

At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. At 7 1/2 I went to Mom and dined with Xenia. Returned to Tsarskoe by 11 1/4.

*April 29th. Wednesday.*

I managed to take a walk. Received Mamantov after his illness and then Taneyev.

Dmitry Sher [emetev] (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. At 2 1/2 o'clock he received the Khan of Nakhichevan, a cat. shell-shocked.

I rode with Alexey and Anastasia on the ponds. Aunt Michen drank tea with us. At 6 o'clock. received Bulygin. Let's go to the all-night vigil. In the evening I drove around the city and Babolovo with my daughters in a motor.

*April 30th. Ascension of the Lord.*

A wonderful day. Received Zane before mass.

Georgy Mikhailovich had breakfast on the occasion of the regiment. Feast of Ulansky Her Vend. shelf.

At 2 1/2, he accepted the release of the mediocre military doctors. Medical. Academy in Bolshoi. palace. Walked and rode on the ponds with Alexei. At 6 o'clock. received Ignatiev. I read all evening.

*1st May. Friday.*

In the morning I took a short walk. Received Bark and Shakhovsky with Molchanov - Rus. Common Steamer, and Trade.

Misha had breakfast. Received Selivanov and Yusupov; offered him the command of the Moscow district during the war. Walked and rode with children on the ponds. At 6 o'clock. Markov was with me on Finnish affairs. Was reading.

In the evening we sat with Anya.

*May 2nd. Saturday.*

It was a very warm day with a strong S wind, which raised columns of dust even in the park. There was a lot to do before breakfast. Breakfast: Fredericks and Groten (dezh.). At 2 o'clock he received Evlogy Volynsky. Did a great walk and ride with the kids on the pond. A nice warm rain began to fall.

At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil.

Grotenn was having dinner. I studied until tea.

*3rd May. Sunday.*

It got colder again.

Alec was with me in the morning. After breakfast, I read, then took a walk with Marie and Anastasia and rode in a kayak. There were storms with showers. At 4 o'clock we went together to Pavlovsk; drank tea with Comrade Olga, Kostya and Mavra. At 6 o'clock he received gr. Bobrinsky-Galitsiy. Having finished the papers, I traveled around the park by bike. After dinner we went to Anya's, where we spent the evening with N.P. Sablin.

*4th May. Monday.*

Cold weather with showers.

I took a walk before the reports. After breakfast I studied. I took a walk with Marie and Anastasia and went for a ride in Gatchinka. At 6 o'clock. received Maklakov. After lunch I saw Gregory, the cat. blessed for the road. At 10 o'clock. drove to a prayer service and half an hour later said goodbye to the road Alix and his daughters on the **train** .

I drank tea with the gentlemen of the suite.

*May 5th. Tuesday.*

I woke up, having passed Dvinsk, on a warm morning. After breakfast it got hot in the carriages. From st. Lida walked forward two miles. I arrived at the **Headquarters** at 5 1/2 o'clock. At st. Baranovichi Nikolasha, as always, entered the carriage. At 6 1/4 I went to the all-night vigil. The weather was wonderful, all the trees turned green. The grove by the train has been brought into a beautiful view. After lunch I studied and answered family telegrams. I went to bed early.

*May 6th. Wednesday.*

At night there was a heavy downpour, it became cooler and the day was gray. Before morning tea, the retinue and people congratulated me on my birthday. At 10 o'clock. went to the report, then to mass.

I had breakfast with everyone in the tent behind Nikolasha's train. Received Engalychev with a report. Made a walk around half of the forest. I read and answered the telegram. After dinner I played dominoes.

*May 7th. Thursday.*

It was a gray day. After the lecture, he returned to his room and read until breakfast. I talked to Nikolasha. Made a nice walk. At 6 o'clock. went to the cinema - very interesting. Nikolasha treated everyone to a wonderful dinner in the tent. The evening was pleasant and warm.

*May 8th. Friday.*

The weather was the same, only the sun appeared in the evening. After the lecture, I talked for a long time with Nikolasha and Yanushkevich. In the afternoon I went to my favorite forest on the way to Slonim. After tea I read. In the evening I played dice.

I learned the sad news about the death of Admiral Essen from inflammation of the lungs [them]. An irreplaceable loss for the Baltic Fleet!

*May 9th. Saturday.*

The weather is wonderful. After the lecture I went to mass. An Italian soldier was among the guests today. Agent Rappolo, with whom a military agreement was signed yesterday. In the afternoon, made a long walk to the south. At 6 1/4 I went to the all-night vigil. Played dominoes in the evening.

*May 10th. Sunday.*

Great day. Was at Mass and Vespers. After breakfast, I took a walk on the motor and on foot in the vicinity of Baranovichi and returned only at 6 o'clock. I practiced until 7 1/2 o'clock. In the evening, before playing dice, I sat on a bench and breathed the wonderful air of the local forest.

*May 11th. Monday.*

Hot morning. After the lecture, Alix wrote. I learned that Italy has declared war on Austria. At 2 1/4, I went thirty-odd versts to the beautiful Lake Svitez, a cat. walked around. On the way back, the cat was caught in the rain. was very strong in Baranovichi. Was reading. At 7 1/2 Nikolasha had a common lunch. Played dominoes in the evening.

*May 12th. Tuesday.*

It was a wonderful day.

At the end of the report, I took a walk and chose a place for setting up a tent. After breakfast, Rodzianko received him. I took a good walk with Voeikov and Dolgorukov - the rest are gradually falling out of order in the sense of walking. At 6 o'clock. was in the cinema.

In the evening we sat in the garden. I played dice with Dmitry, Drent [spruce] and Sab-I [other].

*May 13th. Wednesday.*

A wonderful hot day. After the lecture, I made the last walk. He said goodbye to Nikolasha and Stavka, and at 2 o'clock set off on **his way back**. Was reading. Drove Vilna at lunchtime - until 8 o'clock. Played dominoes. By the evening it became cooler.

*May 14th. Thursday.*

At 9 o'clock. arrived in **Tsarskoe Selo** and was greeted by Alexei and his retinue. Alix was already up. We sat together. I read the papers. At 10 1/2 we went to mass. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. He took a walk with his daughters and rode with Alexei on the ponds. It was a good day, but much fresher than the day before. D. Pavel and Maria Pavl [ram] drank tea. Received Grigorovich. I studied in the evening.

*May 15th. Friday.*

The morning was nice and warm. After reading the papers, I managed to take a walk. Breakfast: E.A. Naryshkina and Olga Evgenievna, cat. engaged to Papafedorov.

It rained intermittently during the day and became colder. He took a walk with his daughters and went to Anya's. At 6 o'clock. received Goremykin. I went to town. I dined with Mom and Xenia. Returned to Ts. S. at 11 1/2 o'clock.

*May 16th. Saturday.*

The weather was calm and rather warm. The greenery is advancing, but very late. Breakfast: Misha and gr. Fredericks. Received for a long time the Italian ambassador, Marquis Carlotti, on the occasion of Italy's declaration of war on Austria. Walked with Marie and rode with Alexei on the ponds. At 6 1/2 I went with my daughters to the all-night vigil. I flew out 10 minutes before lunch on my bike. I studied in the evening.

## Started in Tsarskoe Selo

*May 17th. Sunday.*

Nice warm day. Georgy Mikhailovich arrived for lunch and breakfast. He walked with his daughters and rode with Alexei on the ponds; was only in the air for three hours. After tea I studied. In the evening I went for a drive with my daughters on a motor and sat with Anya - there was N.P. Sablin. Four of us played dominoes.

*May 18th. Monday.*

A very warm day. Walked in the morning. From 11 o'clock to one o'clock there were the usual reports. After breakfast he received the leaving Greek envoy Drago mis.

At 3 o'clock I made a look at the Sofia parade ground: the 2nd Kuban Kaz. regiment, machine-gun command of the 2nd Kuban. kaz. div. 18th Don Kaz. battery and L.-Gv. Heavy artillery. division - newly formed. I was very pleased. All the Cossack units marched past the Grand Palace to the Convoy, where they were treated. Ride in a kayak. D. Pavel and Marie drank tea with us. We took the regiment together. Khogandokova. Then I had Taneyev. After lunch Grigory came to see us.

*19th May. Tuesday.*

Again the weather turned bad, became colder and stood without the sun. I took a walk. After the report, Sukhomlinov received Shakhovsky and several diplomats. Veselkin (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. He examined the exhibition of sketches and drawings of the war by two young artists - Lanceray and Dobuzhinsky. I walked with Anastasia and rode in a kayak. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov and studied the whole evening.

*May 20th. Wednesday.*

I read a lot in the morning; walked min. 20. From 11 o'clock. before breakfast received: Vasmundt - shell-shocked, Kazakevich, recovered from his wounds, and Skalon, recently wounded in the cheek in Galicia, gene. Kaulbars, who returned from abroad, graduated from lyceum students and finally Kulomzin. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast, dinner and walked with me and Anastasia. Ride in a kayak. At 6 o'clock. received Shcheglovitov. Anya dined. I studied for another half evening.

*May 21st. Thursday.*

At 11 o'clock. on the palace ground there was a church parade to the 1st Leib-Dragoon Moscow regiment on the occasion of his holiday. The regiment introduced itself very well. At 12 o'clock he received Sabler. The downpour has passed. Groten (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Walked with Anastasia. By the end of the tea, Mom arrived. Received Sukhomlinov and Maklakov. We had dinner at 7 1/2 and then went to Pavlovsk for a memorial service for Bagration, who was killed the third day, being attached to the Erivan regiment. Came back at 9 1/2. I read it before tea. I learned that our troops had left Przemyśl.

*May 22nd. Friday.*

The cool weather continues. Between the reports of Bark and Ignatiev, all the authorities of the 1st cavalry took over. division, which is here on vacation. After breakfast - Goltgoer and Arseny Karageorgievich. I walked with my daughters and rode on the ponds with Alexei. From 6 hours. I studied calmly. I rode bicycles in the park with my daughters. The evening was almost free.

*May 23rd. Saturday.*

A great day with no wind. Walked up to the reports. Between Sukhomlinov [s] and Frederiks [th] he received the engineer-general. Petrov. We had breakfast: he \* and Mordvinov (dezh.). After breakfast he received Goremykin, Taneyev and Bagration-Mukhran (sky).

Walked; let the old horses out of the stable and looked at their joy. Ride in a kayak. At 6 o'clock. I had Trubetskoy, who had come on vacation from the war. I went to the all-night vigil. I studied all evening.

\* An arrow is drawn from the word "he" in the original to the word "Fredericks".

*May 24th. Sunday.*

Alec showed up in the morning. Then we drove off to mass. After breakfast, he received 18 professors of Russian history and Russian history. right with an address. I took a walk with my daughters and rode in "Gatchinka" in the rain. I studied until 8 o'clock. Dined in my reception like the good old days. In the evening, with the help of Marie, he pasted photographs of the last trips into an album.

*May 25th. Monday.*

Birthday dear Alix. The weather was cool and

rainy. At 10 o'clock. received Grigorovich. Let's go to mass. Mom was already expecting me with Ksenia, Petya and Andrey. We had breakfast together. I took a walk with my daughters and rode with Alexei on the ponds. At 6 1/2 o'clock there was a cinema. Anya dined. NP Sablin spent the evening with us.

*May 26th. Tuesday.*

Gray weather. In the morning I walked with Voeikov to choose a place for tennis near the place of the tower made of snow. After Sukhomlinov, he received Engalychev. I walked with my daughters first in the rain, and then in fine weather. At 6 o'clock. I had Sazonov. Was reading. Before lunch I rode bicycles with Marie.

*May 27th. Wednesday.*

After the papers, I made a long walk until 12 o'clock. Before breakfast I received Count Reiter, the leader of the Courland nobility and George of Leuchtenberg.

I traveled around with Marie Babolovsky park on bicycles. Walked and rode with Alexei on the ponds. At 6 o'clock he received Botkin - otst. sailor and read. After lunch I went for a walk on the motor with Olga, Tatiana and Marie. The evening was clear and crisp.

*May 28th. Thursday.*

A very summer day at last. I took a walk. Received Markov on Finnish affairs and Sabler. Yuri Trubetskoy had breakfast. We all went for a walk together, Alix in a chaise, in Babolovo. We met Alexei in the engine. Ride well on the ponds. I studied until 8 o'clock and in the evening. We dined at my reception.

*May 29th. Friday.*

Tatiana's birthday - she is 18 years old today, turned out to be hot. After the reports, we went to a prayer service. N.P. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast, walked and dined. Walked in Babol [ovsky] park. The thunderstorm has passed. We went kayaking. At 6 1/4 he took Maklakov. I studied all evening.

*May 30th. Saturday.*

It rained at night; the day was clear and cool. After a short walk, the usual reports. Breakfast: Xenia, Petya, Fredericks and Groten (dezh.). Received Goremykin. I walked with my daughters and rode with Alexei on the



ponds. We drank tea on the balcony. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. Dinner: Anya and Groten. I did part of the evening.

*May 31st. Sunday.*

Were at mass. Ducky, who had recently returned from the front lines, was having breakfast. We took a walk during the day. The weather was cool. Alexey went to Gatchina. At 6 o'clock he received Rodzianko. After lunch I went for a drive with my daughters in the motor. We saw Gregory in the evening.

*1st June. Monday.*

The day stood cold and in spite of this it was about 12 o'clock. there was a thunderstorm. I took a walk before the reports. Aunt Olga had breakfast. We did a little [walk] - Alix in the chaise and then with Alexei in the ponds. I studied calmly after tea. At 10 o'clock. received Dzhunkovsky upon his return from a business trip to Moscow on the occasion of riots and pogroms [\[2\]](#). In the evening I sat for a while at Anya's.

*2nd June. Tuesday.*

The same day, reminiscent of autumn. Didn't take a long walk. After Sukhomlinov he received Shakhovskiy. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast. I took a walk with Marie and Anastas [s].

At 4.20 I went to Anichkov to see Mama with Olga and Tatiana. He returned at 7 o'clock. and received Sazonov. After the report, little Georgy Konstantinovich entered and announced the death of Kostya. At 9 1/4 we went to Pavlovsk for the first memorial service. There were: Comrades Olga, Mavra and Mitya; none of the grown sons. Returned home at 10 3/4.

*3rd June. Wednesday.*

Very nice weather. From 11h. received Ignatiev and Shcherbatov. Sergei Leuchtenb [ergsky] and Dmitry Sherem [etev] (dezh.) Had breakfast. Played tennis with my daughters, cat. re-built from planks. Then he rode with Alexei on the ponds. We drank tea on the balcony. Received Maklakov. I drove my bike around the park. After lunch we went to Pavlovsk for a memorial service. Returned at 10 3/4.

*4th June. Thursday.*

The rainy weather came again. After the walk he took over as general adjutant. Baranov and Sabler. O. E. Byutsova had breakfast. Walked with Marie and Anastasia. Ride with Alexei on the ponds. I managed to read a lot before 8 o'clock. Dmitry had lunch. Let's go to Pavlovsk. The funeral service was upstairs in the round hall. We sat with Anya with N. P. [Sablin]. Appointed Anastasia as the chief of the Caspian regiment.

*June 5th. Friday.*

The weather was cold. Received Bark, Rukhlov and Engalychev. Today I signed a decree on the dismissal of Maklakov and on the appointment of Prince. Shcherbatov in his place. At 6 o'clock. received Kedrov, who had returned from a business trip to the English fleet. After lunch we went to a memorial service in Pavlovsk. The whole family was there. On the occasion of Anastasia's birthday, he appointed her 148th infantry chief. Caspian p.

*June 6th. Saturday.*

At 11 o'clock. accepted gr. Fredericks and then Goremykin. We had breakfast at 12 1/2. By 2 o'clock. arrived with Olga, Tatyana and Mari in Pavlovsk for the funeral. After her, the coffin was moved down and put on a carriage. He led the procession to the corner of the palace and returned to Tsarskoe. I took a walk. At 4 o'clock we went to the city. Mom and the rest of the family were waiting for the arrival of the funeral train, the cat. came up ten minutes

later. The procession went past the Cathedral of the Semenovskiy Regiment along Gorokhovaya, along the Fontanka embankment, across the Field of Mars to Troitsky Bridge. They came to the fortress at 7.10. After the requiem, we returned to Ts. S. at 8 1/2 o'clock. pretty tired. After lunch with Sablin [s] (dezh.) I read.

*June 7th. Sunday.*

Cold day with thunderstorms and showers. Was at mass without Alix. Walked with Olga and Marie; the latter jumped from the worship pier into the water. Ella came to tea. Studied until 7 1/2. In the evening I rode with O [lga], T [atyana] and M [aria] in the motor.

*June 8th. Monday.*

At 10.10 I went with Ella, O [lga], T [atyana] and M [aria] to the city directly to the Peter and Paul Cathedral. The funeral liturgy and funeral service lasted two and a half hours. It was sad to look at

Comrade Olga, Mavra, and especially poor Tatyana Konst [antinovna], when they lowered Kostya's body into the grave! We had breakfast at Mom's. We returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 4 o'clock. Ride with Alexei on the ponds. It was a good day. At 6 o'clock. received Shcherbatov with the first report, then Grigorovich. Dined: Ella, Maria Pavlovna and Dmitry. I studied in the evening.

*June 9th. Tuesday.*

At 9 1/4 I went to the city to the pier and by boat to the Baltic plant. Bypassed the guard of honor from midshipman Mor. Corps and climbed to the cr. "**Ishmael**" along 107 steps. Then he returned to the tent, where the ministers and ambassadors were gathered. After 1/4 hour smoothly and majesties [enn] about **descended** huge "Ishmael" and anchored in the middle of the river. He visited the infirmary of the plant, where there were 77 wounded, shrapnel and turbine workshops. Near the submarine boathouse, I boarded a boat, walked around Ishmael and boarded the Neva yacht. Grigorovich fed an excellent breakfast. At 3 1/2 o'clock he returned to Ts. S. Played tennis and rode on the ponds. At 6 o'clock he received Sazonov. We dined on the balcony with Kedrov (dezh.). I made [a walk] in a motor with O [lga], T [atyana] and M [aria] around Babolov and Pavlovsk. In the evening we sat with Grigory. I studied after tea. It was a beautiful day.

*June 10th. Wednesday.*

A wonderful warm day. I read a lot, went to bed, received Samarin and took a walk. From 11 o'clock. until 12 1/2 I had a meeting of the Council of Ministers. Then he received Sukhomlinov. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast. I went to the prayer service with the children and returned home for five minutes. He said goodbye to dear Alix and at 3 o'clock hit the **road**. It has started raining, which is nice in the railway. road. Walked at some stations. It got hot and yet dusty. Played dominoes in the evening and went to bed early.

*June 11th. Thursday.*

Got up at 9 o'clock. very hot morning. I was reading. In the afternoon outside Minsk we got into a refreshing rain. At 4.45, Alexander [ovskoy] railway arrived in Baranovichi. where Nikolasha got on the train. I got to the **Bet** at 5 1/2. There is a canopy for the train. In the grove opposite there is a tent - a dining room, where we dined; next to the kitchen in a wooden barrack. After lunch there was a short general report.

*June 12th. Friday.*

It rained at night and the day was gray until 4 o'clock. In the morning I went to the report. Krivoshey arrived. After breakfast I talked to him for a long time on the bench. Didn't take a walk for long. Gene. Polivanov, summoned by me, arrived from Petrograd; he is appointed manager. Military. Min. I read and wrote until lunchtime. The evening was wonderful. Played dominoes.

*June 13th. Saturday.*

The night was cool and very pleasant to sleep. At 10 o'clock. went to the report. Then he walked around the garden and talked with Polivanov. Before breakfast I also talked with Krivoshein. About 2 hours. almost the entire Council of Ministers arrived here. I made a familiar trip in a motor to Grodno [enskaya] lips. After tea he received Goremykin, read and wrote. Dominoes in the evening.

*June 14th. Sunday.*

Today our Marie is 16 years old. After the lecture I went to mass. We had breakfast at the usual time. At 2 o'clock a meeting began with the ministers, Nikolasha, Yanushkevich and Yusupov. After discussing the issue of foreign subjects and the attitude towards them, Yusup [s] left. We talked for a long time about the conscription of warriors of the 2nd category and, finally, about the form and content of my appeal at the present moment to the name of Goremykin. We got up at exactly 5 o'clock. After drinking tea, I made a short walk with everyone. It was a wonderful day. After dinner, he said goodbye to the ministers. I felt tired. Played dominoes.

*June 15th. Monday.*

After the lecture, I talked to Nikolasha and then read. Grigorovich arrived on the way to the Black Sea and stayed all day. Took it after breakfast. I drove in a motor through Novaya Mouse to Domashevichi. From there, walk past the estate along the railway. dor. about 7 versts to the motors. I returned at 5 1/2 o'clock. I read and wrote. I studied in the evening.

*June 16th. Tuesday.*

A very hot day with a southerly wind. I spent the morning as usual. After breakfast I read and finished everything. I went at 3 o'clock through a beautiful forest on the road to the village of Bolshie Luki, got out and went back along the forest road. Returned to tea. He wrote. Played dominoes in the evening.

*June 17th. Wednesday.*

The same heat. After the lecture I was busy cutting my hair and reading. The newly arrived Italian officer Marchengo and the military agent Rappolo had breakfast. At 2 1/4 I went on a familiar trip to Lake Svitez. I walked along its beautiful shore while Fedorov and Sablin were swimming with Kegresse and the drivers. Came back about 6 o'clock. I read and sweated in the carriage. I dined with everyone in Nikolasha's tent. I played dice in our tent.

*June 18th. Thursday.*

The day was very hot. After breakfast I took a good ride in the motor on the village. B [bolshie] Luke and along the Brest highway back through the same village. Beautiful places and forests. I read until 6 1/2 o'clock. Then there was the cinema - the actions of the Black Sea Fleet and my trip to Askania Nova. After lunch I played dominoes in the tent.

*19th June. Friday.*

A wonderful hot day. After the lecture, I walked around with Voeikov right next to the train and sweated great. In the afternoon I made a good long walk in motors east of Baranovichi to Cape Snov. The sun was hot. Came back at 5.45. I read and wrote. In the evening I played dice.

*June 20th. Saturday.*

After the lecture I went to see the Ural bathhouse. Received Samarin. The heat was enormous. At 2 1/4 I went to the Skobelevsky camp to the railway station. e. station and along a very sandy road to the Brest highway; from there by

the already familiar road through V [Elikie] Luke back. After tea I went to see off the horse-machine-gun team of L.-G. Cossack regiment, going forward to its brigade. I studied until lunchtime. Played dominoes in the evening.

*June 21st. Sunday.*

The heat has subsided a little; it was a wonderful day. After the lecture I went to mass. In the afternoon I made a self-propelled trip to the Snov metro station, near the cat. saw an old house. Returned at 6 o'clock. another more beautiful road.

He examined many sketches made by young painters of the battle-painters class - Samokish - of episodes of the war. I read it, and after dinner Mama wrote. During tea Nikolasha came and asked permission to go to the gene. Alekseev in Sedlec.

*June 22nd. Monday.*

All morning I was expecting a telegram from Nikolasha; after tea I walked a little. Finally at 11.45 I received the news and immediately got into the engine and with all the faces of his retinue set off through Slonim, Ruzhany and Pruzhany to **Belovezh**, where he arrived at 3 1/2. After a cold breakfast, I walked around the palace and went to the Menagerie. We saw a large herd of bison and deer there. These animals and familiar places reminded of many good things! Having passed the forest roads for about 30 versts, I drove onto the Pruzhanskoye highway and returned to the Headquarters in the same way at 11 o'clock. Nikolasha's train was just entering its place. I went to the house, where N (ikolasha) reported on the essence of his meeting with Alekseev in Sedlec. I dined with my friends until one o'clock. In total today I have driven 400 versts on the motor.

*June 23rd. Tuesday.*

I slept wonderfully, like all my companions. Operational report began at 10 1/2. Then he read and received Engalychev. In the afternoon I made a good walk to the south and walked along the Aleksandrovsкая railway, through the forest to the Bialystok highway, from where he returned to the train by motor. I read and wrote. Dined at Nikolasha's at 9 o'clock. so late because I was late for the provisions from Petrograd. In the evening I played dice.

*June 24th. Wednesday.*

After the report, he walked along the chain of sentries of the railway regiment. I read it before and after breakfast. At 3 o'clock I drove past the Skobelevsky camp into the forest on the border of the Grodno province and bathed in a familiar river with Dolgorukov, Fedorov and Sablin. The pleasure was great. We returned for tea at 5 1/2 o'clock. The courier arrived with papers and letters at about 9 o'clock. He played dominoes.

*June 25th. Thursday.*

A very stuffy day. After the lecture, I sat at Petyusha's in the carriage. At the end of breakfast, he accepted the book. Shcherbatov. Then he read and sweated. At 5 o'clock. I went to the station where the echelon of the Hussar regiment (6th squadron) arrived on the way from Olita to Kholm. I went to yesterday's place and had a good swim. Returned just in time for lunch. In the evening I wrote to Georgie in English.

*June 26th. Friday.*

The heat in the morning was unmerciful. After the lecture he took a walk with Voeikov. Took a bath. A thunderstorm began with a refreshing downpour that lasted the entire breakfast. The tent held up well. I read until 3 o'clock. We went with the whole company to Lake Svitez, I wanted to swim, but failed, because it started raining. We returned at 6 o'clock. The weather improved and became much cooler - in the morning it was 24 ° in the shade, and in the evening it was 13 °. I played dice.

*June 27th. Saturday.*

The day was a little fresher. After the lecture I sat with Nikolasha until 12 o'clock. At the end of breakfast he said goodbye to him. I made a short walk and started back at 2 1/2 . It was quite passable in the carriages. I met several echelons of reinforcements on the way and in Minsk. Played dominoes in the evening.

*June 28th. Sunday.*

Got up late. Walked at every stop. The weather was gray and relatively cool. At 5 o'clock. finally arrived at **Tsarskoe Selo**. I came home with the children. Such a joy to be in your family. Drank tea on the balcony. It was pouring rain for the whole evening. I read until lunchtime and finished everything, so we spent the evening together.

*June 29th. Monday.*

I woke up with the joyful consciousness that I was at home. I read a lot in the morning and then took a walk. The weather has not yet settled - several showers have passed in the afternoon. Had the usual reports. After breakfast, 12 officers of the Erivan regiment were received on the occasion of the regiments, a holiday - all wounded or shell-shocked. I went with Olga and Tatiana to the village of Pavel and appointed him the chief of the Grodno gus. shelf. I sat with them and examined the lower floor of his magnificent house. Returned to tea. I read until 7 o'clock. and rode a bike. Anya dined.

*June 30th. Tuesday.*

The weather was slightly better, although still unstable. Received in the morning Arsenyev and Voeikov, and after the walk: Polivanov and Taneev. Dmitry, who was leaving for Headquarters, had breakfast. I walked and rode a lot with Alexei on the ponds. At 6 o'clock Sazonov was with me. In the evening I drove \* with my daughters along the surrounding highways.

\* Travel by car.

*1st of July. Wednesday.*

During the report, Shcheglovitova told him that I was relieving him of his post. Then he received Silaev, the cat. had breakfast with us. Walked with Marie and Anastasia and rode with them and Alexei on the ponds. At 4 o'clock I went to the city and to Elagin to see Mama. I found Xenia, Olga and Tatiana there. We drank tea in the garden. The garden looked lovely. The weather was wonderful. I returned with my daughters to Ts. S. at 7 o'clock. Received Goremykin. After dinner I read all evening.

*2nd July. Thursday.*

Nice warm day. In the morning there were the usual reports. Breakfast: D. Pavel and Maria; he appeared as the chief of the Grodno regiment. Took the gene. Vasilevsky. Walked with Olga and Tatiana. Riding on the ponds, Aunt Michen and Ducky were drinking tea. Received Khvostov - he is appointed manager. Min. Justice. Said goodbye to Sabler. Dined Mordvinov (dezh.), With a cat. we rode the motor. In the evening the regiment sat with us on the balcony and drank tea. Kusov is a drag. Moscow regiment.

*3rd of July. Friday.*

Walked in the morning; the weather was wonderful. There were long talks by Bark and Rukhlov. Breakfast: Sergey Mikhailovich and Mitya Den. I spoke for a long time with the first one. Then he received the General Director. Ruzsky. I went out into the garden only at 4 o'clock. For tea they arrived: Mom, Mavra and Tatiana. Received Bulygin and gr. Ignatiev. After lunch I rode a motor with my daughters in Pavlovsk. I studied until 11 o'clock.

*4th of July. Saturday.*

Gray hot day. Walked well in the morning. Breakfast: Fredericks and Groten (dezh.). Adopted a new assistant. military min. gene. Belyaev and Galfter - the commander of the L.-GV. Moscow regiment. During the walk, they bathed an elephant in a pond against the windows Mama. Ride in a kayak. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. Grotto [en] dined. It started raining late in the evening.

*July 5th. Sunday.*

A very hot day. Were at mass. N.P. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 1.45 I went with him, Alexei, Mari and Anastasia to Ropsha. We walked in the garden and examined the palace. Then we went to Peterhof. With what joy we all saw the sea! Walked around Alexandria and swam in the sea - in the water at 19 °. Alexey skated in a pair. Two showers passed while drinking milk and eating fruit in our house. I walked around all the rooms. At 6.20 we left for Tsarskoe Selo, where we arrived at 7 o'clock. It was not enough to read. We spent the evening together.

*6th July. Monday.*

Such a hot day. After breakfast I went with all the children to Krasnoe Selo to the Military Field, where I made a review: 1st Ulansky Petrogradsky and 1st Hussar. Sumy and 1st Don Cossack regiments and 1st and 2nd horse artillery. batteries. All introduced themselves in excellent and vigorous condition. I said goodbye to them, since they are performing these days in the northwest. front. All along the way from the viewing site through all Krasnoye and beyond the large camp were reserve battalions and schools. Returned to tea. At 6 o'clock. received Shcherbatov. In the evening I rode in a motor in Pavlovsk.

*July 7th. Tuesday.*

At the end of the reports, I left for Peterhof: at 12.20 - the weather was sultry. Arrived at the pier at one o'clock in the afternoon. I went on the Alexandria to Kronstadt directly to the Naval Harbor. Visited cruisers: "**Bogatyr**", "**Diana**" and "**Oleg**". The first and the last took part in the battle at the Ost. Gotland and came to replace the new artillery. The sight of the ships and crews made the best impression on me. At the end of the inspection, it began to rain. At 5 1/2 he entered the Peterhof harbor. I drove to Tsarskoe Selo at 6.10. Received Sazonov. A small thunderstorm has passed. In the evening I read aloud on the balcony.

*July 8th. Wednesday.*

Wonderful day; the air has become light after yesterday's thunderstorm. Walked a little. From 11 o'clock. until 12 1/4 I had a meeting of the Council of Ministers. At 12 1/2 we all went to a prayer service for the granting of victory at the Feodorovsky Cathedral, where processions of the cross from all over Tsarskoye Selo gathered. Led the spiritual procession with the children to the gate in the park. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast. We looked at the elephant bathing. Ride with Alexei on the ponds. D. Pavel and Milica were drinking tea. Took Andersen. After lunch they started driving. Was reading.

*July 9th. Thursday.*

After reading the papers, he took a walk until 12 o'clock. Accepted only the Norwegian Eide, the cat. brought a letter from Gakon. He invented a method of extracting nitrogen from the air to produce explosives. composition - toluene. Silaev (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. I walked and skated for a long time in "Gatchinka". Marie swam in the pond, and then I and the sailors. The water was pleasant. At 7 o'clock. Alexei bathed in my bath. It rained and significantly freshened the air from 20 ° to 15 °. After lunch, I worked with three seniors in Pavlovsk.

*July 10th. Friday.*

A wonderful day without heat. In the morning he took a walk and then received Bark, adjutant general of fan der Fleet and Shevich - com. Gusar, p. Polivanov had breakfast (dezh.). He walked with his daughters, rode with Alexei on the ponds and swam in the same place. After tea I studied. In the evening, the five of us rode in a motor through Pulkovo.

*July 11th. Saturday.*

A wonderful hot day. After the lectures, I was in time for a prayer service in the home church on the occasion of Olga's name day. Mom arrived and stayed for breakfast. From here she went to Gatchina for two days. Riding a bike in Babolovo with Tatiana and Anastasia; then in "Gatchinka" and swam. At 6 1/2 o'clock I went to the all-night vigil. After lunch in Pavlovsk to see Olga.

*July 12th. Sunday.*

An incredible day in the heat - in the morning it was 22 ° in the shade. After mass we had breakfast in our room - it was too hot on the balcony. At 1.30 I went with all the children to Ropsha and after a short time. stops further to Peterhof. In Alexandria, a large meadow has just been mowed in front of our house. Made a nice walk and swam in the sea after Olga and Tatiana. Alexey skated again in a pair. They drank milk and ate yogurt and fruit in the dining room. We left at 6 1/4 and were caught on the way by a healthy thunderstorm. We arrived safely at 7 o'clock. Was reading. The rain stopped before lunchtime. In the evening, John arrived and announced the birth of his daughter - Catherine!

*July 13th. Monday.*

A sultry day. Walked in the morning. Took two regular reports. Breakfast: Gabriel and Igor. I took a walk with all my daughters and then swam in the pond. At 6 o'clock. took Samarin, who entered Spanish. obligatory Ober-Prosecutor. A short thunderstorm has passed. After lunch I drove to Gatchina with O [lga], T [atyana] and M [aria]. Yesterday Mom had a sore throat with fever and, in addition, there was pain in the lower back. He sat with her for half an hour and returned to Tsarskoe at 11 1/2 o'clock. I was drinking tea on the balcony with a wonderful full moon.

*July 14th. Tuesday.*

It's a wonderful day. During breakfast, a thunderstorm passed. Breakfast: Sergey and Sablin (dezh.). Walked with N. P. [Sablin]. We watched the bathing of an elephant. Ride in a kayak and bathed with the sailors.

At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. I went on a bike. After lunch we started driving in Pavlovsk. There was a splendid full moon.

*July 15th. Wednesday.*

Walked in the morning. Received the first report of Khvostov; then Buchanan. At 2 o'clock I went with O [lga], T [atyana], M [aria] and Alexei to Peterhof and on "Alexandria" to Kronstadt. We entered the harbor and visited the lin. Cor. **"Tsesarevich"** at the Alexei dock. It looks like the ship is also well maintained. On the way back we drank tea. From the pier we drove through Ropsha and Kipen to Gatchina in an hour from 1/4. We sat with Mama; she still feels weak and lies. We returned to Tsarskoe S. at 8 o'clock. by lunchtime, having made 96 versts on the motor for the whole day.

*July 16th. Thursday.*

A great hot day with a nice breeze. After the morning walk he received Mamantov and Samarin. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. I walked around Babolovsky Park with him. Ride in a kayak and Alexei in a boat.

After tea he received Taneev. In the evening we rode in Pavlovsk.

*July 17th. Friday.*

Today it has become colder - the pace has dropped from 20 °. up to 14 °. Breakfast: Georgy and Silaev (dezh.). Received Kulomzin, the appointed chairman. State Council. He took a walk with his daughters and rode with Alexei on the ponds. For tea, Sandro unexpectedly arrived, and then Ksenia and Irina. Then he took successively: Markov, Goremykin and Polivanov. Dined at Alix's room because of the freshness on the balcony. I studied until 11 o'clock.

*July 18th. Saturday.*

At 10.10 I went to the city with Olga and Tatiana to the Admiralty shipyard. Walked around the upper deck of the Lin giant. cruise. "**Borodino**", the descent of which was brilliant. I talked to the wounded officers and on the boat passed the mass of wounded lower ranks on the embankment and on the Ishmael on the other side. Then I moved to Neva, where Grigorovich treated us to a wonderful breakfast. The weather was sunny, the wind from the sea. Returned to Ts. S. at 2 1/2. Received Alec. Walked with NP Sabl [other] (dezh.) And rode in a kayak. At 5 1/2 he accepted the book. Shcherbatov. I went with my daughters to the all-night vigil, on the eve of the day of the glorification of St. Seraphim was a religious procession around the cathedral. After lunch we rode in Pavlovsk. Was reading. Despite the fresh evening we sat and drank tea on the balcony.

*19th July. Sunday.*

Today is the significant anniversary of Germany's declaration of war on us. After Mass, there was a procession of the cross and a prayer service in front of the main entrance to the cathedral - the priest. Seraphim of Sarov. Everyone was praying especially fervently! Father A. Vasiliev said a very warm word.

At 1.30 I went with Marie, Anastasia, Alexei and Sablin to Peterhof. Walked with him \* and showed the premises of the Cottage and the Farm. Bathed in the sea after daughters. Alexey rode a two. The day was excellent and almost quiet. We drank milk and ate fruit and vegetables. We left after 6 hours through Ropsha and Krasnoe Selo; arrived home at 7.40. After dinner I read for a long time. Alix had a headache and went to bed early.

\* An arrow is drawn from the words "with him" in the original to the word "Sablin".

*20th July. Monday.*

It was raining lightly in the morning. Alix lay down until tea and felt better. There were the usual talks. Misha came from Gatchina for breakfast. Walked with my daughters, and rode on the ponds. At 6 o'clock. received Shakhovskiy. After lunch we drove to Pavlovsk.

*July 21st. Tuesday.*

Between 10 and 11 a.m. from Krasnoe Selo a hundred cadets Nik [Olaevsky] Kav arrived. learned. I went out to her with Alexei. Then she was received and treated at the Convoy. After Polivanov, I had a general assistant. Ruzsky with a detailed report on the strategic position of the 6th Army. We had breakfast: he, the wing. Maslov and Linevich (dezh.). Walked and climbed the white tower. Ride on the ponds. After tea he received Sazonov. In the evening we drove around the neighborhood. The weather was wonderful.

*July 22nd. Wednesday.*

After the morning papers I took a walk. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. Dm. Had breakfast. Sheremetev (dezh.). I drove with my daughters to see Comrade Mikhen. At 4 1/2 I went with all the children to Mama's Gatchina. She is



better, but she is still very weak. I drank tea with her. At 6 1/2 I drove back. Finished all papers. After lunch, N.P. Sablin arrived before leaving for Sevastopol with Kirill to the Gvar battalion. Crew.

*July 23rd. Thursday.*

At 10 o'clock. on the site presented themselves young 1916 \* Own. railroad regiment - superbly prepared. Received Yusupov, Mamantov and Samarin. Walked and rode with Alexei on the ponds. At 6 o'clock. I had Engalychev. We spent the evening at home. Olga held her committee <sup>[3]</sup>. I learned about leaving Warsaw without a fight!

\* This refers to the young soldiers of the 1916 draft.

*July 24th. Friday.*

The weather became cooler. Breakfast: Georgy and Kostya. I send George to the army to convey my gratitude and St. George's crosses. I took a walk with Tatyana and Mordvinov (dezh.) In Babolovo. Ride in a kayak. After tea he received Khvostov. We dined in the room and moved in Pavlovsk with Mordvinov.

*July 25th. Saturday.*

In the morning I took a long walk with Voeikov instead of talking in the room. Received Ozerov and gr. Totleben, severely shell-shocked, but now recovering. Breakfast: Ksenia, Sandro and gr. Fredericks. At 2 1/2 he received Goremykin. I took a walk with children and went kayaking. The day was chilly, they drank only tea on the balcony. At 6 1/2 I went to the all-night vigil. After lunch I studied.

*July 26th. Sunday.*

Cool sunny day. At 10 1/2 I went with my daughters to mass. Silaev (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. I went to Peterhof, where I arrived at 2 1/2 o'clock. I rode around the Rabochik in a pair of two, while Alexei watched our watchman catching fish with a net. There was calmness and amazing grace on the water. The daughters were swimming. After the usual meal, we drove back through Krasnoe Selo and were at home at 7 o'clock. I studied until lunchtime. In the evening, as usual, if I am free, I read aloud Belomor's stories.

*July 27th. Monday.*

Memory of the Gangut victory. The weather became warmer and wonderful. I took a walk. Sandro Leicht [Enberg] had breakfast. After a day's walk I went kayaking. Uncle Pavel was drinking tea. Received Shcherbatov. I studied until lunchtime and read aloud in the evening.

*July 28th. Tuesday.*

Warm gray day. The Count had breakfast. Betsy Shuvalova, who came from the 8th Army. At 2 1/2 he received Rodzianko. Alix rode in a ball-banchik, walked next to her. Then he rode on the ponds. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. Was reading. After dinner I read aloud Chekhov's stories.

*July 29th. Wednesday.*

A wonderful day. From 11 o'clock. I had a meeting of the Council of Ministers until 1/4 o'clock. Then I had breakfast with them. At 2 1/2 I went for a walk with Alix to Babol. a park. Aunt Olga drank tea with us. I did. Dm. Sheremetev (dezh.). Ride with children in Pavlovsk. The evening was warm.

*July 30th. Thursday.*

Alexey is 11 years old; God bless him with health and the flourishing of his spiritual qualities!

At 10 o'clock. in front of our entrance was the production of naval midshipmen to midshipmen. Alexey and his daughters were present. Later we went to mass. Boris arrived for breakfast straight from the trenches near Wlodawa. At 2 o'clock I went with the younger ones through Ropsha to Alexandria. We rode in a boat and swam in the sea. The weather was wonderful, but there was a smell of burning from the peat burning all around. We returned to Tsarskoe S. by 7 o'clock. I read and responded to telegrams.

*July 31st. Friday.*

In the morning after the papers I took a walk with Voeikov. The day was clear, but the sun was orange with smoke. After breakfast he received Kulomzin. I took a walk with Olga and rode on the ponds. Boatsm. Fedotov caught a large pike in prison. Stana drank tea with us. Received by Ermolov. In the afternoon, the adjut-general arrived. Ruzsky straight from Headquarters. We stopped by Anya, where they saw Gregory and his son \* .

\* Rasputin's son, Dmitry, was assigned to serve on one of the sanitary trains.

*1st August. Saturday.*

The weather turned bad, it became cold and it started raining. Breakfast: gr. Fredericks and Silaev (dezh.). He took a walk and did not stay long with Alexei at the pond, because at 4 1/2 he received Grigorovich and Ruzsky. We drank tea in a large room. Alix. At 6 1/2 I went to the all-night vigil. After dinner, Voeikov was with me. Was reading.

*2nd August. Sunday.*

A gray, not cold day. After mass we had breakfast on the balcony. I took a walk. I went with my daughters to Pavlovsk for the **christening** of Catherine Ioannovna. Aunt Olga and I were godfathers. Little shouted from start to finish. He congratulated Elena Petrovna and brought her a newly enlightened daughter. Then they drank tea and chocolate. I walked around the wounded in the yard and returned home at 5 1/4. Was reading. Zhukov (dezh.) Dined. In the evening I pasted photographs into an album.

*3rd August. Monday.*

It was foggy and something damp dripped. I took a walk. In addition to the usual reports, he also received Khvostov. Dm. Had breakfast and dinner. Sheremetev (dezh.). He and his daughters examined the new Convoy barracks and the officers' assembly. Ride with Alexei on the ponds. Olga A [leksandrovna] came to tea - she was very happy about her. Received Shakhovsky. Was reading. I studied in the evening.

*4th August. Tuesday.*

The same gray day, a little warmer. In the morning I took a walk with Voeikov. Accepted the reports of Polivanov and Samarin. During the day I took a walk with Olga and Anastasia, and then with Alexei on the ponds. After tea he received Sazonov. In the evening Gregory arrived, talked with us and blessed me with the icon.

*5th August. Wednesday.*

Warm gray day. In the morning he received several introducing themselves and then Shcherbatov. Kirill, who had returned from Sevastopol, where the battalion of the Guards Crew is now located, had breakfast. Walked with Anastasia. I rode in a kayak. At 6 o'clock. received Goremykin. Was reading. N.P.Sablin spent the evening with us, traveling with Kirill.

*6th August. Thursday.*

How this Transfiguration of the Lord differs from previous years! At 10 1/2 I went to mass. Svechin (dezh.) Had breakfast. Took a former French. min. foreign cases of Cruppie. At 2 1/2 I went with Alexei to Peterhof. Soon the daughters arrived there. I rode with them in two, Alexei watched the fishing in the six. The weather was warm, calm and hazy. At 5 o'clock. ate well. They returned to Tsarskoe Selo at 6.45. Received Grigorovich. I did.

*7th August. Friday.*

A warm, semi-clear day. In the morning I took a walk with Voeikov. After breakfast I went to the city with my daughters - to the Clinical Institute of V. K. Elena Pavlovna. He visited three officers who arrived from Germany and 245 lower. rank. injured. and crippled. From there I went to Elagin to see Mama. 6 1/4 back to the motor in an hour of time. Was reading. In the evening there was a downpour. I studied until 11 o'clock.

*August 8th. Saturday.*

Summer day. Walked in the morning. Breakfast: Fredericks and Dm. Sheremetev (dezh.). Took a general adjutant. Ruzsky. Walked with children and rode with Alexey. After tea he received Yusupov. At 6 1/2 we went together to the all-night vigil in the houses, cer. At 10 o'clock. confessed.

*August 9th. Sunday.*

We went to mass at 9 o'clock. to the cave church and received the Holy Mysteries. Such a great consolation in these difficult days! After tea I took a walk with Voeikov in Babolovsky Park. It was a summer day. We had breakfast on the balcony. I read until 3 o'clock. Walked and rode with my daughters on the ponds. Alexey went to Peterhof. D. Pavel drank tea. I studied until 8 o'clock. We learned about successful operations in the Gulf of Riga, as a result of which the German squadron left it.

*August 10th. Monday.*

A great day with a thunderstorm with breakfast. The morning was ordinary. Received after the reports of Komarov, who came from the 9th Army, in a cat. he traveled with Georgy Mikhailovich. Olga arrived at 3 o'clock. Walked with her. After tea she left for Elagin. Received Khvostov. Silaev (dezh.) Dined. I read it aloud.

*11th August. Tuesday.*

At 10 o'clock. made a review of the [odyh] soldier. yellow dor. shelf life 1915 at the site.

Then he received Sazonov, after him Rodzianko. I went to the dentist Kostritsky upstairs in his former nursery for half an hour. N.P. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Walked with him and Tatiana and rode in a kayak. The weather was great. After tea he received Polivanov, who had returned from Headquarters. Was reading. We spent the evening together.

*August 12th. Wednesday.*

Warm good day. Walked a little in the morning. Received Taneev and Shcherbatov. At 2 1/2 I went with my daughters to the city and to Mama's Elagin. We walked with her, Ksenia and Olga. We drank tea and at 6 o'clock. went back. I did.

*August 13th. Thursday.*

In the morning I saw Andrey, read and made a nice walk around the park. At 12 o'clock. received Samarin. Zhukov (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked in Babolov with Alix - in a chaise. The daughters were in the infirmaries. Anastasia had a sore throat. At 6 o'clock. received Goremykin. Was reading. I went on a bike. After lunch we looked at the photo. Ghana.

*August 14th. Friday.*

It was a gray warm day. N.P. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. I took him for a walk with Alix in the chaise. Caught in a downpour. After tea I studied. We spent the evening together.

*August 15th. Saturday.*

On the day of the Assumption, we went to mass. Silaev (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. From 1.30 to 3 1/4 hosted - Polivanov, Tzege von Manteuffel and Frederiks. I walked with my daughters and rode on the ponds. The weather was warm and windy. At 6 1/2 to all-night vigil. In the evening I read, and before that I sat with Anastasia.

*August 16th. Sunday.*

Nice and very warm day. I went with Marie to mass. Zhukov (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/4 he went to Peterhof with Olga, Tatiana, Mari, Alexei, Sablin and V.N.Derevenko. We walked around Alexandria and showed NP [Sablin] our church. Ride to the bathhouse in two. At 5 o'clock they drank milk and ate all kinds of greens. We returned to Ts. S. by 7 o'clock. I read and studied before and after lunch. Anastasia felt well - Botkin found she had a slight pleurisy.

*August 17th. Monday.*

Hot day. During the lectures, a thunderstorm passed. Svechin (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 1/2 at the entrance, the former police officers of the Convoy, who had graduated from the School of Warrant Officers and promoted to this rank, presented themselves. Walked with children and rode on ponds. In the evening I read aloud after my papers. Anastasia's health is better.

*August 18th. Tuesday.*

Summer day. Walked a little. After Polivanov, he received generals: Churin, Lukomsky and Sivers, then Kulomzin. N.P. Sablin (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 o'clock I went with O [lga], T [atyana] and M [aria] through Peterhof to Kronstadt. Visited at the military harbor: loaded. "Cupid", a detachment of the Marine Corps to the schooner "**Monsoon**" and a newly arrived I [in.] To [flight] "**Sevastopol**" with a damaged keel. It was very hot. We returned to Ts. S. at 7 o'clock and found Mama and Xenia at Alix's. Received Sazonov. Dinner N. P. [Sablin]. I read the whole evening.

*19th August. Wednesday.*

The weather turned bad, it became cool and rainy. Was very busy all morning. Silaev (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Walked and rode with Alexei on the ponds. At this time even the sun came out. At 6 o'clock. I had Zane. I read and wrote in the evening.

*20th August. Thursday.*

A day with squalls of rain. At 2 o'clock I had Goremykin. I took a walk with Alix without rain. We drank tea upstairs at Anastasia's. I studied until 8 o'clock. After lunch, I had a meeting of the Council of Ministers, which lasted until 11 1/2 o'clock.

*August 21st. Friday.*

Didn't walk for long. Received Andrey and then \* . At 11 1/2 I went with Alix to the city. We stopped by to pray at the Savior's chapel and at the fortress. We had breakfast with Mama and Ksenia at Elagin. I said goodbye to them. On the way to the railway dor. drove into the Kazan Cathedral. We arrived in Tsarskoe Selo at 3 1/2 o'clock.

Walked with Tatiana and rode on the ponds with Alexei. We drank tea with Anastasia, the cat. got up. At 6 o'clock he received Dmitry - and Prince. Shakhovsky. Was reading.

\* The phrase is incomplete.

*August 22nd. Saturday.*

At 10.20 am, the three of us went to the city - to the Winter Dv., Where the first meeting of the conference on supplying the armies with ammunition and equipment was taking place. After that I talked with the members of the meeting, at that time Alix came in with Alexei and also walked around them. We returned to Tsarskoe Selo until one o'clock. We had breakfast with NP Sabl [other] (dezh.) On the balcony. The weather was amazing. Made a nice walk to Babolovo. After tea he received Polivanov, then to the all-night vigil. Dined: Anya and N. P. [Sablin]. At 10 o'clock. said goodbye to dear Alix and the children and hit **the road**. God bless my trip and my decision!

*August 23rd. Sunday.*

Slept well. The morning was rainy: in the afternoon the weather improved and it became quite warm. At 3.30 he arrived at **his Headquarters** one verst from the mountains. Mogilev. Nikolasha was waiting for me. After talking with him, he accepted the gene. Alekseev and his first report. Everything turned out well! After drinking tea, I went to inspect the surrounding area. The train is in a small dense forest. Dined at 7 1/2. Then I took another walk, the evening was excellent.

*August 24th. Monday.*

I woke up at about 9 o'clock. The morning was so beautiful in the forest. After tea I went to Mogilev to the cathedral and from there to the house of the lips. board where the gene is located. Alekseev, headquarters and management of the general-quarters. After the report, he went to the governor's house, where Nikolasha lives. I signed him a rescript and an order for the army on my acceptance of the high command from yesterday <sup>[4]</sup>. Lord, help and give me reason! I returned to Headquarters just before breakfast. In the afternoon I took a walk across the Dnieper along the Gomel highway and walked in a good forest. It started to rain in the evening. I played dice.

*August 25th. Tuesday.*

At 10 o'clock. there was a lengthy report at the headquarters; returned to the train for breakfast. I read for a long time and made an hour and a half walk along the highway and beyond the railway. road. After tea I went to the station to see off Nikolasha and Petyusha; they left at 6 o'clock. to his estate Pershino. Alix wrote. In the evening I played dice with Dmitry and his own people. Received from the General Director. Ivanov's report on the great success of our 11th Army near Tarnopol, which captured over 150 officers and 7000 lower. rank. and 30 guns from two German divisions. Thanks be to God for this particular victory.

*August 26th. Wednesday.*

I went to the city under a completely different impression! In the governor's house he received the nobles of the Mogilev province and then went to the headquarters to report. It rained all morning. I got back on the train by 12 o'clock. I read the papers. At 2 1/2 o'clock I made a walk with Voeikov [s] and NP Sabl [other] - along yesterday's road, but vice versa. After dinner I played dice.

*August 27th. Thursday.*

I decided to move to **Mogilev** for a residence, it is much more convenient in all respects. At 10 o'clock. arrived in the province. house and received the bishop and the clergy, and then all the senior officials. At 10 1/2 o'clock I was already at Alekseev's headquarters. I had breakfast and dinner with all foreign agents, as it was under Nikolash. At 3

o'clock I went with Dmitry (dezh.) And others across the Dnieper along the highway to Orsha. We walked about 4 versts back and returned to the city at about 5 o'clock. The terrain is very attractive. Played dominoes in the evening.

*August 28th. Friday.*

The day was clear and warm. At 10 o'clock. I had Sandro, then went to the report. At 11 1/2 on the site in front of the headquarters, the L.-G. Consolidated Cossack regiment on foot. Awarded 40 Cossacks Georg, a cross, and a medal. The regiment is in perfect condition after a year's march. After breakfast I read and about 3 o'clock drove along the Bobruisk highway to the village. Saltanovka, where in 1812 there was a battle of corp. Raevsky with Davout's troops. He walked along the highway about 3 versts. About 6 hours. went to the all-night vigil and prayer service. I studied in the afternoon and played dice with Dmitri.

*August 29th. Saturday.*

Summer day. At 10 o'clock I went to a memorial service for the killed soldiers and returned in due time to the report. He starred in the yard as a group with officers of the Consolidated Cossack Regiment. In the afternoon I went beyond the Dnieper along the Gomel highway a little further than the last time. After tea I read. In the evening bones.

*August 30th. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock. went to mass, and then to the report, the cat. ended at 12 1/2 o'clock.

Goremykin arrived, also gr. Keller from Kharkov. I took the first one for a long time. At 3 o'clock I went with Dmitry and others along the Bobruisk highway. He examined the chapel, which was being built on the site of the Saltanovsk battle in 1812, and from there walked further three versts. The weather was excellent. I returned home at 5 o'clock. I read it until lunchtime. Kirill arrived.

*August 31st. Monday.*

At 10 1/2 I went to the report. Then he took a walk in the governor's garden. After breakfast I read and finished all the papers. In the afternoon I made a very beautiful motor trip to the Dnieper above Mogilev. Moved by boat and watched four cars ferry across. The area is very picturesque; the weather was wonderful. From there I walked about 6 versts to the highway. He returned to the city at 6 o'clock. Alix wrote. Dominoes in the evening.

*1st September. Tuesday.*

The same great weather. I sat for a report and a conversation with Alekseev until breakfast. I read the papers and at 2 1/2 went to the other side of the Dnieper along the Gomel highway, crossed the river at Novy Bykov on a ferry and on an old highway across the mountains. Bykhov to Saltanovka and from there by the familiar road to the highway to Mogilev, where he arrived at 7.20 am with darkness. I made about 130 versts; the walk came out wonderful. In the evening I played a little dominoes.

*2nd September. Wednesday.*

The wonderful weather continues. From 10 1/2 to breakfast I sat at the headquarters. Having finished the papers, I went with Dmitry and a friend. through the city by the familiar road to the ferry and, having crossed, continued on to the village of Mostok and onto the highway towards Orsha. We got out, walked and returned home about 5 o'clock. The evening was spent as usual. Yesterday the 1st Kuban hundred of the Convoy and three companies of the Consolidated Infantry arrived. shelf.

*3rd September. Thursday.*

After the report, he walked around the rooms of different departments of management. the Quartermaster General. During the day I went for a walk along the Bobruisk highway. Returned to tea. Boris came from Gvard. housing.

*4th September. Friday.*

It rained at night and in the morning; by noon it was clear, but cool. In the afternoon I rode with Dmitry and others along the highway to Orsha. Alix wrote before lunch after tea. I studied and played dice.

*September 5th. Saturday.*

In the morning it was pouring and it became cold - during the day it was no more than 8 °. I spent an hour and three quarters at the report. The Germans are all heading into the free space between Dvinsk and Vilna. On the Western Front, they are pushing in some directions, and on the Southwestern Front, things are going well. In the afternoon ride on the highway on Bids and walked around a mile \* 4. 6:00. went to the all-night vigil. It got wet with rain several times. After dinner I played dominoes.

\* So in the text.

*September 6th. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock. I went to mass, then to my report, and was a little late for breakfast. There were about 40 guests, so they ate in two rooms. From 2 to 3 1/2 took the book. Shcherbatov. Walked for half an hour in the garden. After tea, Georgy Mikh (Ailovich) arrived from the armies of the Western Front. From 6 o'clock to 7 1/2 there was a report by Polivanov under Alekseev, and in the afternoon he was \* alone. I read until 10 1/2 hours. The day came out busy.

\* An arrow is drawn from the word "he" in the original to the word "Polivanova": September 7th. Monday.

Cold clear weather. In the morning I spoke with Kirill regarding his assignment in the army of the Southwestern Front. From the lecture came straight to breakfast. I read and finished all the papers. I went to the Gomel highway and walked there six miles. Returned to tea. I wrote letters. After dinner I played dominoes.

*September 8th. Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos.*

At 10 o'clock. went to mass, from there to the report. After breakfast I read it. At 3 o'clock I went with Voeikov along the Bobruisk highway and took a walk. Back to tea. The weather was very cold - 5 °. I played dice in the evening.

*September 9th. Wednesday.*

In the morning the sun came out and the pace came out. rose to 7 °. I sat at the headquarters before breakfast. After breakfast I read the papers. At 2.45 I drove out of town along the Bobruisk [th] highway and to the right of it I visited the newly arranged military cemetery, to the cat. will bury the dead from their wounds in this war. Then he drove on and walked. Returning, he ran over the pig, but safely for her. I wrote before lunch. Played dominoes in the evening.

*September 10th. Thursday.*

It became warmer and the weather was sunny. In the morning he received the Bishop of Svin Karas. After breakfast he received Mamantov with a report. I took a good walk along the highway to Orsha. I studied after tea. In the evening I played dice.

*September 11th. Friday.*

Great warm day. After breakfast I drove along the road to the military cemetery. The 1st battery of the 8th art was bivouacked in the meadow. brigade arriving from Minsk. I drove further along the Bobruisk highway and met a battalion of Vladivostok krepe. artillery, marching from Brest-Litovsk. Then he took a walk. After tea Misha arrived. I read and wrote, and in the evening I played dominoes.

*September 12th. Saturday.*

A very warm day. After tea he received Khan of Nakhichevan. After breakfast I read and wrote. In the afternoon I took a good walk with Misha and Dmitry on the way to Orsha and across the Dnieper on the ferry home. At 6 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil. After lunch, Misha stayed with me until 10 o'clock. Then he played dice.

*September 13th. Sunday.*

Wonderful autumn day. At 10 o'clock. went to mass, and then to the report. The breakfast was great. With Misha, I took a great walk along the Gomel highway and in the forest, where they found a lot of mushrooms. We left for 40 versts and returned home at 5 1/2. After tea I attended the all-night vigil with the taking out of the Holy Cross. After lunch, he sat down to papers and finished them in two days \* .

\* Accumulated in two days.

*September 14th. Monday.*

Warm weather with strong south wind. At 10 o'clock. was at mass and at the report until 12 1/2. Apart from the usual breakfast, both bishops had breakfast. I rode with Misha and others along the Bobruisk highway. After tea he received Goremykin. In the evening I studied until 10 o'clock and played dice.

*September 15th. Tuesday.*

A wonderful day. After the lecture he starred in the same place with Alekseev and Pusgo-voitenko. At 2 1/4 I went with Misha and others and made a good walk on the road to Orsha. It was wonderful in the forest and the air was completely autumnal. After tea I took the gene. Tsabel and Mordvinov. Dominoes in the evening.

*September 16th. Wednesday.*

It rained at night and in the morning, and by 12 noon the weather improved. Today the news from the Northern and Western fronts was better than the previous ones. After breakfast he received Polivanov. At 2 1/2 I went with Misha for a walk along the Gomel highway and into the forest to the right. It was wonderful. At 5 1/2 I had a Council of Ministers. They stayed for dinner, then received Khvostov. Misha sat with me. In the evening I played dice.

*September 17th. Thursday.*

After a foggy morning, wonderful weather came. At 10 o'clock I had S. S. Ozerov. The report to the headquarters lasted until 12 1/2. In the afternoon I made an excellent walk with Misha to the left of the highway to Orsha to the banks of the Dnieper. We sat there and saw a steamer passing down. After tea Misha left for Petrograd. About 7 o'clock. accepted the French. gene. D'Amad [a] with two officers who arrived on behalf of Joffre. They were having dinner. I studied and played dice.

*September 18th. Friday.*



At 10 o'clock. accepted the entire composition of the Mogilev provincial zemstvo and then started together in a group in the courtyard. I sat at the headquarters before breakfast. At 2 o'clock he took the gene. Adlerberg on the issue of reserve battalions. I rode with Dmitry along the Gomel highway and walked in the same forest to the right of the road. The weather was wonderful. D'Amad dined. In the evening I played dice.

*19th September. Saturday.*

It was an amazingly hot day, and it felt like air. At 2 1/2 made an inspection of the 5th Siberian Rifle Reserve Battalion. The kind of people is good - all the recruits are in 1896. I rode and walked along the Bobruisk highway, the sun was hot like spring. I returned home at 5 1/4 and at 6 o'clock. went to the cathedral for the all-night vigil. Cyril came from a business trip in the army of the Southwestern Front. After dinner, he reported the details. Played dominoes.

*20th September. Sunday.*

The same wonderful day - 16 ° in the shade. At 10 o'clock. went to mass and then to headquarters for a report. Soon after breakfast I set off along the highway to Orsha and on foot to the familiar bank of the Dnieper. There I and my companions boarded a large motor boat "Cruiser No. 2" and went up. Then he returned and we got into three boats. **We sailed down** to Mogilev, arrived at the pier at 5 1/4, having made a remarkably pleasant and beautiful walk along the river in such wonderful weather. I read it until lunchtime. I played dice in the evening.

*September 21st. Monday.*

A radiant warm day. I read it before the report. At 2 1/2 o'clock I set off on the same engine down the Dnieper about 12 miles away. I went ashore, walked and returned to Mogilev at 5 1/4. After tea he received two of our officers - a lieutenant regiment. Alekseeva and cap. II p. Medvedev, who returned from a business trip to the Anglo-French Expeditionary Force in Gallipoli. After dinner I played dominoes.

*September 22nd. Tuesday.*

I accepted the last report of Alekseev and talked with him about business during my absence. Sandro came one day. I made the last walk to the first post station along the highway to Orsha. The weather began to frown. By 4 1/2 o'clock arrived at the station and **went** north. It was nice to get on the train again.

*September 23rd. Wednesday.*

On a foggy morning at 10 o'clock , I arrived with great joy at **Tsarskoe Selo**, where Alix with the children met me. Everyone, thank God, looked great. He sat with Alix, took things out and took a walk. The weather cleared up and became warm. In the afternoon we all walked together in Babolovo. Ride in a kayak and ate potatoes with Alexei. After tea he received young Khvostov. I read for a long time in the evening.

*September 24th. Thursday.*

The morning was gray and the day was clear. After reading the papers, I took a walk. Petya came unexpectedly from the village. Took a general adjutant. book Vasilchikov and Trepova, general-m. Oranovsky and the wing. gr. Be dandy. Den (dezh.) Had breakfast. We took a walk in our park. At 3 1/2 I went to the city and to Elagin. I drank tea with Mom and Xenia. Returned on the train with Goremykin. I read and in the afternoon worked on the maps, reading the summary of the report of the gene. Alekseev, transmitted over a direct wire.

*September 25th. Friday.*

In the morning, before the walk, took Grabbe. At 11 o'clock. Shcherbatov and at 12 o'clock. Samarin and said goodbye to both. In the afternoon did a good walk in Ba-bolov. The weather was calm and sunny. Ride in a kayak

and ate potatoes and baked apples with Alexey by the fire. Aunt Michen was drinking tea. Received Grigorovich, adm. Rusin and Sazonov. After lunch I studied.

*September 26th. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock. accepted gr. Ignatiev, and after a short walk, the other two [reports]. The day was great. Fredericks had breakfast. We walked a lot in Babolovsky Park. Ride with Alexei on the ponds and ate potatoes with him. D. Pavel and Maria drank tea with us. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil; it was pleasant to pray again in the Feodorovsky Cathedral. After lunch I studied. Then I read aloud to the children.

*September 27th. Sunday.*

It was a quiet, foggy day. At 10 1/2 o'clock we went to mass. Kostya (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Took the ensign. and unt.-of. infantry. Alexandria regiment, whose company took the banner and commander of the 8th Austr. shelf. I took a walk with my daughters and went kayaking. At 4 1/2 we went together to Pavlovsk to t. Olga and Mavra. Returning home, he received Palaeologus. I read and finished everything before lunch. In the evening I pasted photographs into an album.

*September 28th. Monday.*

In the morning there was fog, after noon it dissipated. Misha had breakfast. Then he received Shakhovsky. We all walked together and rode in a kayak. At 6 o'clock. I had Goremykin. I read it until lunchtime. Silaev (dezh.) Dined. We spent the evening well with Anya and Grigory.

*September 29th. Tuesday.*

It was freezing at night; the day was excellent. After the walk he accepted: Polivanov, Sazonov and Kharitonov. Ksenia was having breakfast. From 2 to 3 hours he was taking Taneyev. Walked with Olga and Anastasia. At 3 1/2 I went with Alix to Mom on Elagin. I said goodbye to her and Xenia. We returned to TsS by 7 o'clock. The whole evening was very busy. Den (dezh.) Dined. In the evening we saw N.P. Sablin.

*September 30th. Wednesday.*

From 11 am to 1 pm I received: Kulomzin, Khvostov - old and Rukhlov. Petya had breakfast. At 2 o'clock he received Stakhovich in the State. Kon [but] the factory. Did a nice walk in Babolovo. The last time this navigation was in a kayak on the ponds. We ate potatoes with Alexey. At 6 o'clock I had Volzhin, a cat. appointed Ob.-Prok. Holy Synod. We went to the all-night vigil. Dined: Anya and Polivanov (dezh.). Received Putyatin, Grigorovich and Bark, who had just arrived from England. The day was very crowded.

*1st October. Protection of the Most Holy. Theotokos.*

I went to bed, read and accepted Markov's report. At 11 o'clock. went to mass. After breakfast we sat together until 2 o'clock. Bid farewell to dear Alix and daughters on the train. I went with Alexei **to the active army**. I sat with him a lot and played in his department. The evening became clear. At 7 o'clock I arrived in Pskov. Ruzsky presented his entire headquarters. Dined with him and Mary Paul [ram]. I saw the Pskov cad. frame. Then he accepted Ruzsky's report. At 11 o'clock. drove on.

*2nd October. Friday.*

At 9 o'clock. arrived in **Rezhitsa**. After tea, he received the General Director. Ruzsky and at 11 o'clock. I went out of town in the motor with Alexei. On a flat field, the 21st arm was standing on three faces. frame. I walked around the troops, let them pass. march., thanked them for their military service and drove around the front in the engine. The appearance of all parts is excellent, vigorous and healthy, the composition is quite large.

An uplifting mood took possession of me after seeing this glorious building - it penetrated into Alexei as well. Breakfast was on the train with senior combatants. We started our further journey at 3 o'clock. We walked at some stations. It was a wonderful day, but the night was frosty. After dinner I prayed with Alexei. Played dominoes in the evening.

*3rd October. Saturday.*

We arrived in **Mogilev** early in the morning . At 10 o'clock. I went with Alexei to the Governor's House. He is located in my two rooms and is very pleased to be here. At one time the headquarters to report to 12 1/2 o'clock. Breakfast and lunches went again as before. At 2 1/2 I went with Alek [sow] and others along the highway to Orsha. We stopped in the woods by the burning fires. Did a little walk. We returned home by 5 o'clock. After tea we received Tolya Baryatinsky. In the evening I read papers, put Alexei down and played dice.

*4th October. Sunday.*

At night it got to 3 ° frost; during the day it did not melt in the shade. At 10 o'clock. on the site, a prayer service was served before the front of the 1st Kuban and 3rd Terek hundreds. Then they went through two ceremonies. march. Before breakfast I sat at the headquarters for a report. All the officers of the Convoy had breakfast. At 2 1/2 o'clock I went with Alexei to the chapel along the Beaver [Uisk] highway and made [a walk] around this place; Alexei remained near the pond. After tea we went together to the all-night vigil. In the bedroom he received our presents. I was busy with papers all evening.

*October 5th. Monday.*

Both fell asleep and got up late. People brought a pretzel to Alexei, and the retinue congratulated him before tea. Took the gene. Olokhova - com. Gvar. bldg. At 10 1/2 we went to mass. Report until 12 1/2 and great breakfast.

At the usual time we went for a walk to the place of the ferry on the Dnieper. Instead, they crossed over a new bridge. We stayed on the shore, where the sun warmed well - we rode in boats. We returned at 5 1/4 on the highway from Orsha.

I answered telegrams and read. Alexey was in a festive mood all day and fiddled a lot. Played dominoes in the evening.

*6th October. Tuesday.*

After tea I read, and at 10 1/2 I went to the headquarters. Alix wrote before the walk. At 2 1/2 I went with Alexei to the yesterday's crossing, on the opposite side. Walked to the Dnieper. The weather was nice and warmer. After tea I was free. In the evening he read and played dice.

*7th October. Wednesday.*

Gray cold day. The report ended earlier than usual and I managed to go to the kindergarten, to the cat. Alexei walked and sang songs. After breakfast, Alix wrote. At 2 1/4 we drove together in a closed engine and walked in the woods near the Gomel highway about 20 versts from Mogilev. After lunch he received Bezobrazov and talked to him about the formation of the 2nd Guards Corps. I read papers all evening.

*October 8th. Thursday.*

It was a gray day. Alexey's arm ached a little and he did not come to breakfast. At 2 1/2 we both looked at the work of the apparat. Yuza at the headquarters and then drove to the place of the former Headquarters in the forest. We walked and then drove to the station, where he was shown how the motors enter the car. After tea he received Wrangel - fl.-ad. In the evening I studied and played dice.

*October 9th. Friday.*

The same gray cold weather. Alexey is completely healthy. After the report, he received the British Admiral Phillimore [a], who had been sent here to be at Headquarters. In the afternoon we drove past the bishop's dacha and behind the railway. dor. We made a good walk about 4 versts on foot, which Alexei did well. I read the whole evening.

*October 10th. Saturday.*

The day was a little better and brighter. After breakfast was received by prof. Reina and Mr. Podymova. At 2 1/2 I went with Alexey and others along the highway to Orsha and on foot to the left through the estate to a familiar place near the Dnieper. After walking for a walk, we returned to 5 1/4.

After tea I went to the village Pavel; he is unwell and lies. In the evening I read and then played dominoes.

*October 11th. Sunday.*

Before mass took the gene. D'Amad [a] and the French officers and said goodbye to them. After accepting the report, he said goodbye to D. Pavel, cat. forced to stay in Mogilev. I went with Alexei to the station and walked along the front for the 2nd baht. 10th Turkestan regiment, next to Odessa. At about one o'clock in the afternoon we **set off** to the south. The weather was sunny. I sat with Alexei a lot and walked at the stops. In the evening I played dice.

*October 12th. Monday.*

At 9 o'clock. arrived in **Berdichev** to NI Ivanov. Received by his headquarters. An hour and a half later I went on and talked with him in the carriage before breakfast. At 4 o'clock they came to **Rovno**, where they met Brusilov. I got into the engine with Alexei and drove forward along the highway. A brigade of 125 infantry was lined up 18 versts from Rovno. div., consolidated battery, sapper company and a hundred Orenburg Cossacks. Missed their cer. march. and thanked for the service. Our airplanes flew over us all the time. When it got dark, we drove forward, gunshots were heard; examined at the station. Klevan distribution dressing station where 9 recently wounded lay. From there we returned with darkness to Rivne. Brusilov with the headquarters had lunch and at 9 1/2 the train moved south.

*October 13th. Tuesday.*

At 9 o'clock. arrived in Volochisk. Received Ivanov and commands, 11th Army General. Shcherbachev and went into the church of burial. guards. After a short prayer, the cat entered the train. moved to the trail. station, where they got into the motors and drove along a good road in Galicia. Near the village. Romanovka, platoons from units of the 11th Army were assembled. Having let them through and thanking them for their service, I drove through Tarnopol forward to the headquarters of the 37th Infantry. divisions. On the way, I met the 147th Samara regiment, which was changing from position. At the headquarters of the division in the garden in front of the old house, the 92nd Pechora regiment was lined up, a cat. I did a look. Unfortunately, it was foggy and the Austrian positions were not visible until the cat. 6 - 7 versts remained. It took a long time to go to the area of the 9th Army, where they arrived at about 4 o'clock. Here I met the general. Lechitsky. The parade of representatives from the army was commanded by the general. Sakharov - com. 11th arm. housing. Here, too, the parts presented themselves perfectly. Glorious vigorous facial expressions that delight the soul! Among others, I saw a platoon of my lancers, scouts and a combined hundred of the Caucasian native division. It was getting dark and it was time to get back on the train.

Due to the fog, gene. Shcherbachev lost his way and in the end we got to Volochisk. In anticipation of the arrival of our train, we ate well at the station at the feeding point of Princess Volkonskaya. At 8 o'clock we got on the train. Having dined with the generals, he said goodbye to them and, under the brightest impressions, drove back to the rear. Everyone went to bed early.

*October 14th. Wednesday.*

We all slept well. Woke up at a bus stop in Kiev at 8 1/2. When we crossed the Dnieper, the city was amazingly illuminated by the sun, and the fog was spreading downward. I read papers, Chekhov's stories and sat with Alexei, playing different games. Dominoes in the evening.

*October 15th. Thursday.*

By one o'clock in the morning I arrived in **Mogilev**. At 9.20 am, Alix and her daughters, who had come from a trip to some cities, got out of the carriages to the approach of the train. He brought them to our house. We went to the village of Pavel, cat. still can't get better. Alix showed the premises and went to the report in due time. We had breakfast and dinner at a common table. We rode along the Bobruisk highway. We drank tea on the train and walked around the Alix hospital train - with 320 wounded. After dinner he received Mamantov. We spent the evening on the train. He returned at 12 o'clock.

*October 16th. Friday.*

The morning passed as usual at Headquarters.

Before the report, he started with Alexei as a general group with officials from the headquarters in the courtyard. At 12 o'clock. accepted English. General Murray and two English officers. missions. Alix and the children had breakfast [and] dined with us. During the night, a lot of snow fell and the view of the city and its surroundings became boring.

At 2 1/2 we set off together along the road to Orsha, then through the villages of Mostok and Dnieper; got out of the engines and walked to Alix's train, where they drank tea. Before lunchtime he received Barka. I read all evening. Alix left at 11 o'clock.

*October 17th. Saturday.*

Got up quite late. I read papers until 11 o'clock. and then went to the report with Alexey. At the request of the General Director. Ivanova awarded Alexei the St. George medal 4th step. in memory of the visit to the armies of the Southwestern Front near the combat positions. It was nice to see his joy. After breakfast I took one of the English. officers with Alexei and then the general. von Ropp. We went about 3 o'clock along the Gomel highway to the second station and there we walked in the sun in places resembling skerries. At 6 1/4 we went to the all-night vigil. After dinner, I received Polivanov for a long time. At 10 1/2 went with Alix and daughters on the train. After drinking tea, he returned with Voyk [ov] and Sabl [other] (dej.) At 11 1/2.

*October 18th. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock we drove together to mass. Before the report, Alix examined the headquarters premises. The British and a lot of people had breakfast. Peter (ovo) -Solovovo reported to me on the execution of orders - inspection of the rear of the Western Front. Walked in the garden with Alexey. We stopped at the cathedral on the way to the **train**. At 4 1/2 we left Mogilev. After drinking tea, he sat down at the papers, finished everything and played dominoes in the evening.

*19th October. Monday.*

It was a pleasant consciousness to ride together. Arrived in **Tsarskoe Selo** at 10 1/2 o'clock. Putting things and papers in order, I took a walk in the park with pleasure. Quite a lot of snow has fallen and in general it looks like winter. At 12 o'clock he received Grigorovich. Silaev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked with Tatiana, Marie and Anastasia. Drank tea in Alix's large room. I studied until lunchtime. Dined with us: Anya and Silaev. I read it in the evening.

*20th October. Tuesday.*

21st anniversary of the grievous death of the beloved Pope. How time flies soon! I got up at 9 o'clock. I read and took a walk. Accepted reports: Polivanova and the first Khvostov on M-vu Int. Affairs. After breakfast we went to the city and to the fortress for the family funeral service. We returned at 4 1/2 to Ts. S. At 6 o'clock received Sazonov. We went to the all-night vigil in the cave temple. After dinner we confessed.

*October 21st. Wednesday.*

At 9 o'clock. went to Mass and received the Holy Mysteries of Christ. After tea, I read and walked until 12 o'clock. Boris and Sandro Leicht [Enberg] had breakfast. Then the adjutant wing Vilkitsky and Petrovsky appeared - the first after returning from sailing around Siberia, and the second - from the trenches. I took a walk with T [atyana], M [aria] and A [nastasia]. Thaw. At 4 1/2 he received Rukhlov, and at 6 o'clock Goremykin. In the evening we saw Gregory at Anya's.

*October 22nd. Thursday.*

Alec was with me in the morning. Walked. Accepted reports: Taneyev and Volzhin. Vilkitsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. From 2 to 3 o'clock I had Buchanan. Walked around the park with T [atyana], M [aria] and A [nastasia]. We ate potatoes by Alexei's fire. Aunt Michen was drinking tea. At 6 o'clock he received Khvostov - [Minister] Yust. I read it in the evening. NP Sabl [in] drank tea.

*October 23rd. Friday.*

Beginning to freeze. After a short walk, he received Bark and the head of the 1st Don Kaz. divisions - Chogloкова. Breakfast: K.A. Naryshkina and Mordvinov (dezh.). Walked with Tatiana. At 6 o'clock. received Stakhovich. Was reading. Mordvinov dined. Pasted a photo.

*October 24th. Saturday.*

The frost intensified, an unpleasant north wind blew out. I was very busy from 9 1/2 to 1 pm: Alec, Petya, Resin, Voeykov, Polivanov and Fredericks. During the report of the latter, he had a kind of seizure, he was silent for 10 minutes and did not recognize me. A very unpleasant scene! He had breakfast with us and did not remember anything about what happened to him. In 2 1/2 he took the gene. D'Amad [a] and French. officers; said goodbye to them. Walked with Marie. At 4 1/2 he received Shakhovsky. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. After lunch I read until 11 o'clock.

*October 25th. Sunday.*

Unforgettable day for me receiving the St. George Cross 4th step. In the morning, as always, we went to mass and had breakfast with Georgy Mikhailovich. At 2 o'clock he received Tolya Baryatinsky, who had arrived on behalf of N.I. Ivanov with a written statement of the petition of the Georgievsk Duma of the Southwestern Front that I put on the dear white cross!

The whole day after that I walked like a child. Walked with Marie and Anastasia. At 3 1/2 we went together to the village of Pavel; drank tea at his bedside with the princes. Paley. George came back to congratulate me. All our people were touchingly happy and kissed on the shoulder. Took the gene. Shuvaev and Ignatieva - min. Nar. Break through. Dined Petrovsky (dezh.). I read all evening.

*October 26th. Monday.*

The frost has increased to 10 °. The morning was busy and therefore went out for a walk for 15 minutes.

Breakfast: Misha and Silaev (dezh.). Received Belgian officers who had arrived to serve with us with their cars, cannons and machine guns. All of them served all the time of the war in the troops at home and make a very good impression. Walked with Mari and Anast [Asia]. At 4 o'clock he received Grigorovich. T. Olga and Mavra were drinking tea. At 6 o'clock Goremykin was with me. After dinner I read it.

*October 27th. Tuesday.*

Vchira said goodbye to Krivoshein, today to Rukhlov. After Polivanov's report was Khvostov. Breakfast: Cyril, Ducky and Gavrpil (doge). After breakfast Boris brought two Orenburg Cossacks who had escaped from captivity through Holland and England. Walked with Anastasia at 8 ° C. Before tea I received Kulomzin, and at 6 o'clock. Sazonov and Arsenyev, com. Cuirass., V. p. After dinner I read it. We were together at a prayer service in the caves. church and parted **at 11 o'clock. in the wagon.** Alexey is going again.

*October 28th. Wednesday.*

At 9 o'clock we arrived in **Revel**. At the station at the honor, the guard was met: Grigorovich, adm. Kanin and adm. Gerasimov. He sat down with Alexei in the engine and began to go around part of the southern land front of the fortress Imp. Peter the Great. I saw many parts of the garrison. There was frost up to 8 ° and wind with the sun. Breakfast at 12 1/2 with the military commanders. At 2 o'clock we went to the port and visited two submarines - ours and an English one. Their officers and teams were assembled on the "Europe". Awarded those who distinguished themselves Georgievsk. cross. Then we drove out of town and visited two factories - Russko-Balt. and Becker, and inspected the turbine workshop. On the way to the station, we stopped at a temporary naval hospital. Until 7 1/2 I had a report by the adm. Kanin. The sailors and the English dined. commanders of sub. boats. Left at 9 o'clock under the best impression. I went to bed at 12 noon.

*October 29th. Thursday.*

There was a blizzard at night. It melted in the morning. At 9 o'clock I arrived in the city of Wenden, where the general. Gorbatovsky got on the train. We had breakfast early and arrived in **Riga** at 12.45 . The city and especially the factories look dull. On the platform. Thornsberg was expecting General. Radko Dmitriev - com. 7th Siberian arm. bldg. at och. guard from 4 drag. Novotroitsko-Yekaterinoslavsky regiment. In motors I drove through the outskirts of Riga to the field, where I inspected two consolidated regiments from the 3rd, 12th, 13th and 14th Siberian divisions, their artillery, sapper and regiment Of. Kav. Schools. All introduced themselves perfectly, also a company of one of the Latvian riflemen. battalions. In all units, there were many Knights of St. George, both among the headquarters and chief officers, and among the lower ranks. After cer. march thanked the troops and went to the new city hospital for 300 wounded.

Returned with Alexei to the train instead of 3 to 4 o'clock. We drove back to Wenden, where we said goodbye to Gorbatovsky. I played with A [Leksey] until 6 1/2 o'clock. After dinner at dominoes until arriving in **Pskov** at 12 1/4, where he received the report of the general. Ruzsky. I parted with him at one o'clock.

*October 30th. Friday.*

I slept as it did after Matins - until 10 1/2 o'clock. It was pouring heavily; all the snow has melted. I read new papers before breakfast. At 2 o'clock I arrived in **Vitebsk** and drove through the city to the camp. The 78th infantry rested and replenished here. division with its art. brigade. She presented herself in a brilliant form and in full combat strength - 14 thousand bayonets, and arrived here after the fighting in the composition of 980 people. Despite the mud and huge puddles, the shelves passed briskly and tightly. The most magnificent and invigorating impression!

On the way back, I drove with Alex [her] to the cathedral. He left Vitebsk at 4 3/4, and arrived in **Mogilev** in the afternoon at 8.45. Gen Alekseev, Kondzerovsky and Ronzhin met the governor on the platform. We stayed overnight on the train.

*October 31st. Saturday.*

On a foggy morning we moved to the governor's house. Immediately went to headquarters to report. Once again, the local life went into its own rut. The weather became sunny and warm; all the snow has melted here.

At 2 1/2 I went for a walk with Alexey on the road to Orsha and made a fire with him. We returned for tea. Alix wrote before dinner. In the evening I studied and drank tea in the dining room.

*1st November. Sunday.*

Both Aleksey and I slept badly, since the bedroom was very heated. At 10 o'clock I went to mass. After the lecture there was a very plentiful breakfast. Walked in the garden. The weather is very warm; kept the window open in his office all day. After tea he received the Marquis Lagish [a] and the regiment. Langlois, who came from Joffre. In the evening I read, and after praying with Alexei I played dominoes.

*2nd November. Monday.*

Alexey felt well. Alec suddenly arrived, reported the case at 1/4 o'clock, and flew away. I went to the report. After breakfast I read and walked in the garden with Alexey. At 4 o'clock, the two of us went to the theater, where they were showing cinematography. 5 1/4 were at home. After lunch I studied.

*3rd November. Tuesday.*

Dear Olga is 20 years old, I just can't believe it! The report was short, I had time to read it. At 12 o'clock we went to a prayer service in the church. In the afternoon we took a walk along the Gomel highway and took a walk in the familiar forest. Before lunchtime he received Sazonov with Alekseev. In the evening I read and played dominoes.

*4th November. Wednesday.*

It snowed at night, melting towards morning. I read it before the lecture. After breakfast I walked with Alexei in the kindergarten. At 4 o'clock we went to the theater for the cinema. Alix wrote. Before lunchtime, I received Adlerberg, who was going round the reserve battalions. In the evening he read and played dice.

*5th November. Thursday.*

The day was warm, but rainy and with a gusty wind. The report was short. At 3 o'clock between the military railway. with a platform and a water pump, the inventor Bratolyubov showed interesting experiments with his flammable liquids. From mixing them, instant ignition occurs, and it is impossible to extinguish the fire by any means. I took a short walk with Alexei in the kindergarten. After tea he received Khvostov - [Minister] Vn. D. At the end of dinner, we said goodbye to the military agents and at 9 o'clock. arrived on your **train**. I read and wrote until 11 o'clock.

*6th November. Friday.*

The holiday of the Hussar regiment had to be spent on the way. Exactly at midnight we woke up **in the south**. I slept well. I read it to my heart's content. I played with Alexey. At 5 1/2 we drove over a new bridge across the Dnieper near Cherkassy. The day was clear.

*7th November. Saturday.*

Got up at 9 o'clock. on a cold sunny morning. At 11 o'clock. arrived in **Odessa**.



At the station, the commander of the 7th Army, Gen. Shcherbachev, com. Odessa military. env. Ebelov, military man. and naval ranks and soil. car. from 161 infantry. Alexandropol regiment. I went with Alexei in the motor along the streets familiar to me to the cathedral and then to the port. Troops and soldiers stood along the way with trellises. study. institutions. The order was exemplary. Visited: new cruiser "Prut" - former tour. "Medzhidie", hospital ship, Odessa shelter - a ship and one of the transports. We got back on the train by one o'clock. At 2 1/2 we went together to the camp for a review. I was on horseback. The review was attended by: a battalion of the Guards Crew, 41st Infantry. division with its art. brigade, 2nd div., 5 heavy. art. br., 2nd Separate brig., Don and consolidated Cossack brigade. All parts presented themselves remarkably well. It was rather cold when we returned to the train - at 4 1/2 o'clock. After tea, I received the Serbian envoy in Bucharest. Before lunch [received] the gene. Shcherbachev, cat. appointed adjutant general. The military had lunch. the bosses who were on examination. At 9 1/2 o'clock we left Odessa and spent the night at the station. **Benefit**. Played dominoes.

*November 8th. Sunday.*

At 9 o'clock. came to st. Ereemevka. At the very railway. the roads were built with great peace all parts of the 2nd arm. housing. General adjutant. Shcherbachev was waiting at the exit of the train. It was cold but quiet.

Some regiments have not yet received staffing; all looked cheerful and went very well. It is difficult, as I would like to thank the parts, especially when there are so many of them, and the soul is seething with trepidation. About 11 a.m. the show ended and drove on. At st. Razdelnaya examined several echelons of reinforcements and warriors of the 2nd category, heading to Odessa. I had breakfast with the superiors of the second arm. corps and drove them to **Tiraspol**. Poch. car. from the 185th infantry. Bashkadyklar regiment. The 47th Infantry immediately inspected it closely. division with its art. brigade and the 8th Ural Kaz. shelf. All introduced themselves brilliantly. He also left an hour earlier. We turned south from Bender. The path was unimportant, and although the speed was very low, he banked and swayed strongly. When it got dark, it began to freeze. After dinner I played dice. At 10 1/4 we stopped at the station. Kulmskaya.

*November 9th. Monday.*

Early in the morning we moved on and at 9 o'clock arrived in **Renion** the banks of the Danube. Veselkin met with a whole staff of subordinates from different departments. I went with Alexei first of all to the cathedral. The city is unpretentious and original, reminiscent of a wide-spread village. From there to the field, for a review of the wonderful 3rd Turkestan Rifle Brigade. She introduced herself magnificently and in full combat strength. Then we went to the port. We examined the church and went to the steamer Rus, Veselkin's flagship, where he treated us to a rich snack. Having bypassed the infirmary and all the teams of the flotilla, we drove further along the coast, saw workshops and other institutions and, at the end, three newly built batteries over the confluence of the Prut into the Danube. At 2 o'clock we sat down to have breakfast with the top bosses. Veselkin's activity is amazing and its results are remarkable. We left with him from Reni at 3 1/2 o'clock. We said goodbye to him at the station. Troyanov Val. To this station, the path goes along the shore of a very large and beautiful lake Cahul. I played with Alexey as usual in *Nain jaune* \*. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. Then - bones.

\* *Nain jaune* literally yellow dwarf (French). Presumably a card game.

*November 10th. Tuesday.*

At 10.45 we arrived at the station. **Balta**, got into the engine and drove 4 versts to the place of the review of the Caucasian cavalier, division. She recently arrived from the Turkish front. I was happy to admire the wonderful regiments and see so many acquaintances in the ranks. All the officers accompanied us back to the station. All the chiefs of units and officers had breakfast - Georg, cav. The weather was cold with 4 ° frost and fog. At 6 o'clock. at the bus stop at the station. Gault was outflanked by several squads and replenishment teams. I read a lot.

*November 11th. Wednesday.*

It immediately became noticeable that they had hit the south. This time - 5 ° C, but rain.

At 9 o'clock. arrived in **Kherson**. Since this is my first visit, there were deputations with bread and salt at the station. The meeting with the population is the hottest. We drove through the whole city to the field, where the review of the 2nd Finnish arrows took place. divisions - as if in Krasnoe Selo! After the parade

drove into the old fortress cathedral, in the cat. Potemkin was buried, and in the city cathedral - also from Catherine's times. We left Kherson half an hour later. The commander of the 5th Caucasian Corps Istomin was having breakfast on the train. At 2 o'clock we arrived in **Nikolaev** with the sun, this warmth of the air was so pleasant! On the square near the naval barracks, he inspected the 4th Finnish division, also with its artillery, and 51 Donsk. kaz. regiment. Boris was present. We stopped by with Alexei at the naval cathedral and at 5 o'clock left Nikolaev with the best impressions. I played with Alexey before his dinner. In the evening - bones.

*November 12th. Thursday.*

I slept thoroughly until 9 1/2 o'clock, having passed the station. Bakhmach. Everything is under the snow again. We walked at some stops. I read the papers of three couriers! We arrived in **Mogilev** at 9 o'clock. having been on the trip for exactly a week. Thanks be to the Lord God for such a good and successful journey and visiting so many troops. Alix wrote in the evening.

*November 13th. Friday.*

At 10 o'clock. left the train and went to the governor's house. Then he sweated to the report. After breakfast he received Barca. Alix finished the letter and took a walk in the kindergarten with Alexei. The weather was mild and it was snowing. At 11 o'clock. received Maksimovich. I studied in the evening.

*November 14th. Saturday.*

Real winter, a lot of snow and 5 ° sea. Today is our 21st wedding anniversary. I was with Alexei at mass. After breakfast I read it. Walked with him in the garden. After tea I wrote to Olga A [leksandrovna]. Dominoes.

*November 15th. Sunday.*

We slept for a long time and got up with difficulty. The day was sunny at 12 ° frost. After mass, I went to my report. Breakfast was more crowded as always on Sundays. Was reading. I took a good walk in the garden with Alexey. There was solid ice along the Dnieper. After lunch he received Grigorovich and then played dice.

*November 16th. Monday.*

Nice sunny day at 7 ° frost. He got up late again. After breakfast I read it. He walked and fiddled with Alexei in the garden. By 4 o'clock. went together to the kinematogr., cat. was interesting. At 6 o'clock I received Trepov with the first report on M. PS. In the evening Georgy M. Ikhaylovich sat with me. Then he played dominoes.

*November 17th. Tuesday.*

*Both did not sleep well. The weather was excellent and sunny. After breakfast he received Botkin, a former sailor. Walked in the kindergarten with Alexei. At 4.45 we left for the railway. dor. and at 5 o'clock. went north. Until lunchtime Alexei played Ndin jaune with him . After our dinner I read and played dice in the evening.*

*November 18th. Wednesday.*

I slept well. All the companions had gathered for morning tea. At 10.30 we arrived at **Tsarskoe Selo**. With what joy I saw dear Alix and her daughters at the station. We sat together until 12 o'clock. Major Langlois and read.

After breakfast I walked with T [atyana], M [aria] and A [nastasia].

There was a little frost and it was snowing. I put my desk in order. From 6 1/4 to 7 1/4 received Bezobrazov on the affairs of the guard. After lunch I studied. We spent the evening with tea together.

*19th November. Thursday.*

Life here has entered its own rut for me. Walked for a quarter of an hour and received two reports. Silaev (dezh.) Had breakfast. I walked around our park with my daughters. At 4 1/4 I went to the city. Drank tea with Mama and Misha. On the way back he received Goremykin. Alix also took a long time before lunch, so both were late by 8 o'clock. I studied all evening. The weather was pleasant - 3 ° frost.

*20th November. Friday.*

A very busy day. After a short walk, he received: Naumov - the new manager of the Ministry of Agriculture, Bark and Trepov. Breakfast: Misha and Sergey Mikh (aylovich). Did the walk alone. The weather was mild and calm. At 4 o'clock he received old Khvostov, at 6 o'clock Bulygin and at 7 o'clock. Taneeva. Dmitry was drinking tea. I studied all evening. Alexei's arm suddenly started to hurt!

*November 21st. Saturday.*

In the morning I was left without a walk, because I was taking from 10 am to 1 pm: gene. Markova, Levshina - com. Hussarsky and Cantacuzena - com. my cuirassier. n., Polivanosa, Sazonova and gr. Fredericksz. He, Georgy and Sergei Leicht [Enberg] were having breakfast. Then he took Velyaminov and com. 4th horse baht. gr. Kutaisov. I took a walk. From 4 to 5 hours I had Khvostov. Mom came from the village of Pavel. Was reading. We dined upstairs in the playroom next to Alexei in bed; the pain in his arm was gone. In the evening we sat at Anya's with Grigory.

*November 22nd. Sunday.*

I finished all my papers before mass. We had breakfast upstairs, although Alexei is much better. Having accepted a few who introduced themselves, he went for a walk with Anastasia. The frost was strong, but the day was quiet. Before tea he took the Warsaw lips. Korf, who has just returned from German captivity. In the evening I read Chekhov aloud.

*November 23rd. Monday.*

The frost increased and during the day it was 12 °. At 10 1/2 I went to the palace platform, where the Ataman regiment was on foot. After the prayer, the Cossacks went through an excellent ceremony. march. and generally presented themselves as good fellows. Returned at 11 1/4 to the reports. Comrade Mikhen had breakfast. At 2 1/2 o'clock again went to the Bolshoi. dv., in front of the cat. a Belgian detachment of armored vehicles was lined up. I walked around them and examined them in detail. Then they walked by twice. It was very interesting, but at the end it was cold to stand. Rodzianko received him before tea. At 6 o'clock he received Goremykin, at 7 o'clock Shakhovskiy. Dined upstairs: Anya and N.P. Sablin. In the evening I read and looked at photographs.

*November 24th. Tuesday.*

In the morning I took almost until 11 o'clock. and walked for about ten minutes. The weather was warmer and quieter than yesterday. After Polivanov, he received the Frenchman Paul Doumer and then Ignatiev. Misha had breakfast. Walked with Tatiana and Anastasia. At 4 o'clock he took Sen. Markovich, after tea Kulomzin and Sazonov. Was reading. We dined alone. At 9 1/2 we went to the station. and **said goodbye**. Alexey is going with me to Headquarters.

*November 25th. Wednesday.*

*During the night, there was an immediate thaw. We drove quietly and therefore without shaking. Played with Alexey, Serge [her] Petrovich and Gilliarol in Nain jaune. We arrived in **Mogilev** at 4.20 and immediately set off for **Headquarters**. After tea I took the gene. Alekseeva and then Sandro. Dinner was, as usual, with foreign military men. In the evening I wrote to the English Georgie.*

*November 26th. St. George's holiday.*

The strong thaw continued. By 10 o'clock. on the site in front of the house lined up: officers - Georgievsk cavaliers, one from the corps and ensigns, two from each corps, a new battalion for the Headquarters from Georg, cav. and from the wounded, platoons from the Vault. n. and the Convoy, gendarmes and police. After the prayer service and the ceremony. march went to the report. At 12 o'clock. lunch began to all the lower ranks in the building okrug. court, and at 12 1/2 breakfast Georgievsk. gentlemen in the city дума. It was nice to see so many young heroes together. Two halls accommodated 170 people. I talked to everyone. I returned to my place at 3 o'clock. Walked a little, it was dirty and it was pouring rain. Replying to telegrams and writing to Alix. Alexey felt good and cheerful. I played dice in the evening.

*November 27th. Friday.*

Both slept a long time and got up late. N.P. Sablin was given command of the Guard battalion. The crew and left in the morning for Odessa. The report lasted until 12 1/2 o'clock. Among others, the regiment was having breakfast. Nizhny Novgorod regiment - book. Chavchavadze and Navruzov on the occasion of the regiment. idle I read and walked with Alexei in the garden. There was a slight frost. After tea, received 9 people. bottom rank. - St. George's Cavaliers who were late for the holiday. In the evening he received Bezobrazov, read and played dominoes.

*November 28th. Saturday.*

After morning tea I went to my report. At the end of breakfast he received S. S. Ozerov. I had a good walk with Alexei in the garden. I read and wrote. Silaev arrived instead of Sablin. In the evening I finished all the papers and managed to play dice.

*November 29th. Sunday.*

It was an excellent warm sunny day. At 10 o'clock. went to mass. The report was a little delayed. A lot of people had breakfast. I took a good walk with Alexey in the garden; it was very slippery and I flew great. I read and finished everything before tea. I decided to send George to Japan. I learned that Count Vorontsov had a light blow in Alupka. In the evening I played dice.

*November 30th. Monday.*

The thaw continued. The report was short and managed to walk after it. Doumer arrived for breakfast with a cat. spoke in the afternoon. At 4 o'clock we went to the cinema. Was reading. In the evening - bones.

*1st December. Tuesday.*

It began to freeze again. The report was long - before breakfast. With the exception of Lagish [a] and Williams, all the other military agents left, so the table got smaller. We walked in the garden. I read it before tea. Received news from Alix about the death of Sonya Orbeliani from pneumonia! After dinner I played dominoes.

*2nd December. Wednesday.*

The morning was sunny. After the lecture, I walked with Alexei for half an hour. I read and finished papers until 3 o'clock. Having made the second walk, we went to the cinema. I received Adlerberg before dinner. In the evening I played four dominoes for the last time with Drentelny - he was appointed commander of the Preobrazhensky regiment and went to Petrograd tomorrow.

*3rd December. Thursday.*

Alexei started having a cold yesterday, and this morning, after a few sneezes, he started to bleed a little bit through his nose. I went at 10 o'clock to the report. At 12 1/2 we **left Mogilev** to visit the guard. But since the blood, albeit intermittently, did not subside, then, on the advice of S.P. Fedorov, decided from Art. Bakhmach turn back to Stavka.

*4th December. Friday.*

Alexei slept at night with interruptions. Morning pace. reached 39 °, but after noon it went down to 37.5. Blood was still oozing from the left nostril, albeit in less quantity. In general, he coughed less and was more cheerful. Arrived in **Mogilev** at 12 1/4, exactly one day later. I invited my headquarters to breakfast. I walked around the platform. Accepted Alekseev's report. At 4 o'clock we set off to the north. The weather is damp and dark. In Vitebsk I saw an echelon of my Cuirassier regiment. I sat with Alexei a lot; also read a lot - oncoming couriers.

*December 5th. Saturday.*

Finally at 11 o'clock. arrived at **Tsarskoe Selo**. Alix and her daughters met us. They brought Alexei home in a motor and immediately upstairs to his corner room. A host of doctors had gathered there; Polyakov burned him in his left nostril and left him alone and without a tampon in his nose. There was no fever, the state of mind was excellent. Before breakfast I walked alone, and in the afternoon with Marie and Anastasia. There was a thaw, a lot of snow. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. We dined alone; upstairs Alexei received gifts. I read a lot in the evening.

*December 6th. Sunday.*

It was strange and pleasant to spend your birthday at home! Were at mass.

The whole family had arrived for breakfast; sat in a small library at three tables. Then we went to Alexey and sat with him. He feels very well; pace. 37.3, slight cough and blood stopped after secondary cauterization.

Walked with Tatiana, Mari and Anast (Asia). The weather was pleasant, the snow was falling quietly. Unsubscribed from telegrams. Mom came to tea. After dinner Grigory arrived; sat together by Alexei's bed.

*December 7th. Monday.*

Again significant frost - 12 °. In the morning he received the Grabbe (Misha) teams, the 4th Don Kaz. division, then the report of Grigorovich, and at 12 1/2, together with Alix - the new Metropolitan of Petrograd (sky) and La Doge [] Pitirim. After breakfast I sat with Alexey and then took a walk with Tatyana and Mari. At 6 o'clock. I had Goremykin. I did. In the evening I read aloud.

*December 8th. Tuesday.*

It was a frosty sunny day. In the morning I took a short walk. I received Polivanov and then General Poe, who brought me their new order - *la croix de guerre* \*. After him, he received three officers and an interpreter who had arrived with him. Good Thormeyer had breakfast. Then he sat with Alexei. Walked with T [atyana] and M [aria]. At 4 o'clock he took the senior. Khvostov, and at 6 o'clock. Sazonov. I studied in the evening.

\* Military cross (French).

*December 9th. Wednesday.*

In the morning I did not have time to take a walk, because I had to take it. At 11 o'clock there was a report by fat Khvostov, at 12 o'clock. Trepova. Silaev (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Did a walk with Tatiana and Marie; it was quiet at 16 ° frost. At 4 o'clock he received Shakhovsky, and after tea Ignatiev. I managed to finish the papers before lunch. In the evening I pasted cards into an album.

*December 10th. Thursday.*

It was 20 ° frost at night; the day was clear. After the papers and Voeikov, I walked for a quarter of an hour. The reports were routine on Thursday. Breakfast: Georgy Mikhailovich, Dmitry and Kostya (dezh.). Then he accepted all the accompanying Georgians on a trip to Japan. Walked with Tatiana and Marie. I went to Mama's for tea and had a good talk with her from 5 to 6.45. I did not study for long in the evening; I read aloud to my daughters.

*December 11th. Friday.*

The frost keeps increasing and in the morning I saw 26 ° myself. Walked a little. Received by Bark, General - Ad. Alekseev and Baranov and comrade min. agriculture Glinka. Breakfast: Mordvinov (dezh.) And Sashka Vorontsov, who came from the Crimea. After breakfast he received five officers of the Ivangorod Crepe. artillery. I took a walk with all my daughters.

At 4 o'clock he received Markov, and then, together with Alix, Metropolitan. Moscow Macarius. Gregory was not seen for long after tea; at 6 1/2 he received Taneev. Dined upstairs at Alexei's - Anya and Mordvinov. I did.

*December 12th. Saturday.*

Been busy all morning. The frost reached 28 °, but the day was sunny. After Polivanov, he received Khvostov in the case of Masha Vasilchikova and Fredericks. He was having breakfast. I took a walk, did it and read. Spent the last hour upstairs with Alexey with Alix and daughters. I said goodbye to them and at 5 o'clock. **went** to the Headquarters. The train was empty without Alexei! The further, the warmer it became.

*December 13th. Sunday.*

I slept well. At 12 o'clock. arrived in **Mogilev**. After breakfast I received a long report from Alekseev, after which he walked with Mordvinov to the old Headquarters. The weather was mild 3 ° with wind. From 6 o'clock he took the gene. Roppa. After dinner, he said goodbye to everyone and studied until tea.

*December 14th. Monday.*

Got up late. It was gray and melting, 2 ° heat. At 4 1/2 I arrived in Kiev. The train stayed at the station for two from 1/2 hour. Ksenia, Olga and Sandro spent all this time with me - it was nice to meet. At 7 o'clock we moved on. In the evening I played dominoes with Nilov [s] and Grabbe.

*December 15th. Tuesday.*

I had to get up early, because at 8 1/2 I arrived at the station. **Black Island**. An honor car stood opposite the train. from the Cavalry Regiment with Bezobrazov and the command of a separate Guards Detachment. Sat on

horse and rode to the 1st Guar. kav. division, lined up half a verst in the field. The shelves and three horse batteries presented themselves perfectly. The weather was fortunately good at 3 ° C. I ate with the chiefs of the units on the

stretch to **Volochisk**. There was almost. guard from L.-Gv. Lithuanian regiment, and the review was attended by: 3rd Guards. infantry. div., guar. the rifle division, their artillery, the Gvar battalion. The crew and L.-Gv. Sapern. b. It started raining, and because of the mud, the troops did not allow the cerem to pass. march. I was extremely pleased with the excellent view of the people and also the marching companies. About 2 hours. sat down to breakfast with the chiefs of the units. Then the train moved to st. **Podvolochisk**, where in honor, my company of the Preobrazhensky regiment was on guard. In the motor I drove through the town to the place of the third review in 3 ver. Then the 1st Guar introduced himself to me. the corps in its former composition of the 1st and 2nd infantry. divisions. Cerem. there was no march either, but he drove around all the units twice - first along the front, then in the middle, from where he thanked the officers and lower ranks. It got completely dark when I finished the detour and drove out to the middle, where the prayer for Fr. Shavelsky. Having said goodbye to the troops, he left for Podvolochisk. Received in the carriage the joint report of General-Advisor. Ivanov with gene. Sakharov under Bezobrazov. I dined with the third line of superiors. In total, 105 people were fed in this way. one day. At 9.30 I drove back under the best impression! At all three parades, I saw 84,000 people. only one guard. Help them, Lord!

*December 17th. Thursday.*

At one twenty in the morning we arrived in **Mogilev**. By 10 o'clock in the morning he settled in the governor's house. Here dear Alexei was especially lacking in their rooms, my bed is lonely in the bedroom and in the whole house no cheerful screams can be heard! At 10 1/4 I went to the report. After breakfast I read and received Sergei Mikhailovich. Walked in the kindergarten. Studied until 7 1/2. Dined without foreigners. I played dice.

*December 18th. Friday.*

The morning talk was rather long. After breakfast he received Stakhovich for horse breeding. I read, walked and wrote. Among others, Shebeko, a former ambassador from Bucharest, dined. I studied until tea.

*19th December. Saturday.*

Before the lecture, he received Bishop Constantine with donations from the clergy and monasteries. General Poe has arrived. After breakfast I received Reina. I did not walk long in the garden. Received a message from Georgie about my appointment as Field Marshal of the British Army. At 6 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil. I drove to the station from home in a troika, the weather was pleasant - 6 ° frost. At 10.10 I **left** for Orsha. To the 4th Army.

*December 20th. Sunday.*

At 9.30 am the train approached the **Zamirye** station . I was greeted by the chief in chief. The Western Front, General. Evert, teams, 3rd army - Lesh, com. 4th arm. Ragoza and other bosses. There was an excellent ground. guard from the 1st Life-Gren. Yekaterinoslavsky regiment. In the motor with gr. Fredericks [om] drove into the field 2 miles away. At the review, Kuropatkin commanded the troops. Combined battalions took part one by one from the division, combined batteries and hundreds from the 3rd and 4th armies. The troops passed the ceremony. march. and then they built up in a more intimate rest.

At this time, I was talking with a large group of officers - the Georgievsky cavalry. Thanking the troops, he returned to the train. Invited

all senior bosses for breakfast, cat. ended at 2 o'clock. I talked with Kuropatkin and for a long time with Evert. I walked a little along the platform. I saw how the company of the Yekaterinoslavsky regiment was leaving. Dined with teams. armies and corps commanders. Played dominoes in the evening.

*December 21st. Monday.*

At 9 o'clock. went in the engine forward to the combat area of the grenadier corps. Visited the 7 grn location. Samogit regiment, 5 gr. Kiev and 8th Gren. Moscow regiments - in the forest - very hidden from above. I

examined the gren observation post. mort. division, church and dugouts of officers and lower ranks. It was melting and it was raining. Returning, I drove into the house occupied by Kuropatkin's headquarters. Moved railway the road at the station. Pogoreltsy and got from the area of the 4th army to the area of the 3rd to the sector of the 9th corps. Then I had to go to the familiar walking places in the vicinity of Baranovichi. First, the 5th infantry visited the location. divisions and saw the Arkhangelsk and Vologda regiments in reserve, and then the 42nd Infantry. div. and shelves - Lutsk and Mirgorod. The look and spirit of the troops is beautiful. Returned to st. Pogoreltsy and there examined Purishkevich's feeding point and Comrade Mikhen. During tea we switched to st. Zamirie. I examined a small field hospital here. I read the papers. Only Evert and Ragoza dined. I played dice. The impression of the day is wonderful!

*December 22nd. Tuesday.*

Anastasia's birthday was very good. At 9 1/2 the train approached the station. **Usha**, on the cat. met: Evert and the commander of the Xth Army, Gen. Radkevich. There and then there was a splendid post. car. - my company of the Life-Erivan regiment. It was nice to see friends! I went with gr. Fred [eriks] to the place where representatives of the tenth army were inspected - from the 26th army, the 2nd Caucasus, the 3rd Siberian, the 38th and 44th (Osoverts) corps. The troops introduced themselves directly dapper. The weather was calm, 2 ° warm and foggy at first - the ground was solid, comfortable for passage. Got back on the train at 12 1/4. Then he fed all the chiefs of the units. In the afternoon he went out for a walk, bumped into the Erivans, chatted with them, visited the gene. Evert in his carriage and walked along the track for about half a mile. After tea I read. I dined with the corps commanders and played dice in the evening.

*December 23rd. Wednesday.*

In the morning the train passed Molodechno and at 9 1/2 stopped in **Vileika**. Here was the commander of the 2nd Army and Poch. guard from 113 infantry. Old Russian regiment. The weather was warm and even the sun peeped out for an hour and a half. Trenches, graves and other traces of the September battles during the breakthrough of the Germans to Molodechno were visible all around. Representatives from the 2nd Army took part in the review - a trace. corps: 4th Siberian, 5th arm., 20th arm., 27th arm. and Zb-th arm. corp., border guards and Cossacks of different troops. As elsewhere, the troops presented themselves in an excellent manner. After the parade, Evert was appointed adjutant general. He visited the hospital of the Georgievsky Community in Vileika, where 20 wounded were lying. I fed all the bosses with breakfast and drove back at 2 o'clock. At 5 1/2 in Minsk he received the ranks of the headquarters of the Western Front. There was also a post. car. from the 2nd Field Gendarme Squadron, celebrating its 100th anniversary this August. A blizzard with sleet began. He said goodbye to good Evert and went on to Orsha. In the evening I played dice.

*December 24th. Thursday.*

I slept for a long time. There was a blizzard at night, but the day was quiet at 1 ° C. I read the last papers brought to Orsha. Walked around at some stops. After 3 hours. entered the train Trepov, the cat. I called for a report. Arrived in **Tsarskoe Selo** at 5.35 - met by all the children. On arrival home I went upstairs with Alix; there was a common tree in the playing room!

Then we went together to the all-night vigil. After lunch I had to get busy. What a joy that I managed to come home for the holidays after such a successful trip to the armies of the Western Front.

*December 25th. Nativity.*

At 10 1/2 I went with the children to mass. Alix didn't go anywhere today, because she was tired of the preparations for the Christmas trees. We had breakfast alone. At 2 o'clock we went to the arena to the first Christmas tree for the Convoy, Consolidated Regiment, railroad. a regiment, a hundred Atamants and batteries and an aviation detachment. Although 1200 people participated, the distribution of gifts ended at 3 o'clock - the daughters stood in two shifts. I walked around the park, the weather was warm and dark. After tea I studied and cleared the table of all the packages. In the evening we sat together until tea.



*December 26th. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock. received Drenteln and said goodbye to him - he leaves for the regiment tomorrow. Walked until 11 o'clock. Then there were their reports; also saw gene. Williams. Fredericks was having breakfast. At 2 o'clock I went with the children to the 2nd Christmas tree in the arena. After her he walked until dark. Gregory sat with us before the all-night vigil. I read it after lunch. NP Sablin came from Podvolochisk to arrange his affairs and drank tea with us.

*December 28th. Monday.*

Quite a busy day. Walked for 1/4 hour until 11 o'clock. Received Grigorovich, vice-admiral Rusin and general-m. Kelchevsky, these two returned from a business trip to England and France. Then he received Naumov and Kryzhanovsky. Gabriel (dezh.) Had breakfast. Walked with Tatiana and Marie. The weather is mild with wind and snow. At 4 o'clock he received Taneev. At 6 o'clock. Goremykin. In the evening there was also Kulomzin with a New Year's report on the State Council.

*December 30th. Wednesday.*

The morning was busy and did not have time to go out into the garden. Received Khvostov (Yustits.) And Bark. Mom arrived for breakfast. At 2 o'clock she left, and half an hour later I said goodbye to Alix and the children and **went** to Headquarters. On the way took Khvostov - min. int. I felt lonely and read English. the book "*A millionaire girl*".

In the evening I played dice. The frost has increased to 10 °. The same people are going with me.

*December 31st. Thursday.*

At 9 1/2 o'clock he arrived in Mogilev and immediately went to **Headquarters**. After looking around, he went to the report. All foreigners with gene. At the head. I studied until 3 o'clock and took a walk in the garden. Then Alix wrote and read the book. At 11.45 I went to a prayer service for the New Year. I prayed fervently that the Lord would bless Russia with a final victory and strengthen our faith and patience !!!

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*1st January. Friday.*

I slept well. At 10 o'clock. went to mass, then there was a report. After breakfast I unsubscribed from the telegrams. I walked in the kindergarten, the day was good at -5 ° C. I was busy with papers until lunchtime. I read it in the evening.

*2nd January. Saturday.*

I slept well as usual in Mogilev. The report was short. After breakfast I read it. Walked from 3 to 4 hours. Alix wrote. I answered the last New Year's telegrams. After lunch I played dominoes with Nilov, Grabbe and Mordovin [ov].

*3rd January. Sunday.*

A blizzard raged at night; the garden and yard were covered with snow. At 10 o'clock. went to mass. Came from the lecture on time for breakfast. He wrote and took a walk; cleared the path of snow. English was read. book. The papers were late, I read them before dinner. In the evening I played dice.

*4th January. Monday.*

The frost increased, and it snowed from time to time. The report was short. Probably due to drifts, the train from Petrograd did not come and I did not have any papers today. He wrote, walked and read the same book with enthusiasm. In the evening I played dice.

*January 5th. Tuesday.*

I woke up with 15 ° frost and a sunny morning. I went to the report at 10 o'clock and then to the church for the consecration of water. About 12 o'clock. Shavelsky came into the house and sprinkled all the premises. After breakfast I accepted Shakhovsky's report. I had to read a double portion of papers, since two couriers arrived due to snow drifts yesterday. In the evening I played dominoes and then finished an interesting book "*A millionaire girl*".

*January 6th. Epiphany.*

It was 15 ° frost in the morning, 7 ° at noon, and 5 ° during my walk. After tea, I went to the bishop's service in the church, from where the procession descended to the Dnieper on the right side of the bridge. All parts of the garrison stood trellis, the battery fired 101 shots and airplanes flew overhead. The weather was calm and pleasant. At 11 1/2 I was already at the headquarters for a report. I read before walking and wrote after. In the evening [played] dice.

*January 7th. Thursday.*

The thaw has come. The report was short. On the Caucasian front, our offensive is proceeding successfully.

Kepri Kay is busy. The courier was late again; received letters and papers just before dinner. After the walk, he received Naumov and at 6 o'clock. Trenev, both arrived from Kiev. In the evening he took the beginning. Gene. Belyaev's headquarters. I read until 11 o'clock.

*January 8th. Friday.*

The thaw continued. I slept for a long time. After breakfast I read it. I took a walk. Alix wrote and at 4 o'clock went to the theater, where the cinema of the local educational institutions was arranged for the boys \*. Returned at 5 1/2 o'clock. I played dice in the evening.

\* Apparently, one should read: "... a cinema was arranged for the boys of the local educational institutions".

*January 9th. Saturday.*

Thaw and slush. Before the report, two officers and 16 Cossacks from the Kuban divisions, a cat. are assigned to the Convoy. After breakfast I read, took a walk and wrote a letter. At 6 1/4 I went to the all-night vigil. In the evening there was a game of dominoes.

*January 10th. Sunday.*

It is a perfect spring day, the snow is melting quickly. At 10 o'clock. to mass and then to the report. I took a walk in the garden after breakfast, but I can't turn around in it for a long time. I read and wrote a lot - I finished everything by 5 o'clock. After tea he received Mamantov with a report, and at 7 o'clock. General Callwell - Gen. quartermaster - eng. Chapters Headquarters, who arrived on operational issues. The admin also appeared. Phillimore. In the evening - bones.

*January 11th. Monday.*

Sunny day. The report was short, but the conversation with Alekseev lasted a long time. After breakfast - Phillimore. I took a walk. At 4 o'clock in the theater there was a repetition of the kinematics. for the second stage of pupils. The program is good. After tea, I finished reading the papers, the cat. came belatedly. In the evening I played dice.

*January 12th. Tuesday.*

Thaw with sleet. The report was short; managed to go out into the garden for a quarter of an hour. After breakfast, he said goodbye to the gene. Callwell leaving for England. Received by Met. Pitirima. I walked, read and wrote. In the evening - bones. So I spent Tatyana's name day.

*January 13th. Wednesday.*

Slush and darkness. After the report went to Fedorov, the cat. unwell. After breakfast I wrote, took a walk and read papers. A lot of important people dined - three chiefs of supply, book. Urusov is authorized. for refugees and the sanitary part of the South-West. front and Chelnokov - Mine. town. head. In the evening I went to see Voeikov, the cat. also unwell. I played dominoes in the evening.

*January 14th. Thursday.*

In the morning the 8th artillery bade farewell to the 1st battery. brigades, cat. the other day he is returning to his division. After the lecture I took a walk. During the day I wrote, I also walked and read. The weather was drier.

Before lunch he received Kaufman-Turk [Estanian]. After dinner, he said goodbye to foreigners and received Senator Krivtsov. At 9 1/2 moved to the **train**. I went to bed early.

*January 15th. Friday.*

At about 5 o'clock in the morning the train set off for Zhlobin and at 10 o'clock. went up to **Bobruisk**. On the platform I was met by: General Director. Evert and Gen. Ragoza. Poch. car. from the 1st Verkhneudinsk kaz. shelf. I went with gr. Frederick-s [th] to the place of the review of the 1st Trans-Baikal Cossack Division with the Kuban Kaz. division and 1st Zabayk. kaz. art. division [ohm]. The weather was sunny with a cold wind. The field was nasty with frozen puddles on the cat. the poor horses fell in heaps. Nevertheless, the passage was excellent and the people of Transbaikal introduced themselves in great order. I had breakfast at 12 1/2 with the superiors and filmed in a group at the station. At 3 o'clock I drove back to **Mogilev**, where I arrived at 8.40. I talked to Alekseev and then read the papers.

*January 16th. Saturday.*

The morning was sunny and frosty. Walked after tea between trains, where the sun was warming. At 10 o'clock. Alekseev's report began until 11.30. The gene also said goodbye to him. Pustovoitenko and drove to **Orsha** at noon. I had breakfast on the way. Arrived there at 1.45. Met: Evert, Radkevich and Smirnov. Poch. car. from the 2nd Uman regiment Kuban. kaz. troops.

I went in the motor to the place of the review one and a half versts away. The field was vast with a slight rise in the middle. Participated: 1st and 2nd Kuban and Ural Cossack divisions with three Don art. divisions. It was nice to see such a Cossack force in a small space! Both the Cossacks and the horses presented themselves in excellent shape - after a two-month rest! I returned to the train at 4 1/4 o'clock. I called all the superiors for a cup of tea and a cold snack. At 6 o'clock. drove north. I read and sat with Fedorov and Voeikov. After dinner I played dominoes.

*January 17th. Sunday.*

Got up early, after tea walked to the station. Semrino and then finished the morning papers he had sent. At 12 o'clock I arrived at **Tsarskoe Selo**. All the children met. Great joy [to be] home again. We had breakfast immediately. I put my things in order and went to the park with Olga and Maria. The weather was mild - at zero. After tea I studied and finished everything for dinner. In the evening I began aloud the same book "*A millionaire girl*".

*January 18th. Monday.*

Life here went straight into a rut. After the morning papers I took a walk. The weather was mild. Accepted: Grigorovich and Naumov. At 2 1/2 o'clock Sturmer, who was offered the post of chairman of the Council of Ministers. I talked with him about all the most important issues. Walked with Maria. Misha arrived at 4 1/2 and drank tea with him. After that, he accepted the good old Goremykin, for the last time, as Preds. Sov. min. I read until 8 o'clock. All evening I read aloud to Alix and my daughters.

*January 19th. Tuesday.*

Walked for twenty minutes. Accepted by: Polivanova, gr. Kokovtsov and Khan of Nakhichevan. Breakfast: Sergey Mikhailovich, Gabriel (dezh.). Walked with Maria and Anastasia. At 4 1/4 I went to the city to see Mama; she had just returned from the consecration of the English infirmary at Ella's home. He returned to Ts. S. with Olga and Tatiana. Received Sazonov. After dinner I read it. Rodionov drank tea.

*January 20th. Wednesday.*

Today Sturmer's appointment came out. After the morning papers, I did not take a walk for long. Accepted by: Trepov and Khvostov. Breakfast: Sandro Leicht [Enberg] and Kazakevich (dezh.). Did a little walk with Maria and Anastasia and then did a little snow work at last year's place. After tea he received the fat Khvostov. We dined alone. Grigory sat with us for an hour. Then he began to read the book aloud.

*January 21st. Thursday.*

Light frost and gray weather. Walked for twenty minutes. Received by: Mamantov, Kryzhanovsky and Volzhin. After breakfast, Sir George Buchanan sat with me for a long time. I took a walk with T [atyana], M [aria] and A (nastasia). Sonya Den was drinking tea. From 6 hours. received Shakhovsky. Then I read it and then began to work on an English book.

*January 22nd. Friday.*

In the morning Grabbe introduced me to two distinguished Kuban officers. and Terek troops attached to the Convoy. Made a short walk. Accepted: Varka, Kharitonova, cat. asked for dismissal, and Nikolsky on the affairs of the Caucasian governorship. After breakfast there were also: the military agent [ent] in Romania Tatarinov and the Swede Wallenberg. I took a walk and started working on building a snow tower. At 6 o'clock. received Ignatiev. In the evening I read aloud.

*January 23rd. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock. accepted Markov and after a short walk - Polivanov, sub. Anders, going to France, and Fredericks. We had breakfast with him. At 2 o'clock he received a deputy with Alexei. Ural Cossacks. Then there was Sturmer with the first report and for a few minutes Khvostov - Int. cases. Walked and worked. After tea he said goodbye to IL Goremykin. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. After lunch I studied and read aloud.

*January 24th. Sunday.*

Graduated from the paper by 10 o'clock. and went with all the daughters to the city. The morning was sunny at 5 ° C. We went to Xenia on the occasion of her name day. Mom arrived shortly after. Were at mass. We had breakfast with all the children, Nikolai, Sergei and the ladies-in-waiting. He sat until 2 1/4 and then returned to Tsarskoe Selo with Maria and Anastasia. I walked around the whole park. Rodionov drank tea with us. Received by A.S. Botkin. I studied before and after lunch. From 10 am I read the book aloud.

*January 25th. Monday.*

The same warm weather. Did a little walk. Received Grigorovich and Naumov. Vilkitsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 o'clock a deputation of workers of the Petrograd [hellish] car-building plant was presented, cat. brought up the image of St. George the Victorious. Then there was Trepov, who returned from the place of the collision of trains to M.V. Misha was drinking tea. Received Kulomzin and Pokrovsky - the future State. controller. In the evening I read aloud.

*January 26th. Tuesday.*

Accepted reports - Polivanova and Taneyev. After breakfast I had Boris. I walked with M [aria] and A [nastasia] and did a good job in the snow. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. After dinner we saw Gregory; studied, read aloud and finished this good book.

*January 27th. Wednesday.*

Made a little walk; the weather was more like March - either sun or sleet. At 11 o'clock I received it, before breakfast there was a report from Khvostov (Yust.). At 2 o'clock I went with all my daughters to the city and straight to Winter. Walked around the halls, into the cat. an infirmary was set up for 750 wounded, and today there were 450 of them. I liked everything I saw. We were 1/4 hour late to Mom, where Misha was drinking tea. They took him with them to Tsarskoe. He dined with us. At 7 o'clock. accepted the new Gosud. controller - Pokrovsky. I studied all evening.

*January 28th. Thursday.*

The day was sunny. Walked for 20 minutes. Accepted by: Barca and Zane. T. Mikhen had breakfast. When the three of them stayed with her, she talked about Boris for a long time! He took the Englishman Stopford and walked with Tatiana. I was packing my things. After tea I accepted Sturmer's report and finished the papers. I said goodbye at home to the road Alix, and to the children on the train at 10 o'clock. **left.**

*January 29th. Friday.*

By 10 o'clock arrived at the station. Towers before reaching Dvinsk. Met: Plehve and Gurko - com. 5th Army. Poch. car. - my company of the Kabardin regiment. In 4 ver. there was a review - participated: a regiment of representatives from all parts of the 5th army, the 1st brig. 2nd Kaval., 1st brig. 5th Kaval., 15th Kaval. division, 4th Don Kaz. and 10th end. art. and 5 Don Kaz. art. divisions. Parts found in excellent condition and order. I drove around them twice and thanked them for their service. I got on the train at one o'clock. I had breakfast with the superiors and then took Plehve. Walked with the adjutant wing. on the highway. At 5 1/2 we set off for Dvinsk and further to Polotsk. The day was not cold, it was melting and at times it was snowing. Played dominoes in the evening.

*January 30th. Saturday.*

We spent the night at the station. Sirotino. By 11 o'clock. came to st. Drissa. There were: Evert, Smirnov - com. 1st Army and in soil. car. squadron of the 14th drag. Little Russian regiment. The viewing point is 3/4 versts. It was attended by: 1st Cavalry Corps Oranovsky - 8th, 14th cavalry. and the Siberian Cossack divisions, the 1st and 2nd scooter companies and a battalion from the regiments of the new 124th infantry. divisions. All parts presented

themselves in excellent condition, equestrian composition in excellent bodies. The clothes and equipment are downright dapper. I fed the bosses with a variety of snacks. At 4 o'clock I left for the former night parking of the station. Sirotino. The courier arrived. In the evening I played dice.

*January 31st. Sunday.*

At 11 o'clock. arrived at the station. **Borkovichi**, where they expected: Evert, Litvinov and Poch. car. from the 13th Drag. Military Order of the regiment. The survey was near the village. It was attended by: 6th and 13th cavalry. divisions and the 11th scooter company and the 6th and 12th cavalry artillery divisions. All introduced themselves perfectly in all respects - the soul rejoiced at such a state of so many cavalry workers and after 17 months of war! I fed all the chiefs with breakfast; said goodbye to them and left at 3 o'clock. I was *busy with* papers and reading *Le mystere de la chambre jaune* . I played dice. At 11 o'clock he arrived in **Mogilev** and walked along the platform.

## Started at Ts. Headquarters

*1st February. Monday. 1916 g.*

At 10 o'clock. moved from the train to **Stavka** directly to the report. Sergey had breakfast and Williams was the only foreigner. I put the rooms in order and went to the garden. Walked an hour of time. I studied before and after tea. Alix wrote in the evening.

*2nd February. Tuesday.*

I went to mass and then to the report. After breakfast I finished my letter and at 3 o'clock set off with some companions past the old Headquarters, from there on foot further along the highway. A blizzard began. Came home at 4 1/2. Was reading a book.

Good news comes from the Caucasus - four fortifications of the Eastern Front of Erzurum have been taken by our troops! In the evening he studied, received Alekseev for a while and played dominoes.

*3rd February. Wednesday.*

Today the Lord sent down His mercy - **Erzurum** - the only Turkish stronghold - was taken by storm by our heroic troops after a five-day battle! I learned about this from Nikolasha at 2 1/4 o'clock as soon as I got up from the table. Before the lecture, I had Alec, who at 12 o'clock at the platform showed tests of various gas masks and bandages. It was snowing all day. I did not walk in the kindergarten for long and read a lot. After tea Trepov had a report with me. In the evening I played naughty at the bones.

*4th February. Thursday.*

The thaw began, the second part of the day was sunny. After breakfast I studied, walked for almost an hour and wrote to Alix. I read until 7 o'clock, and before lunch I received Ozerov, the cat. reported on a business trip to inspect the spare battalions of the Kazan military. districts. Telegrams are coming from everywhere about the capture of Erzurum! Played dominoes in the evening.

*February 5th. Friday.*

Nice clear day. The report was not particularly lengthy. Plehve will be replaced by Kuropatkin.

After breakfast I took the gene. Adlerberg, too, on a business trip to Kazan c. env. I read it and at 3 o'clock set off for the Dnieper along the Gomel highway, where I walked 5 versts at exactly one hour. After tea I studied. At 7 o'clock he received Kuropatkin, and after lunch gr. Bobrinsky. I played dominoes in the evening.

*February 6th. Saturday.*

All night and morning it was shallow in the yard, a lot of snow fell. The report was not particularly lengthy. After breakfast he received Dubensky. I read, walked for half an hour and wrote to Alix. After tea I went to the all-night vigil. From 9 o'clock to 9 1/2 I had a gene. bar. Ropp with a report on a business trip to M.V.R. road. Moved onto the **train**.

*7th February. Sunday.*

By 10 o'clock. the train approached the station **Selavino**, where they met Evert and Litvinov at the post. guard from the 7th Siberian Kaz. shelf. I rode with Fredericks in a closed engine along a heavy road covered with snow to the viewing site 37 miles away. The entire 1st Siberian corps and a regiment of representatives from the 1st and 34th armies took part. buildings. All parts have passed the ceremony. march. Great; Siberians are only three weeks in reserve on vacation. I was terribly happy to see my Siberian riflemen and my company in the Poch. guard at the headquarters of the 1st Siberian. divisions in the **Dunilovich borough**. There in the house of gr. The Tyshkevichs were treated to a good breakfast. About four o'clock. got ready for the return trip. It threw incredibly in the engine, was happy to get on the train. I left at 6 1/2 o'clock through Polotsk to Dvinsk, etc. In the evening I played dominoes.

*February 8th. Monday.*

I slept well and woke up to Luga. I arrived in **Tsarskoe Selo** at 11.30 and was greeted by my daughters. At home he hugged Alix and Alexei. We had breakfast and dinner alone. Walked with Maria and Anastasia. I did a lot. George, who returned on February 6 [evral] from Japan, drank tea and told a lot of interesting things about the trip. At 6 1/4 he received Sturmer, and at 10 o'clock he also read Sazonov.

*February 9th. Tuesday.*

In the morning he took a walk and received Polivanov. We had breakfast at 12 1/2, after which I went to Petrograd directly to the Tavrishesky dv. A thanksgiving service was served on the occasion of the capture of Erzurum, said a greeting to the members of the Duma, examined the halls and left for Anichkov. Sat for half an hour with Mama and returned to Ts. Selo at 4 1/4. Walked a little. After tea I studied. At 7.50 I again went to the city - to the State Council - also for a prayer service before the start of classes. He examined the new hall and the premises of the new annex, said greetings to the members of G. S., and returned home at 10 o'clock. An original and lucky day!

*February 10th. Wednesday.*

I got up quite late, and studied at 10 o'clock. received Grigorovich. I took a walk. From 11 o'clock. I had: Volzhin, Khvostov - [minister] of justice and Khvost [s] - [minister] int. cases. After breakfast he received Neklyudov, the envoy to Sweden. Was supposed to leave at 3 o'clock, but due to a train crash on the M.V.R. the departure had to be postponed until 6 o'clock. Walked with Tatiana. After tea he said goodbye to dear Alix; with all the children arrived at the station and at 6 o'clock. set **off** along the Warsaw [Avskoy road] to Pskov. Dined at 7 1/2 and played dominoes.

*February 11th. Thursday.*

I slept for a long time and took a walk at the Yezernishche station before tea. I read and also walked in Vitebsk and Orsha. The day was sunny. Arrived at 4 o'clock in **Mogilev** and was greeted, apart from ordinary persons, by all the commanders-in-chief and their chiefs of staff. Immediately upon arrival at the house, he received Alekseev and at 6

o'clock went to the headquarters, where a military conference was held until 8 o'clock. All its participants and foreigners dined. At 9 1/2 the meeting resumed and ended at 12 1/2 o'clock.

*February 12th. Friday.*

At 10 o'clock. at the entrance of the headquarters he started with Kuropatkin, Evert, Ivanov and the chiefs of staff. I said goodbye to them and went to the report. The weather was unpleasant with wind and snow.

After breakfast Sandro came to see me with a report. I walked in the garden and wrote. In the evening, I received the adm. filimora and then played dice.

*February 13th. Saturday.*

Holiday of my Leib-Ulan. In the morning he received the old book publisher Sytin. At 10 1/2 I went to my report and an hour later returned to my room. After breakfast he received Boris with a report. Walked in the sun, the day was with a strong wind. Dmitry drove in and drank tea. At 6 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil. In the evening I read English. book and played.

*February 14th. Sunday.*

In the morning I went to mass, then there was a short report and a large breakfast. At 2 1/2 I set off with my companions on the road to Orsha and walked 5 versts beautifully. The sun was warm and the air was invigorating. After tea, I read a little before lunch and in the evening, and then played dice.

*February 15th. Monday.*

Great sunny day. After the lecture, Alix wrote. At 2.45 I set off on the road to Orsha a little further than yesterday and walked to the post station on the hill. Misha was drinking tea. Georgy Mikhailovich arrived from Petrograd. I studied the whole evening.

*February 16th. Tuesday.*

The same sunny frosty day. Before the lecture, I had Misha, a cat. goes to the army to take command of the 2nd Cavalry Corps. After breakfast he received Botkin, a sailor. At 2 1/2 I went to the highway to Gomel and passed 6 ver. per hour from 1/4. After tea I went to the theater, where there was a cinema for girls. At 7 o'clock he took the gene. Paquet, cat. brought me a field marshal's baton from Georgie. After lunch, Georgy Mikhailovich visited me. In the evening I played dice.

*February 17th. Wednesday.*

After morning tea he received Veselkin. The report was short. At 2 o'clock the gene came to me. By. Then he moved to the **train**. Now he went for a walk and walked around the old Headquarters. The day was radiant, but frosty and with the same wind. Bye with Alexeyev and all the mourners and at 4 o'clock **I set off** to the north. I was busy with papers and reading for my own pleasure, finished the book "*The room of secrets*". Played dominoes in the evening.

*February 18th. Thursday.*

I got up about 9 o'clock. After tea I took a walk at the bus stop at the station. Semrino. It was clear and frosty. At 11 o'clock. came with joy to **Tsarskoe Selo**. With all the children from the station home. Alix feels better, but coughs occasionally. Walked for a long time and worked with the sailors at the snow tower, the cat. became enormous for my absence. After 6 o'clock. studied and finished everything that lay on the desk. In the evening he began aloud in English. book "*The woman in a motor car*".



*19th February. Friday.*

At 10 o'clock. accepted Alec. I read and walked for a quarter of an hour. There were the usual two reports. We ate breakfast alone and ate pancakes. Worked on the tower. At 4.15 I went to the city to see Mom. She had a cold and hasn't come out for a whole week. Aunt Olga and Ksenia were drinking tea. He returned at 7 o'clock. I finished everything before dinner. In the evening I read aloud.

*20th February. Saturday.*

At 10 o'clock he received the commander of the 7th grenadier Samo [gitsky] regiment of the flig.-ad. Tsvetsinsky. I took a walk. At 11 o'clock. I had: a leaving Romanian soldier. agent, Polivanov, Sturmer and Pokotilo. Paquet and lord Pembroke had breakfast. Then he received engineer-general Petrov. Worked

with daughters and sailors. Uncle Pavel was drinking tea. At 6 1/2 I went to the night. After lunch, I studied until 10 o'clock and then read aloud.

*February 21st. Sunday.*

He got up late, but managed to finish his papers before mass. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Took the gene. Bukovsky, wing. Kvitsinsky and fl.-ad. gr. Zamoysky. For a long time he worked with children at the tower. At 5 1/2 o'clock there were cinematic photographs of the British army and navy - very interesting. Buchanan and our wives were present.

We returned to our home at 7.45. After lunch I studied and then read aloud.

*February 22nd. The beginning of Great Lent.*

Frosty sunny day. At 10 o'clock. received Naumov. At 11 1/2 I went with the children to the clock in the Cave Church. They began to fast. Vilkitsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. Took the wing. gr. Kutaisov. Did a good job on the tower. After tea, there was a report by Prince. Shakhovsky, because of whom he was late for half an hour for service. After lunch I studied and read 1 aloud.

*February 23rd. Tuesday.*

In the morning he received Polivanov. At 2 o'clock Rodzianko, at 6 o'clock Sazonov. Dmitry Sheremetev (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. He worked with others at the tower, the cat. making good progress. I studied until 10 o'clock, then I read.

*February 24th. Wednesday.*

Ignatiev's report before mass. After breakfast Khvostov- [Minister of] Justice. Did a good job in the snow. At 5 o'clock I had Nilov. I read it after lunch. We saw Gregory.

*February 25th. Thursday.*

At 10 o'clock. took wing adjut. Wrangel, commander of the 1st Nerchinsk Kaz. shelf and then Alec. I arrived at the service in due time. Walked and worked. The weather was gray at 2 ° C. After tea he received Botkin, a sailor, and Pokrovsky, Gosud. controller. In the evening I studied and read aloud for a long time.

*February 26th. Friday.*

At 11 o'clock. went to the city to see Mom. Since she is unwell and Ksenia too, he stood mass in the Anichkov Church. one. At 2 1/2 I went back with Trepov, and on the way there, I received Bark. He worked with daughters and sailors. The weather was good. At 6 1/2 went to the service. Silaev (dezh.) Dined. In the evening we confessed.

*February 27th. Saturday.*

Today we were honored to partake of the Holy Mysteries of Christ. After tea he took a walk; at 12 o'clock. took Markov and then gr. Fredericks, cat. had breakfast with us. At 2 o'clock I had the American Ambassador Marne on the occasion of his recall. I worked long and hard on the tower. After tea he received Igor and Tolya Baryat [inskys]. Appointed Igor as an aide-de-camp. I read before lunch and long after lunch. We finished reading together "*The woman in a [motor] car*".

*February 28th. Sunday.*

In the morning I finished all the papers. At 10 1/2 we went to mass. Vice-Admiral Kanin, Commander of the Baltic Sea Fleet, had breakfast. At 21/2 I examined the building of the War Chamber, built at the expense of the old woman Tretyakova. Then he took a walk with Tatyana, the weather was gray and mild. At 4 o'clock he received Bezobrazov on questions about the guard. We drank tea with Dmitry. At 5 1/2 there was French cinema - very interesting films of war and even battles. In addition to ours, Palaeologus was also present. I read it before and after lunch. In the evening I began aloud a new book "*In white raiment*".

*February 29th. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock he received Sturmer; after 10 minutes. walks - Grigorovich, Alexey Obolensky and Naumov. Breakfast: Georgy Mikhailovich and John (dezh.). At 2 o'clock he received Palaeologus and then a deputation from the Caucasian army, which brought the keys of Erzurum and 9 Turkish flags. Worked on the tower. Until 5 o'clock he received Alec and the new envoy to Norway Gulkevich. Alix had a severe pain in her face for a whole day, only in the evening she went into another room. At 6 o'clock he received Taneev and after him Maklakov. Dined: Dmitry and John. I played billiards and read in the evening.

*1st March. Tuesday.*

At 10 1/4 he went with Olga, Tatiana, and D. Pavel to the city and to the fortress for the funeral mass of Anpapa and Anmama. The entire family was in the cathedral. Four of us had breakfast at Mom's. We returned to Tsarskoe Selo by 3 o'clock. I went with my daughters to work at the tower. The day was wonderful, sunny and warm. At 6 o'clock he received Sazonov and then Volzhin until 8 o'clock. I studied for a long time and read aloud.

*2nd March. Wednesday.*

From the very tea I read, wrote to Nikolasha, received Boris, Admiral Bestuzhev, Sturmer, Shebeko and Kozlov from Mongolia. I hardly saw Alix; said goodbye to her and went to the station with the children in a sleigh. At 12 o'clock. set off on a **trip** through Tosna along the Nikolaev railway. e. Walked at two stations. I read a lot. The head is tired from the last days. After dinner I played dice.

*3rd March. Thursday.*

I slept well and got up about 10 o'clock. After tea I took a walk at the bus stop on the Alexandrovskaya road. In Orsha I went to the echelon of L.-Gv. Lithuanian regiment, cat. goes to Rezitsa. At 2.45 he arrived in **Mogilev** and went straight to Headquarters. I stayed at the lecture until 5 1/4 o'clock. After tea I studied. Dined: Georgy Mikh (aylovich), all the same and foreigners. In the evening I talked to the gene. Williams and F.F. Palitsyn. I played dominoes for a while.

*4th of March. Friday.*

Got up early and finished Alix's letter. The report was long and interesting. After breakfast I read it and at 2 1/2 went along the highway to Gomel and there walked 6 versts with his companions. The weather is gray and light thaw. I studied until lunch, then took Solovovo and played dice.

*5th March. Saturday.*

The same damp foggy weather. The report lasted until breakfast time. I studied during the day, walked in the kindergarten and wrote to Alix. At 6 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil. After lunch I studied and played dominoes.

*6th March. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock. went to mass, then to the report. After breakfast, he said goodbye to Pilz, the former governor, now appointed comrade of the mines. ext. cases. I studied until 3 o'clock. I left the Dnieper and walked along the highway to Orsha. After tea I talked with Fedorov and then with Kaufman. Gene. Callwell and Major Sykes dined. He took the latter at home - he is an excellent connoisseur of Asia Minor. I drank tea after 11 o'clock.

*7th March. Monday.*

Two days ago, our offensive began on the right flank of the Western Front, it is developing slowly, with heavy losses. Lord, help and bless our valiant troops! \* I sat at the headquarters all morning. Walked along the Bobruisk highway.

After tea I studied. Played dominoes in the evening.

\* In the original, a cross is depicted in this place.

*8th March. Tuesday.*

During the previous day, in some places our troops were supposed to be delayed, and in other sectors they managed to move forward. After breakfast I studied. At 3 o'clock I went for a walk across the Dnieper. It was melting strongly, but the sun is still not visible. At 5 1/2 I went to the theater - there was a very good cinema. After lunch, he received the General - Ad. Trepova. In the evening I played dice.

*March 9th. Wednesday.*

It was not a spring day at all - a storm was blowing and snow and rain fell. The movement of the troops is slow - snow and fog interfered with the firing of artillery. After breakfast Alix wrote, took a short walk in the kindergarten, and read, finishing the papers by 5 o'clock. Among others, Kirill and N.P. Sablin had dinner, with a cat. spoke after dinner. In the evening I played dice.

*March 10th. Thursday.*

By noon, it began to freeze and in the afternoon it reached 4 °. Late for breakfast from the report. I read until 2 1/2 o'clock. I went for a walk along the road to Orsha; an unpleasant wind was blowing. Before lunchtime, I received Trepov, the [Minister] of Railways. Alix wrote and played dominoes.

*March 11th. Friday.*

The weather was bad with wind and snow. After breakfast I took the gene. bar. Roppa. At 3 o'clock I went out into the garden to watch the ice explosions on the Dnieper. Saw two and then returned home to read; at this time followed by a third very strong explosion, the cat. shook the whole house. At 5 o'clock. went to the theater, showed

a familiar English tape. I went home for dinner. In the evening I spoke with Shuvaev - I am thinking of appointing him Minister of War.

*March 12th. Saturday.*

The thaw has come. The report was very interesting and lengthy. Among others, Andrei, who was driving from the Southwestern Front, was having breakfast. After the papers I drove along the highway to Orsha to the first station and from there back 5 1/2 versts on foot. At 6 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil with the worship of the Cross. I spent the whole evening studying at my place.

*March 13th. Sunday.*

The day was radiant. At 10 1/4 to mass and then to the report. After breakfast I read hastily and for about 3 hours. went for the railway. the station, from where on foot further along the highway and everything to the left by the field road back to the military platform, where he arrived at 5 o'clock. The air was wonderful. After tea I studied. Received Boris before lunchtime. Then he read and played dominoes in the evening.

*March 14th. Monday.*

In the morning there was fog after a frosty night; the sun came out in the afternoon. Shuvaev's appointment as Minister of War has become known here today. After breakfast I took it, and then the gene. Manikovsky. He wrote. Up to 3 hours. went beyond the Dnieper and walked well with Voyik [ov] and V. Dolgor [ukov]. At 6 o'clock. received Naumov. After lunch - FF Trepov, who returned from Berdichev from NI Ivanov. In the evening I played a little dice.

*March 15th. Tuesday.*

The fog lingered all day. Three chiefs of supply, among others, had breakfast. After breakfast I finished all my papers and at 3 o'clock I drove out of town and walked along the highway to Bobruisk. At 6 1/2 Alekseev came to see me. After dinner he wrote and then played dominoes.

*March 16th. Wednesday.*

Due to the extraordinary difficulty of our troops to conduct an offensive against the strongest German positions in the present-day growth of snow, above the knee in the water, it was ordered to suspend the attack until more favorable soil and weather conditions. The whole day there was a fog, harshly acting on me. **The Dnieper began to pass.** At 3 o'clock I went to Orsha and made a familiar walk from the estate to the river, where there was thick ice. Before lunch I read, and after that I wrote until 11 o'clock. I drank tea with everyone.

*March 17th. Thursday.*

After the report, it became clear that I could leave for a short time. At the end of breakfast he was received by the vice-administrator. Ugryumov on cases of transportation from Arkhangelsk in the presence of Alekseev and Rusin. At 3 1/4 I drove along the highway to Bobruisk and walked to the monastery and further to the steep bank of the Dnieper. From there, a muddy and wet road back along the line of the trenches. After tea, Fr. Shavelsky. In the evening I read and played dominoes.

*March 18th. Friday.*

Again a foggy day. At the beginning of the report, he received Rusin at the headquarters under Alekseev. After breakfast they came to see me: Kaznakov, Nechvolodov and, finally, Stakhovich. In the pouring rain I drove to the station and at 4 o'clock **left** Mogilev. The sun appeared near Orsha, from there I drove further along the Aleksandrovskaya railway. dor. I read it until lunchtime. In the evening - bones.

*19th March. Saturday.*

About 9 o'clock. went to the Nikolaev railway. It was raining in the morning. Walked at some stations. I read all my free time "*Le parfum de la dame en noir*". About 3 o'clock. the sun came out. At 7 o'clock. arrived in Ts. Selo and went home with all the children. Alix felt good. After lunch I studied and then read aloud.

*20th March. Sunday.*

It was so nice to see the bright sun today. I read the morning papers at 10 1/2 we all went to mass together. We went for a walk at 1/2 hour. Alix rode in a sled, and I walked alongside my daughters. We examined the snow tower, the cat. became huge. Then he chopped the ice with O [Iga], T [atyana], M [aria] and A [nastasia] at the old place near the bridge. We drank tea together, since all the children were in Ani's infirmary. I read until 8 o'clock. and finished everything. Dined: she \* and Silaev (dezh.). In the evening I read aloud for a long time.

\* An arrow is drawn from the word "she" in the original to the word "Any".

*March 21st. Monday.*

In the morning I walked for a quarter of an hour, it was foggy. By 2 o'clock. the sun came out. Accepted the reports of Grigorovich and Ignatiev. Dmitry was having breakfast. They zealously chopped the ice together with the sailors; as a result of long work with a crowbar in my hands, the pen trembles and the handwriting is senile. I went to the city to see Mom, found her in a great mood, but she had not left her rooms yet. Returned to Ts. S. at 7 1/2 o'clock. After dinner we sat upstairs with Alexei. In the evening I read aloud and finished English. book "*In white raiment*".

*March 22nd. Tuesday.*

Warm gray day. Alec arrived at 10 o'clock, after which he took a walk. He accepted the first report of Shuvaev, then two senators: Korostovets and Artsimovich, and the last one was Sturmer. Igor (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. I sat at Alexei's, his arm ached a little. I did a good job with my daughters and sailors on the ice, they cut down a decent space on the pond. We drank tea in the large living room by the window. At 6 o'clock. received Sazonov. I studied until 8 o'clock. In the evening I pasted a photo. to the album.

*March 23rd. Wednesday.*

A wonderful spring day - 9 ° in the shade! Walked for half an hour. Received many and two reports - Khvostov and Bulygin. Kostya (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. 2 1/4 to 5 hours stayed in the air. They chopped and lowered the ice under the bridge, setting up dams on purpose. D. Pavel drank tea. At 6 o'clock he accepted the adjutant-general. Panteleev, and at 7 o'clock. book Golitsyn-Muravlin. After lunch, I studied until 10 1/4. I began to read aloud "*The man who was dead*".

*March 24th. Thursday.*

Today is a clear day with a cold north. by the wind. Walked for half an hour. Accepted reports: Mamantov, Kaufman and Volzhin, and between them - Drobyszgin and the regiment. Henrici. Olga came from Kiev, had breakfast, walked and drank tea with us. At 2 o'clock he received the new Greek envoy Panas. Everyone worked on ice. At 5 1/2 o'clock he received Taneev. Let's go to the all-night vigil. After lunch I studied and then read aloud.

*March 25th. Friday.*

Frosty sunny day. In the morning Petya arrived and talked about Olga. At 10 1/2 we went to mass. Dmitry (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received a long report from Bark. Went out into the garden at 2 1/2 and worked with my daughters

on the ice. At 4 o'clock, the two of us went to the city. We drank tea at Mom's with Ksenia and Olga. I said goodbye to them. At 7 1/4 we returned to Ts. Selo. Received Trepov. I studied for a long time after lunch. I read it aloud.

*March 26th. Saturday.*

A very busy morning. From 10 o'clock. up to an hour received: Markov, Pokrovsky, Shuvaev, Shakhovsky, F.F. Trepov and Fredericks. He and c. Kutaisov (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 o'clock he received the Spanish ambassador gr. Cartagena and then an officer and sergeant-major of the Trans-Baikal army. About 3 hours. we went together to the Sign, after which Alix sat by the bridge and watched our work with ice. It was a great day. Returning home, we sat together, and by 5 o'clock. everyone accompanied me **to the train**. The same Dmitry Pav (lovich) is traveling with me.

*March 27th. Sunday.*

Early in the morning I drove through Moscow, then Tula, Orel and Kursk. The further it got, the colder it got, despite the sun. Read all day and finished "*The man who was dead*". Walked at some stations. By evening, the frost increased. I played dice like yesterday.

*March 28th. Monday.*

The morning was clear and warm, the air was quite spring. I walked to a certain place. stations. After breakfast, the sky clouded over and it started raining. In Proskurov I saw the 6th squadron of the L.-GV. Equestrian regiment, cat. going to the Severn, front. From Proskurov to Kamenets-Pod (Olsky), the train dragged itself like a tortoise, since the road was recently built. All [day] I read and graduated from "*Le parium de la dame en noir*". At the end of lunch I arrived in **Kamenets-Podolsk**. Brusilov and Poch. guard from the 1st Za-am [ur] infantry. shelf. I talked to Brusilov and then saw Misha. I went to bed early.

*March 29th. Tuesday.*

All night and all day there was a storm and storms of hail and rain came. At 9 o'clock. sat down with gr. Fredericks [om] into the engine and set off through the familiar Kam [enets] -Podolsk along the highway through the Dniester and the mountains. **Hotin** five miles. There, on an excellent field, a **review** took place : **the** 11th arm. and the 3rd kaval. buildings, vault. battalion from the 12th arm. corps, 2nd Yekaterinodar p. and Turkmenian con. shelf. All the troops presented themselves in excellent condition. In Khotin he visited two hospitals and had breakfast in the building of the district nobility, meetings. The sun came out at the end. Got back on the train by 5 1/2 o'clock. much sooner than going there. I was very pleased with the time spent. I did. At 8 o'clock the senior combatant commanders dined: Brusilov, gr. Keller, c. Barantsov and gene. Krylov and others. In the evening he played dice.

*March 30th. Wednesday.*

The weather became warmer, the wind died down and the sun came out from behind the clouds. At 9.40 I set off along the same road to Khotin, where halfway there was a review of the new 3rd Zaamur infantry. divisions. She introduced herself wonderfully. When I went around the regiments and said goodbye to them, shots of our guns rang out in the distance at the Austrian airplane, the cat. threw bombs on bridges on the Dniester and ended up in the pontoon m. He visited two hospitals in the city and the sick Lechitsky - he has an inflammation in the lung. I had breakfast with my superiors and at 2 1/2 **left Kamenets-Pod [Olsky]**. I really like the city and its surroundings - since last year! I arrived in Proskurov at 7 o'clock. In the afternoon I was driving with the windows open. I read the book "*Through the Postern Gate*" with interest . In the evening I played dominoes.

*March 31st. Thursday.*

I woke up at 5 o'clock. in the morning, I saw Kiev at sunrise and a huge flood of the Dnieper. Got up late. Dealt with the papers of two couriers. Received two letters from dear Alix. Read and finished English. book. It was a spring

day. Walked well after breakfast. At 9 1/2 I arrived in **Mogilev** - was greeted by the commanders-in-chief and their chief who had gathered. headquarters. Received for a short time Alekseev. I drank tea with everyone and took out all my things and papers.

*1st April. Friday.*

At 10 o'clock. a meeting with the commanders-in-chief began in the morning; Sergei and N.I. Ivanov were present. The break was made for breakfast and the meeting resumed at 2 1/4 and continued until 5 1/2. The day was warm, I wanted to go out into the air terribly. At 6 o'clock I rode out on a motor and walked along the heavily flooded Dnieper. After dinner, he said goodbye to Kuropatkin, Evert and Brusilov. I read it and went to bed early, tired.

*2nd April. Saturday.*

Got up at 8 1/4 and read a lot before tea. At 10 o'clock Boris was with me and at 10 1/2 went to the headquarters for a report. After breakfast he received Shuvaev. At 3 o'clock I went along the highway to Orsha and made a good walk towards the fields to the post station. At 6 o'clock he went to the all-night vigil and returned with a willow. After lunch he received Grigorovich and studied for a long time.

*3rd April. Palm Sunday.*

A great warm day with strong winds. At 10 o'clock. went to mass. Then there was the report, which ended in time for breakfast. I received Grigorovich for a while, read the papers and at 3 o'clock went to our railway station. dor. platform, from where he made a good walk around the bishop's dacha and then with his right shoulder around the beautiful places back. Returned to 5 o'clock. After tea he received Adlerberg and then Ozerov to inspect the reserve battalions. In the evening he studied and drank tea.

*4th April. Monday.*

I went to church in the morning and in the evening. Until 12 o'clock. it was raining. After breakfast I read, walked in the garden and wrote to Alix. Before dinner he received a Japanese naval deputation. In the evening I played dominoes and then made a *puzzle*.

*5th April. Tuesday.*

Leaving for a walk I learned about the capture of Trebizond by the detachment of Mr. Lyakhov with the energetic assistance of the courts by Cherny. fleet. Very good news! At 3 o'clock I went on a new motor boat put. message under the bridge and up to a familiar place. The current is huge and the flood seems to be larger. The thunderstorm has passed, we got wet with rain. We returned by 5 o'clock. After lunch there was a short lecture by French. Professor Leer at the headquarters. Played dominoes in the evening.

*6th April. Wednesday.*

It was a warm day. After mass the report was short. I read and wrote until 3 o'clock. I went with Nilov and a sailor on a two-man team from the "Scout" up the Dnieper along flooded streets and vegetable gardens.

Others were escorted to the motorboat. boat "Desna". It was a pleasure to paddle. In the evening I was busy with papers.

*April 7th. Thursday.*

A very warm day. I went to Mass at 9.20, at which Alekseev and many of the staff took communion. I walked in the kindergarten, the report was at 11 o'clock. Few people ate breakfast and dinner. Was reading. I made a motor trip

along the Gomel highway and a walk in the place where they walked with Alix and the children and made a fire. The service of the 12 Gospels lasted an hour and a half. I studied in the evening.

*April 8th. Friday.*

Our 22nd engagement anniversary is our second year apart on this day. There was a short report. At 2 1/2 I went to take out the shroud. Walked a little in the garden in the rain. At 6 o'clock there was a burial service; Alekseev, Ivanov, Nilov and I wore the shroud for the second time. After lunch I studied.

*April 9th. Saturday.*

Clear fresh day. After mass the report was short. In the afternoon I left the city at the wireless station. telegraph and from there went on foot through fields, forests, hills and valleys with the left shoulder forward and finally went out to the Dnieper near the city and returned home at 5 1/4. After tea he received Roschakovsky. Received Easter eggs from dear Alix and children. Appointed Alekseev as Adjutant General. I read until 11 o'clock. Without 1/4 12 hours. the midnight office began.

*April 10th. Bright Resurrection of Christ.*

The meal ended in 10 minutes. two. They all gathered at my place, took Christ with them, and then broke the fast. The night was clear and cool. I got up at 9 1/2 o'clock, an hour later Christianization began with the headquarters, administrations, clergy, city and local higher ranks of citizens. The report was short. After breakfast, I made an excellent walk on the Standard (ovoy) two down the Dnieper below the monastery and back, partly by motor. At 5 o'clock. there was vespers. I drank tea and studied. After dinner he received Lagish [a] and Langlois. I read until 11 o'clock.

*April 11th. Monday.*

A wonderful day. After mass, I went to my report. At 2 o'clock I went to the Bykhov barracks, where, near the regimental church in a birch grove, I consulted with the Cossacks and the lower ranks of all units stationed in Mogilev - a total of 860 people. At about 4 o'clock he returned home and, having changed his clothes, set off up the river five miles and from there on a deuce down. At 7 o'clock Georgy Mikhailovich arrived from the detour of the armies of the Western and Northern fronts. After lunch I studied until tea.

*April 12th. Tuesday.*

The morning was gray and the air was much colder. At 10 o'clock. went out into the courtyard and took christosis from the bottom. rank. Special battalion and command of the Headquarters, cat. were dressed on Easter night. Then I went to my report, and at 12.30 I **left** Mogilev. Walked at the bus stops. Started a new book "*The Rosary*". In the evening I played dice.

*April 13th. Wednesday.*

Got up late. In the morning the weather was wonderful and warm. I took a walk in Mal [oh] Vishera and Tosna. I was busy with papers and read yesterday's book until my arrival. At 3.30 I **arrived in Ts. Selo**; dear Alix with children met me. We sat together for a short time and went out into the garden, she was in a stroller, walked around the entire park. The daughters were picking and breaking the ice. After tea I read and finished everything. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. and read aloud.

*April 14th. Thursday.*

Life here immediately went into its own rut. Walked in the morning, the weather was great. Received at 11 o'clock. gene. Chebykin, Sturmer and Khvostov. Xenia and Sandro Leicht [Enberg] were having breakfast. 2 1/2 to



4 hours. breaking ice with daughters and sailors. At 4 1/4 we went with Olga and Tatiana to the city to see Mama. We drank tea with Xenia. We returned home by 7 o'clock. Received Taneev. I read it for a long time and then aloud again.

*April 15th. Friday.*

A lovely quiet day. During my morning walk, the sound of rifle horns and music in the courtyard of the B (Abolovsky) palace reminded me vividly of the old peacetime - rehearsals for the April 17 parade. All the ice on the ponds has melted. Accepted reports - Barka and Trepov. Vilkitsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. Did a nice walk to Babol [ovsky] park. We went to Pavlovsk for tea - we saw Comrades Olga, Mavra, Christopher, Elena and others there. They returned after 6 o'clock, received Ignatiev. I studied until lunchtime and then read aloud until 10 o'clock later.

*April 16th. Saturday.*

It's a wonderful day. Walked a little. Received Shuvaev, Kulomzin and Freder [X]. He, Georgy Mikhailovich and Dm [itriy] Sheremetev (dezh.) Had breakfast. Received Krupensky - ambassador to Tokyo and Kudashev - envoy to Beijing. We made a walk in Babolovo and around our park, then with children I opened navigation on the ponds by kayaking. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. Dm. Cher [emetev] was having lunch. I studied until 10 o'clock and then read aloud.

*April 17th. Sunday.*

At 10 1/2 we went to mass. Dmitry Schavlovich and Silaev (dezh.) Had breakfast. The weather was marvelous, stayed in the air for three hours. He walked with his daughters to the Babolov [sky] palace, Alix rode with Anya in a chaise. From there he returned with Tatyana on foot to the ponds, and Alix took the others home with her. Ride in a kayak; after papers on the bike until 8 o'clock. Dined: Anya, Silaev and N.P. Sablin. We looked at a lot of photos of Ghana.

*April 18th. Monday.*

A wonderful warm day. After the walk he accepted - Avelan, Grigorovich, Naumov and Komarov. Ella arrived for breakfast and stayed with us for a day and a half. I went for a ride with my daughters on bicycles to the Warsaw (avskoy) bridge. and around Babolov, and then in "Gatchinka". For the first time we drank tea on the balcony. At 6 o'clock he received Shakhovskiy and finished the papers by 8 o'clock. We spent the evening together.

*19th April. Tuesday.*

At 9 1/2 I went with Alix and Alexei to the city. In the Summer Garden, they sat in a chaise, and I on horses. On Tsaritsyno Meadow there was a **review of** all reserve guards battalions in the amount of 31,700 people. The sight of people and the passage were beyond praise - such a sight pleased the soul! A whole extra guard. frame! What a marvelous power! The morning was gray and windy; by the very end of the show, it immediately became cold.

By 12 o'clock. returned already to Ts. Selo. Ella had breakfast. At 2 1/2 we went to the Kazan cemetery for a memorial service for those killed and killed in the war. Walked with children and rode on the ponds. At 6 o'clock he received Sazonov and General-Ad. Ruzsky. Ella and Dmitry were having dinner. At 9 1/2 she left for Moscow. Finished "*The man who was dead*".

*April 20th. Wednesday.*

A cold, clear day with a very fresh wind. After the papers, the bar took over. Meindorf and gene. Gorbatsovskiy - teams, the b-th army. At 11 o'clock. the three of us went to inspect the Reserve Rifle Battalion and the Reserve Battery of the L.-GV. Horse artillery. They introduced themselves remarkably well, just like the old parts! I let them through twice and returned on horseback with Bezobrazov. Accepted introducing themselves up to an

hour. Breakfast: Igor (dezh.) And N. I. Ivanov. We walked in Babolovo and went for a ride in Gatchinka. At 4 1/2 we went to Ani's infirmary, where they listened to an old man singing old songs to the accompaniment. gusli. After tea I studied.

*April 21st. Thursday.*

It's warmer again. After a short walk he received: Mamantov, Volzhin, a deputation of the "Skorokhod" society and dep. from the ranks of the postal and telegraphic ledger, and, finally, the old man Pasic, who arrived from Greece from Corfu. We had breakfast with him and other Serbs. Rain is coming. I took a walk with my daughters and went kayaking. D. Pavel drank tea. Hosted by Buchanan from 6 1/4 to 7 1/2. Dined: Anya and N.P. Sablin. We looked at the photo. Ghana.

*April 22nd. Friday.*

Summer warm day. Didn't take a walk for long. Before breakfast I received reports - Borka, Shuvaev and Trepov and many of those presenting themselves. Breakfast: Comrade Olga, Christopher and John (dezh.). At 2 1/2 [received] the new American ambassador Francis [a] with the embassy. We walked in the park. At 4 1/4 I went to the city and drank tea with Mama and Xenia. At 7 o'clock he returned and received Sturmer. After dinner we rode around Ts. Sela in the engine; the air was wonderful. I studied in the evening.

*April 23rd. Saturday.*

It was a wonderful day. In the morning, people climbed to congratulate. We drove off to mass together. The whole family had breakfast. At 2 1/2 he received two French ministers - Viviani and Thomas with Palaeologus. I went for a ride with my daughters on bicycles, and then in "Gatchinka". We were at the all-night vigil. We dined on the balcony with Maslov (dezh.). We saw Gregory. Ride in the motor. I studied in the evening; sat together for a short time.

*April 24th. Sunday.*

In the morning he said goodbye to Silaev, the cat. leaves for the Erivan regiment. The weather was amazing - 20 ° in the shade. Breakfast was Sandro Leicht [Enberg] (dezh.). Walked with the children in the garden. At 2 1/2, Alix accompanied me to the **train**, again set off on a lonely journey. I read "*The Rosary*" all the time. It was very stuffy in the carriage until evening.

*April 25th. Monday.*

It became good at night and it was cool in the morning because it was raining. I read the same book and finished it. Approaching **Mogilev**, the weather improved. Arrived at 5 1/2 o'clock. Walked a little in the kindergarten, cat. very green. We had lunch at 8 o'clock. I was busy with the pieces of paper that had already arrived. Posted by Alix.

*April 26th. Tuesday.*

It's a wonderful day. In the morning I went for a walk until tea. The report was lengthy. In the afternoon did a great walk along the Dnieper below the monastery. A lot of cellars in two. After tea and in the evening I read and wrote.

*April 27th. Wednesday.*

It got colder at night, and in the morning it started raining for a short time. The report lasted until 12 1/2 hours. After breakfast, I went to the old ferry and walked along the right bank of the Dnieper to the new big bridge, behind the cat. the motors were waiting. After driving three miles along a new boardwalk, I drove onto the highway from Orsha

to the post office. Art. Coniferous and in half an hour was at home. At 7 o'clock he received Kaufman. Dined: Viviani, Thomas and French. officers who arrived with them. I studied and wrote.

*April 28th. Thursday.*

The weather improved and became warm. And in Tsarskoe Selo it snowed! The French ate breakfast and then attended a military platform to test a device for throwing jets of kerosene or alcohol during an attack. Then from 3 to 5 hours. rode a deuce above the city. After tea and in the evening I studied.

*April 29th. Friday.*

Today is Otsu twenty-five years old! The report was short. I examined the tent in the garden. At 2 1/2 o'clock I went along the Bobruisk highway to the beginning of the highway, along the cat. went on foot through the village of Saltanovka and turned right through the forest and the farm to the ponds, where he got into the motor. The weather was good. I studied until lunchtime and wrote to Poincaré in the evening.

*April 30th. Saturday.*

Very cold [day]; in the morning snow fell for several minutes. After breakfast, he received the general assistant. Skalon. I rode on a motor along the highway to Orsha and across a new bridge and walked for 3/4 hours. I went to the all-night vigil. After dinner, he hosted the bar in the presence of Sergei Major General. Meidel, cat. reported on the battle and actions of artillery on April 15th. I studied until 11 o'clock.

*1st May. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock. went to mass. The report ended on time. After a big breakfast he received Veselkin. At 3 o'clock I went past the old Headquarters on the highway, got out of the engine at the first train. d. move, reached the next. crossing and walked along the road to the trenches on the right and left. I returned home at 5 1/2 o'clock. The weather was clear, but with a cool wind. I studied before and after lunch and wrote.

*May 2nd. Monday.*

The weather has improved, today it has reached 12 ° in the shade. After the report was accepted by the gene. Nekrasov. And after breakfast, the bar. Roppa. About 3 hours. went down the Dnieper for the wives. mon. He walked on the shore and returned also under the oars. There was a strong wind and there was even excitement. We drank tea for about 6 hours. I spent the whole evening in the cinema.

*3rd May. Tuesday.*

It was a sultry day with a strong wind. After breakfast I had Bezobrazov. I made a walk between Mogilev and the new road to the village of Mostok. In the evening, a thunderstorm began and a refreshing rain fell for a long time. Before lunch he received Trepov, and after A.S. Botkin.

*4th May. Wednesday.*

Clear weather with cool winds. Today Alix with her children left Tsarskoe here. After breakfast I went to a new direction to the mountains. Propoisk. He walked about 8 versts back on the same highway. I saw nice forests and beautiful countryside. I read until 7 o'clock. Received Shavelsky and read in the evening.

*May 5th. Thursday.*

Going to the headquarters to report, I got caught in a downpour. At the end of breakfast I went to our train station. on the platform, where exactly at 2 o'clock Alix's train with the children arrived. It was so nice to meet you. We took a walk across the new bridge together and drank tea on the train. At 6 o'clock we went to the all-night vigil. Before lunch I received a few modest gifts. I read until 10 1/2 and spent the evening with Alix in the carriage.

*May 6th. Friday.*

He lived to be 48 years old. Before tea, all the people congratulated and brought a pretzel. At 10 o'clock Alix arrived with the children; went to mass. Then all the officials of the headquarters, directorates and civilians brought congratulations in the house. The report lasted an hour. After breakfast I answered telegrams and at 3 o'clock went to the train. About 70 people were lined up on the platform. my zhel. dor. shelf, cat. announced the granting of the rights of the guard to the regiment. I took the kids for a walk around the old Headquarters. The weather was crisp. At 6 o'clock. went to the cinema - very good. We had lunch at 8 o'clock and by 9 1/2 we arrived on the **train**, where I completely moved. Walked around with my daughters.

*May 7th. Saturday.*

I drank tea with the children and at 10 1/4 went with Alexei straight to the headquarters, and he went to the kindergarten. At 12 o'clock Alix arrived with her daughters. We also went to the garden and then to the house. We had breakfast with everyone. At 2 o'clock we returned to the train. I read the papers. Walked with the children along the tracks and saw the Fotezhsky infantry echelon. regiment passing west, front. We said goodbye to everyone at 4 1/2 and headed **south**. In Bykhov, another echelon of the same regiment was bypassed. I read the papers. It is very pleasant to travel with the whole family. It rained in the evening and it was cool.

*May 8th. Sunday.*

We arrived in Kiev before 9 o'clock. mornings and to our joy were met by dear Mom and Olga. We talked for about 20 minutes, said goodbye and continued on our way. The weather was cold and with heavy showers. In Kazatin, during a snack, he went out to two companies following from the front to form new regiments in Moscow (for sending to Thessaloniki). At 2 o'clock we arrived in **Vinnitsa**, where we first bypassed the train of the advanced sanitary detachment Alix (Mecca) \*... Then we went and near the station inspected the warehouse and the pharmacy and the house where the headquarters of this detachment is located. In the end, they walked around the huge infirmary of the Zemsky Union, where there were many wounded and sick, and drove around the city on the way to the train. Came back at 6 1/4. Decently tired. Several people dined. from local and Mrs. Hartwig, widow of our envoy in Serbia. At 9 o'clock. drove further south. It was very fresh. Started the book "*The Mistress of Shenstone*".

\* It is about the train imp. Alexandra Fyodorovna, the explanations were given by the specially authorized for the warehouses and detachments of Her Majesty the chamber-cadet Meck.

*May 9th. Monday.*

Fortunately, yesterday's weather changed for the better, and the south stood up for itself. At 10 o'clock. went to the station. **Bendery** received Brusilov, Ebelov, the governor and others. The train arrived at the viewing site in 2 ver. from the city. Participated units of the newly formed, 45th arm. corps, brigade 113 infantry. Div., 451st Infantry. Pyriatinsky and 452nd Krolevetsky and a brigade of the 126th infantry. Div., 501st Sarapulsky and 502nd Chistopol regiments and the 1st division of the 126th art. brigades. All introduced themselves as fine fellows and I was very pleased. We visited a small infirmary in the people's house and had breakfast with the senior officers. At 2 o'clock we drove on. The sun warmed wonderfully. At 5.45 we arrived in **Odessa**. An ordinary meeting and a great post. guard from the 465th Urzhum regiment. We went to the cathedral along the familiar streets and from there to the warehouse, where the spare wives get work. We returned to the train just before lunch. In the evening I walked for a long time on the platform with my daughters; Igor pestered them.

*May 10th. Tuesday.*

Got up at 9 o'clock. The weather was great. At 10 1/4 we went to look beyond the camp on the so-called. shooting field. Participated: brigade of 117 infantry. divisions - 465th Urzhumsky and 466th Malmyzhsky regiments, three infantry. regiment of the 1st Serbian vol. divisions, 113th art. the brigade and the Black Sea equestrian section. The troops presented themselves perfectly, the people were fine fellows and the horses were also good. I greeted the Serbs and thanked them and they answered in Serbian! On the way back, opposite the station, the city arranged a new garden, in a cat. we planted on a tree. Then he examined all the items made by the Military. industrial committee here in Odessa. Breakfast was late. At 3 o'clock we went out of town to the sea. We examined the place of iodine production and visited the Kuyalnitsky estuary for the treatment of the lower. rank. and Khadzhibey lim. for officers - under the auspices of Alix. Everything is well arranged and surrounded by lovely gardens, cat. everything is in bloom. We returned across the city to the train at 6 o'clock. I read the first papers that came here. After lunch, the mourners gathered at the station, as did the ladies. At 9 o'clock. **left** hospitable **Odessa**. Everyone went to bed early.

*May 11th. Wednesday.*

Got up at 9 o'clock. The weather was gray, very pleasant to travel. At all [stations] a lot of people met, because they rarely traveled along this road. Before reaching Yekaterinoslav, we stopped and made a good walk along the path for about 21/2 versts. During tea we flew past Yekaterinoslav, recognized the Bryansk plant. At about 10 o'clock we stopped at the station. **Popovo**, where they still took a walk, enjoying the warm air with the scent of white acacia.

*May 12th. Thursday.*

Got up at the station. Alma to see familiar beautiful places. It was a wonderful day with a fresh breeze. At 10 o'clock. drove to **Sevastopol**. Naval and military commanders, ladies, guard of honor from Cherny. fl. eq. At 11 o'clock. visited the Romanov Institute. After breakfast I received Grigorovich's report. At 2 1/2 we went on an oil boat to the roadstead. It so happened that the entire fleet was now assembled. We visited the battleships together: "The Empress Catherine the Great" and "The Empress Mary". The ships are in great order and make a powerful impression. We returned to the train at 5 1/2 o'clock. I was busy with business. In the evening we stayed in the air for a long time, talked with the sailors who dined.

*May 13th. Friday.*

A wonderful day in every way. Alexey and I have been on **25 ships**. At 9 1/2 o'clock. began a detour by visiting: lin. ships - "**Eustathius**", "**John Chrysostom**", "**Panteleimon**" and "**Rostislav**"; and cruisers - "**Cahul**", "**Memory of Mercury**", "**Almaz**" and "**Prut**". At each, he bypassed the officers and teams and thanked them for their military service. Returned to breakfast. At 2 1/2 I continued my detour with all the children. Visited the entire mine brigade. Destroyers of the 1st division: "**Piercing**", "**Happy**", "**Restless**", "**Angry**" and "**Daring**"; 2nd Division - "**Loud**", "**Ardent**", "**Fast**" and "**Hasty**"; 3rd div. "**Lieutenant Shestakov**", "Cap [itan] -leit [enant] **Baranov**", "Cap (itan) **Saken**" and "**Lieutenant Zatsarenniy**"; 5th div. "**Treasured**", "**Voiced**", "**Hot**" and "**Creepy**". He finished at exactly 5 o'clock. Sandro met us at the pier and dined with us. The evening was warm and wonderful.

*May 14th. Saturday.*

A wonderful hot day. At 10 1/4 we went to Lin. cor. "Imp. Mary "to mass. Alix returned with the children on the train, and I drove to Eberhard's "**St. George the Victorious**" and listened to his report. Started breakfast at an hour and a half. At 2.45 he went with all the children to the North Side, where he examined the entire site, to the cat. the buildings of the local Marine Corps are being erected. I visited the Black Aviation, the Navy, and from there drove through the city to another hydro-aviation station near the Round Bay - everything was arranged again. Returned to the train at 6 o'clock. Didn't have time to read before lunch.

*May 15th. Sunday.*

The same wonderful day with a light southerly wind. At 10 1/4 we went to Mass at the Vladimir Cathedral; from where he took Alexei into the panorama - the storming of Sevastopol. After breakfast we all drove out of the city together and stopped to look into the new Crepe church. artillery in the name of St. torment. John the Warrior. Then we drove almost to the very Chersonesos monastery, where I examined the battery under construction and then another to the left. We stopped at the St. George Monastery, in the cat. were together in 1898. Returned to the train at 5 1/4. Was reading. In the evening, we talked for a long time with the guests and **said goodbye** to the senior leaders.

*May 16th. Monday.*

At 8 o'clock. mornings arrived in **Evpatoria**, when I was still asleep. At 10 o'clock. got off the train and, having received the deputation, drove into the city. The weather was warm, gray and windy. We visited the cathedral, the mosque and the Karaite kinassa, which was also visited by Alexander Pavlovich in 1825. Then we examined the Alix infirmary - a seaside sanatorium with the wounded from Ts. Sela. He walked with Alexei to the sea and examined the bathtubs. We also visited the zemstvo district hospital and returned to the train at 1/4 o'clock. After breakfast, we easily went to the city, to its distant section, to the dacha occupied by Anya. Children frolicked on the beach on the wonderful sand. I wanted to bathe, but the air was cool. After drinking tea with her, we arrived on the train and at 6 1/4 left Evpatoria. The city makes a very pleasant impression and hopefully will develop into a large and well-equipped healing place. They took Anya to the station. Sarabuz.

*May 17th. Tuesday.*

*I slept well and got up when we passed the Spasov Skete. The weather was clear but cool. Walked with children at two stations. Read Alix "The Mictress of Shenstone" aloud. Co yesterday's departure from Evpatoria*

the train was two hours late. We arrived in Kursk at 3 o'clock. Ella met me. I said goodbye to dear Alix and my daughters - they continued on their way to the North, while Alexei and I turned to Bakhmach. The train became empty! It was rather dusty and by nightfall it became very cold. I went to bed early.

*May 18th. Wednesday.*

The day was warm and clear in the morning. At 10 1/2 we arrived in **Mogilev**. Straight from the train to Stavka. On the way to report to the headquarters, I saw four banners taken in battles from the Turks near Memahatun. The report lasted until 12.45. After breakfast I had to write and study, and only at 3 o'clock I left with Aleksey and others under the city to the Dnieper, where A [leksey] remained to play on the bank, and I made a good walk through the flooded meadows.

We returned home at 5 1/2 o'clock. After tea I received Trepov and read all evening.

*19th May. Thursday.*

Both slept well. At 10 o'clock. went to mass. The report was shorter than yesterday's. After breakfast he received Misha Grabbe, who had been appointed chieftain of the Don army. At 2 1/2 we set off along the right bank of the Dnieper for 7 versts; left Alexei to play in an excellent sandy place and went further up and reached the new bridge. There is a lot of activity along the river. We returned home at 6 o'clock. The weather was good, but cool. Dined at 8 o'clock. I read and wrote.

*May 20th. Friday.*

It got warmer again. After breakfast I said goodbye to Lagish [eat], the cat. leaves the Bet. Alix wrote. At 2.40 I drove along the Bobruisk highway, sent Alexei further to two ponds near the chapel, and he went along the highway with Voyik [ov], V. Dolgor [ukov] and Kira to Saltanovka and to the right to the ponds. I returned home by 6 o'clock. Received Naumov and then Kaufman. After lunch I studied.

*May 21st. Saturday.*

A very warm day. In the afternoon we went to the banks of the Dnieper, the cat. Alexey called it "Evpatoria". Voeikov arranged races for boys and girls. At 6 o'clock he went to the all-night vigil. I received Sturmer before dinner. In the evening, a thunderstorm passed. I did.

*May 22nd. Sunday.*

Wonderful summer day. At 10 o'clock to mass. We ate breakfast, drank tea and dined in a tent in the garden. I made a walk with Al [eksei] and others to the new bridge, where they got into twos and swam down. Al [eksey] got out in one place and played for half an hour near the shore. Arrived at the pier in the city at 6 1/2. Before lunch, he received the General Director. Ivanova with a report on a business trip to Revel. I studied in the evening as usual.

*May 23rd. Monday.*

Yesterday in many areas of the South-West. front after heavy shelling of enemy positions, a breakthrough was made of their lines and in total 13,000 people, 15 guns and 30 machine guns were captured. God bless our valiant troops with continued success!

The weather was hot and windy. In the afternoon I drove with Aleksey along the Gomelsk [th] highway and walked to the Dnieper. Came back about 7 o'clock. Received Tatishchev and Sandro. I studied for a long time in the evening.

*May 24th. Tuesday.*

Today news from the Southwestern Front is also comforting. For both days, our troops captured up to 480 officers and more than 25,000 lower. rank. Captured 27 guns and more than 50 machine guns.

The day was hot. At 3 o'clock I made a review of the car half-battery. baht. for the defense of the Headquarters and the machine-gun platoon with it. The units have just returned from Dvinsk. I went with Alexei and others on the motor down the Dnieper to the oak forest, where I got out and went back along the bank, like last autumn. We returned to Mogilev by 7 o'clock. Received Senator Krivtsov. In the evening I learned that Lord Kitchener, who left England for Arkhangelsk, died with a cruiser from a mine!

*May 25th. Wednesday.*

Dear Alix's birthday - it was sad to spend away from her. But he was illuminated by our major successes in the South-West. front. By yesterday, the number of prisoners increased - officers to 900 people. and lower. rank. more than 40,000 people Seized 77 guns, 134 machine guns and 49 bombs and a lot of all kinds of property. After mass and prayer there was a report.

In the afternoon I took a walk with Alex [her] and others along the highway outside the Headquarters. We walked and examined the trenches. Two echelons passed by on their way south. We got caught in a good rain. After tea, Mama read and wrote in the evening.

*May 26th. Thursday.*

During the report, I learned that during the previous day, 58 officers and 11,000 lower ones were taken in battles. ranks, therefore almost 1000 of. and for 51,000 n. h. In the morning there was a little rain and then the weather was wonderful. Gr. Fredericks left for Petrograd. We made the usual walk from the big [bridge] to "Evpatoria" \*. Before lunch I received Shakhovsky - min. Bargain. and Promysh. I studied in the evening.

\* See the entry dated May 21.

*May 27th. Friday.*

The number of prisoners is growing - yesterday 185 officers and 13,700 AD were taken. hours - so now the total is 1,143 officers and more than 64,700 people. bottom rank. After breakfast I received a deputation with Aleksey in 12 volosts. foremen from the Kherson province, who brought 600 thousand rubles from the peasants. for the needs of the war. Touching. I went down the Dnieper on a deuce, Alexey and others on a motorcycle. boat, he ran in the water, and we roasted on the beach in the sun. I drank tea at 6 o'clock. Received Shuvaev, then Sazonov.

*May 28th. Saturday.*

In yesterday's battles, 97 officers and about 5500 people were again taken prisoner. and 11 guns. In total taken prisoner: officers 1240, about 71 000 lower. rank. and captured 94 guns, 167 machine guns and 53 bombs. Today the miraculous icon of the Vladimir Mother of God arrived and at six o'clock was solemnly transferred to the headquarters church, after which a short prayer service and all-night vigil were served. Received Senator Kobylinsky on the Humanitarian O [bbschest] vu. The weather is hot.

*May 29th. Trinity day.*

In the battles of yesterday, 1 general, 409 officers, 35 100 lower were again taken prisoner. rank., 30 guns, 13 machine guns and 5 bombers. General

the number of prisoners for the operation so far 1 general, 1649 off., over 106,000 AD. h., 124 guns, 180 machine guns. and 58 bombers. In addition, a huge amount of hand weapons, cartridges, etc. The day was incredibly hot, even stuffy. Today is the birthday of dear Tatiana; she is 19 years old. After breakfast I drove from Alekseev to the station; saw the echelon of the Kurinsky regiment and two cars of Purishkevich - FSUs. library and FSUs. pharmacy, with a cat. he travels to the fronts.

It started raining, so there was no walk. He studied and took Ozerov before lunch.

*May 30th. Whit Monday.*

The number of prisoners increased to 1700 of. and 113,000 lower. rank. It blew heavily at night and rained until noon.

About 10 a.m. went with Alexei to church; Mass ended and the icon of the Vladimir Mother of God was brought to the site opposite my house and headquarters, and a prayer service was served here. Then everyone started to kiss. When my report ended - the icon was carried to the station - it will visit the troops of the West, the front.

It became cool, they ate in the dining room. In the afternoon I took a walk behind the highway to Orsha. From 6 o'clock to 7 1/2 there was cinema.

*May 31st. Tuesday.*

It was a wonderful day. We were feeding again in the garden. About 3 hours. went with Alex (her) to the station, where we saw the passing echelon of the 17th Infantry Regiment. Then we went down the Dnieper below the monastery, I was in two, walked on the left bank and returned home at 6 1/2. Before and after lunch he received Khvostov. I read it in the evening.

*1st June. Wednesday.*

For yesterday, about 6,000 lower were again taken prisoner. rank. with 20 officers, 6 guns and 10 machine guns were captured. The total number of prisoners and trophies: 1720 officers, 120,000 lower. rank., 130 guns and 260 machine guns.



It rained frequently during the day. We ate breakfast in the tent and dined in the dining room. We walked around the highway to Orsha. From 6 1/2 to 8 o'clock I had a report from Bark.

*2nd June. Thursday.*

A more accurate calculation gave the trace. the number of prisoners and trophies taken: 1 general, 3 regimental commanders, 2467 officers, 5 doctors and up to 150,000 lower. rank., 163 guns, 266 machine guns, 131 bombs and 32 mortars. And how many were lost by the Austrians killed and wounded? The weather was warm with three heavy showers. In the afternoon I made a good trip up the Dnieper to the bishop's chapel on a two-person team, and downward on the Desna motor. I studied calmly and wrote in the afternoon.

*3rd June. Friday.*

The number of prisoners is still increasing; yesterday, about 100 officers and up to 14,000 men were taken by different armies of the Southwestern Front. lower ranks. The first part of the day was good. While walking near the new bridge, we were caught by the rain. It got colder At 6 o'clock I received Mamantov. I studied in the evening.

*4th June. Saturday.*

The weather was autumn. Good news. Captives taken: officers 19 and below. rank. 1250. He studied and wrote a lot. Walked in the kindergarten with Alexei.

*June 5th. Sunday.*

Today Anastasia is 15 years old. Yesterday at 4 pm the city of Chernivtsi was captured after a stubborn battle for the bridgehead. The weather is not warm, with hourly showers. I took a good walk along the new road to the right of the highway to Gomel, with two long bridges. The last bridge across the Dnieper at Dashkovka, through which he returned along the familiar Bykhov highway at 6 o'clock. I studied in the evening.

*June 6th. Monday.*

Yesterday, in addition to 3000 prisoners, a lot of military material was captured in Chernivtsi and other areas. The weather deigned to recover and become warm. After all, they ate in the dining room. Made a walk down the Dnieper to Alexei's favorite place. We returned by 6 o'clock.

*June 7th. Tuesday.*

According to additional data, in the last battles taken prisoner: 112 officers and 4600 lower. rank. and captured 27 machine guns; in addition, three of our guns were repulsed, the 1st Kuban hundred of the Convoy together with the 1st Terek Kaz. division pursues Austrian troops south of Chernivtsi.

In the morning it was pouring again as if from a bucket, the storm lasted all day, by evening it cleared up. Walked and played with Alexei in the kindergarten. From 6 o'clock there was cinema.

*June 8th. Wednesday.*

The armies of the General- ad. Brusilov from May 22 to June 3, prisoners were taken: 3350 office, 169 130 lower. rank. and captured - 198 op., 550 bullets, 189 bombs. and min., 119 zar. box, 34 spotlights. There was no rain. I made a walk to Evpatoria. Before dinner I received Adlerberg and Trepov.

*June 9th. Thursday.*

It was raining again, intermittently. After breakfast he received Kulom-zin. I walked along the Gomel highway in the "skerries". At the very house we were caught by a hefty downpour. Accepted before lunch: gene. Markov and Stakhovich. I studied in the evening.

*June 10th. Friday.*

On the occasion of the glorification of St. John Maksimovich, Metropolitan of Tobolsk, Mass and a prayer service were served.

Adopted the Persian prince Zilli Sultan and his son. They were having breakfast. Walking along the road to the post office. Art. Khvoynya met them rolling. They drank tea at George's at his dacha. After lunch he received Tatishchev and studied as always until 11 o'clock.

*June 11th. Saturday.*

The weather turned warm; but it was not without showers. The report was short. In the afternoon walk to Evpatoria; reached there over the hills with beautiful places. After tea and in the evening I had to read a lot. I ran to the giant until lunchtime. steps.

*June 12th. Sunday.*

It was a good day, there was only one shower. I took the usual walk along the Dnieper behind the monastery. They dug a "fox hole" near Aleksey's trench and built two hearths. Came back about 6 1/4. Was reading.

*June 13th. Monday.*

Finally the weather became really summer and the day was spent! without rain. News from the front Yugo-Zap. good, thank God! Mountains were taken in Bukovina. Kimpolung and Guro Humora. We had breakfast and dinner in a tent. I walked along the banks of the Dnieper from Palykovichi under the big bridge to Evpatoria. From 6 1/2 I received Ignatiev. I read it in the evening.

*June 14th. Tuesday.*

Today our Mary is 17 years old. At 10 o'clock. went to mass. The report ended just in time for breakfast. About 3 hours. set off on a new high-speed engine Vars. env. put. message down to the Dashkovka estate. We walked for a short time in an excellent meadow and returned at 5 1/2 o'clock. The weather was wonderful. After tea we went to the cinema, the cat. was entertaining. After dinner, I received Naumov for a long time.

*June 15th. Wednesday.*

A wonderful quiet day. After tea I walked around the garden. I made a walk from the chapel near Palykovichi across the new bridge and along the left bank of the Dnieper to Evpatoria. It was really hot. Alexei watched the children play. We returned on a high-speed motor in half an hour. I received Shuvaev before lunchtime. Was reading.

*June 16th. Thursday.*

The hottest day. From the left flank of the Southwestern Front, news came of the beginning of a successful offensive by Lechitsky's 9th Army; already in the first day 220 officers were taken prisoner. and more than 10,000 lower. rank. In the afternoon there was a walk up the Dnieper. I swam for the first time - the water was pleasant. Tea was drunk at 6 1/4.

*June 17th. Friday.*

According to the last count of prisoners from May 22 to June 15, it turned out - officers and lower. rank. 212,000 people

It was pouring rain in the morning; by 11 o'clock the weather improved. We had breakfast and dinner in a tent. We drove along the Bykhov highway to Dashkovka. We walked on the left bank and returned around the Gomel highway at 6 1/2 o'clock. I read until lunchtime, wrote to Nikolasha in the evening.

*June 18th. Saturday.*

Army Lechitsky for June 15 and 16 captured 305 office. and 14 574 lower. rank., with 4 guns and 30 machine guns. In total, during the offensive, 217,000 people. It was a very good day. Walked up the Dnieper; I bathed on the right bank almost opposite the old church in front of the forest. The water is pleasant. After tea I read in the evening too.

*19th June. Sunday.*

At night the weather changed, a fresh NW blew out and it started to rain. Again I had to eat at home. Walked in the garden during the day. At 4 o'clock there was a cinema for the bottom. ranks. I studied until lunchtime.

*June 20th. Monday.*

The weather has improved. At 10 o'clock he received Bishop Constantine with two priests, and the elder - they brought 10,000 rubles from the local diocese. for the needs of the war. The French and British armies also launched an offensive after four days. reinforced artillery. preparation. An attack began in the Baranovichi direction. Help, Lord!

In the afternoon on the Desna I went up to the coast with fine sand. Walked in the woods near the old church and bathed. We had breakfast and dinner in a tent.

*June 21st. Tuesday.*

A wonderful hot day. To the Southwest. fierce battles are going on at the front all the time; the Germans and Austrians are pushing with all their might.

In the afternoon I rowed down behind Alexei's trench and swam in a good place. At 6 1/2 he received Grigorovich. I studied in the evening.

*June 22nd. Wednesday.*

It's also a hot day. In the afternoon they went to their favorite place opposite the bishop's church. Walked and bathed. At 6 1/2, the two of us went to the station to see the 1st Kuban (sky) hundred of the Convoy, which had returned from the campaign - directly from the southern Bukovina. The Cossacks looked great in their well-worn gray Circassians. Almost everyone received Georg, crosses or medals. Before lunch he took the general adjutant. Baranova. I studied in the evening.

*June 23rd. Thursday.*

In the morning they were worried about the thunderstorm. The day was hot. On the whole, good news came. At about 3 o'clock we made a river walk down the trench to the island, the cat. today the rising water flooded. Redeemed. We managed to return home before the start of the second and very strong thunderstorm. Received Shakhovsky. We dined in the dining room, as the third thunderstorm was passing.

In the battles of June 21 and 22 to the west of Styr, prisoners were taken: over 300 officers. and 7400 people; captured 6 op., 23 machine guns, several thousand rifles, 2 searchlights, 11 bombers, 77 charges, boxes. I studied in the evening.

*June 24th. Friday.*

After all these thunderstorms, it became cooler. The day was gray, sometimes drizzling. The walk was on the highway to Orsha, and on foot from the post office. Art. Coniferous trees for the big bridge. I received Rodzianko before dinner. I read all evening.

*June 25th. Saturday.*

Nice warm day. In the battles of June 21-24, between Styr and Stokhod, at least 300 officers (two commanders of regiments) were taken prisoner, about 12,000 prisoners of war. h., 45 heavy. and easy. guns, about 45 guns. and a lot of battles. adj. and equipment. In the afternoon we went down the Dnieper to the same place and swam. Because of the rains, the water arrived at one and a half arshins. Petya arrived for tea. I read it in the evening.

*June 26th. Sunday.*

The weather was fine. We had breakfast at one o'clock. The walk was up the Dnieper. Alexei's favorite shore was flooded due to the rise in water. We returned at 6 o'clock. I received Solovovo before lunchtime. I read for a long time.

*June 27th. Monday.*

The day was gray. In general, good news came; only near Baranovichy does not stick, all our actions are clumsy, scattered, and therefore the brave troops are suffering heavy losses.

The walk was to yesterday's shore. At 6 1/2 I had Sturmer, and in the afternoon a joint report by Grigorovich and Rusin.

*June 28th. Tuesday.*

A wonderful day. Today Alexey started taking mud baths for his hands and feet. In the afternoon we went to the same place. Ride with Grabbe on a deuce and bathed. At 6 o'clock. I started a meeting of the Council of Ministers and lasted until 8:00. They all dined. In the evening he received Naumov and Khvostov. I didn't have time to read at all.

*June 29th. Wednesday.*

Since the beginning of the offensive of Brusilov's armies from May 22 to June 27, prisoners were taken: 5620 officers and 266,000 lower. rank. and captured 312 guns and 866 machine guns. The weather was nice, slightly cooler. After breakfast he received Shuvaev and Sazonov. Walking there - swimming. At 6 1/2 he received Trepov. I worked hard in the evening.

*June 30th. Thursday.*

In our offensive there was a temporary stop on the river. Stokhod due to the need to replenish large losses and a lack of shells, especially heavy artillery.

In the afternoon the walk was to the same place; did not bathe, because it became fresher. At 6 o'clock. went together to the cinematogr., showed the French. tape - Verdun. \* In the evening I graduated from almost everything that was stale.

\* Verdun (French).

*1st of July. Friday.*

The day was warm and quiet. On the occasion of the French nat. holiday \* called all cash French. officers for breakfast. We went to Alexei's favorite place, rode with Grabbe in a deuce and swam. I did.

\* Bastille Day.

*2nd July. Saturday.*

Warm day. At breakfast there was a dry thunderstorm, and then as the sun came out it started raining. By 3 o'clock the weather cleared up. The walk was there too. Walked and swam. After tea I read and received George with a report on his trip to Arkhangelsk. I studied in the evening.

*3rd of July. Sunday.*

Nice weather. After mass a report, for a cat. learned about our successful offensive in the Caucasus and about the occupation of the city of Bayburt. Many guests had breakfast. We took a walk down the Dnieper to the island, I was in a pair. The bathing was very pleasant. Came back at 6 1/4. Took Sturmer before lunch. I studied for a long time in the evening.

*4th of July. Monday.*

A very hot day. At 10 1/4, in the yard in front of the headquarters, he said goodbye to

4th hundred of the Convoy, setting off tomorrow on a campaign to the Terek division. On July 3, prisoners were taken in the battles in Volyn - about 317 officers, 12 630 AD. hours and captured 30 guns, from the cat. 17 heavy. We took the walk up; I went over the Gorodoksky bridge to a speedboat. motor. Swam with Alexei. The water was warm. Nick [olai] Mikhailovich received him before dinner. The vice-administrator dined. Kolchak, newly appointed Commander of the Black Sea Fleet. I did.

*July 5th. Tuesday.*

At 9.45, I went with Alexei to the prayer service for St. Sergius of Radonezh. The report was short. Nick [olai] Mikhailovich] left, and Boris arrived. The heat was great. Walk down the Dnieper; Alexei climbed to his shore near the island, and I went further over the bridge at Dashkovka.

He returned for Al [eksei] just before the thunderstorm, but did not have time to bathe himself. We returned on the Desna, sitting in a cabin during a downpour. At 6 1/2 I received Mamantov and before lunchtime Boris.

*6th July. Wednesday.*

About 7 o'clock. the storm woke us up. The day was very hot. Today at 10 o'clock. Alix and her daughters came here! At 2 1/2, Aleksey set off on the Desna up, and I with others on the highway to Orsha and walk in the forest straight to the old church to our place. Drenched in the shower. Redeemed excellently. I read it in the evening.

*July 7th. Thursday.*

In the morning it started to rain for the whole day. After the lecture I went with Al (eksei) to our platform. At 12 1/2 o'clock. Alix's train approached. We had breakfast together and sat until 3 1/2 o'clock. We rode in the motor and returned across the Gorodoksky bridge. Came home at 6 1/4 for Alexei's dinner. Was reading. We dined on the balcony. I spent the evening with my wife on the train.

*July 8th. Friday.*

The second day it rained intermittently. The troops of Sakharov's 11th Army crossed the river. Lipu and inflicted a strong blow on the enemy. The same in the Caucasus - the right flank and the center with a quick offensive threw the Turks far away and occupied the city of Gumush-khanu on the Trebizond-Erzurum road.

Alix had breakfast with everyone on the balcony. We made a walk to the "skerries" and drank tea on the train. I dined and spent the evening there.

*July 9th. Saturday.*

Finally the weather improved and the sun appeared. After the report, he took over a Japanese military mission; she had breakfast with us in the tent. We rode up the Dnieper; swam at the favorite place of Al [eksei]. At 6 o'clock we went to the all-night vigil. Was reading. Dined on the train; sat together until tea.

*July 10th. Sunday.*

A wonderful day. Alix and her daughters arrived at exactly 10 o'clock for mass. The report ended on time. The breakfast was crowded. Engaged until 2.45 and then went down the Dnieper on three motors. A little before reaching the Dashkovsky bridge, we turned back. Redeemed with Alexey. After tea we went to the cinema, and to the train for lunch. We sat outside and talked with two ex. wounded officers.

*July 11th. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock. went to a prayer service with all the children on the occasion of Holguin's day. Alix stayed on the train until breakfast. The weather was great. We made a walk up to our shore and everyone swam. From the pier we went to the location of the Convoy, drank tea, listened to songwriters and watched their games! We left at 6 1/2. I read it and by 8 o'clock I went to the train. We were all vaccinated with smallpox. Alexei had a headache and by the evening the pace. rose to 38.4.

*July 12th. Tuesday.*

He \* slept well, the fever subsided by 5 o'clock. he got up and dressed. it was raining in the morning. We had breakfast on the balcony. I rode with my daughters and walked between the highway and the Bykhov [sky] highway. After tea, dear Alix and the daughters were escorted to the train. Accepted by Sturmer, appointed. min. foreign cases. I did.

\* Alexey

*July 13th. Wednesday.*

Gray warm day. Alexey is completely healthy. The mountains were taken yesterday. Erzincan. We had breakfast and dinner in a tent. In the afternoon we went to the Desna: up. Walked and rode a deuce. From 6 o'clock to 7 1/2 I had Taneyev.

*July 14th. Thursday.*

Wonderful clear day. The report was short. In the afternoon, Aleksey went down to his place, and I rode a motor along the road to two bridges, where I walked and got on the Desna, took Aleksey along the way and returned at 6 o'clock. Chaplin. Nicky arrived and talked to him for a long time before dinner.

*July 15th. Friday.*

In the 11th Army, after stubborn battles, our troops broke through the entire enemy front and occupied the city of Brody.

During the day we went up, walked and swam. The weather is lovely. At 6 1/2 he received Pokrovsky - State. counter., who returned from France and England. I read it in the evening.

*July 16th. Saturday.*

In total, during the battles from the 3rd to the 15th of July, the army of gen. Sakharov, 940 officers were taken, 39 152 lower. rank., 49 guns, of which 17 are heavy, 100 machine guns, 39 mines and bombs and many other property. The guard yesterday launched an attack in the Kovel direction and broke through the enemy's location. In the afternoon we went down the river, I'm in a pair. The weather was wonderful. Received Kulomzin. I studied until lunchtime.

*July 17th. Sunday.*

The weather was wonderful. Good news came from the Southwestern Front. In the afternoon the walk was up. He walked on foot from the church on the highway and further through the estate with the old mill to the Dnieper, from there on boats to the shore of Alexei. They returned home at 6 1/2. Gr. Fredericks went on vacation, Maksimovich came to replace.

*July 18th. Monday.*

The morning was gray, a little rain fell and then the weather improved. After breakfast he received our Velepolski. We walked downstairs, I walked behind Alexei's place and returned there in two. At 7 o'clock. I had Rain. In the evening I read it as always.

*19th July. Tuesday.*

Two years that Germany declared war on us! The report was quite long. Let's go up, made a good walk through the flooded meadows. On the way back to the city, there was a storm of rain. It became cold after the rain. Received Protopopov - Comrade. Prev State Duma. We dined on the balcony.

*20th July. Wednesday.*

Gray cool day. In the afternoon we went to the "skerries", and I walked to the Dnieper. Returned home at 6 1/4. I received Shuvaev before lunchtime. In the evening Mama studied and wrote.

*July 21st. Thursday.*

It rained until 3:00. Therefore, I studied for a long time and walked only in the kindergarten, while Alexei [played] with the little cadet Makarov. Received Grigorovich before lunchtime. I read to 11 1/4.

*July 22nd. Friday.*

Disgusting weather, cold, wind and rain. At 10 o'clock. went to mass. We are obviously at home. In the afternoon, we still went for a walk - took a walk along the highway to Orsha. At 6 o'clock cinema. I studied in the evening.

*July 23rd. Saturday.*

Alexey's left elbow was slightly swollen and he remained in bed, but he felt good and was cheerful. The weather was thin, a little warmer. Walked in the kindergarten. At 6 o'clock. I had Sandro, and at 7 o'clock. Sep Kobylinsky. I studied in the evening.

*July 24th. Sunday.*

Alexei slept well and got up after breakfast, but did not leave the house. The weather began to improve, we had breakfast in the garden. I made a walk across the Gorodok [sky] bridge, from where I walked seven miles on the highway in an hour and a half. Alexei spent half a day and dined with the cadets: Makarov and Agaev. Until 8 o'clock he took the book. Shakhovsky.

*July 25th. Monday.*

The morning was warm and clear. At 10 o'clock. Alec arrived. We had breakfast and dinner in the dining room. At 2 1/2 we went up. Walked while Alexei played with the cadets. By the time we returned, it had started to rain. Received Trepov.

*July 26th. Tuesday.*

Sun and rain alternately. We ate at home. In the afternoon we went to the "skerries". I got out almost halfway and walked with Voyk [ov], Mordvinov and Raevsky 9 1/2 versts in an hour forty-five minutes. We returned by 6 o'clock. I studied until lunchtime; after reading it.

*July 27th. Wednesday.*

After the lecture, I went with Alexei to meet Alix and the daughters, who arrived at 12 1/2 o'clock. We had breakfast alone as a family. At 2 1/2 I went for a walk in the woods behind the arch [priestly] church. After tea I took the gene. Ruzsky, cat. Glavkosev is appointed again. Dined and spent the evening with Alix.

*July 28th. Thursday.*

First day without rain. Before the report he received Ruzsky. The daughters came to breakfast in the tent, Alexey went to Alix's for breakfast. Until 3 o'clock we went up to the same place. We rode in boats. Drank tea and dined with Alix. Several showers passed in the evening.

*July 29th. Friday.*

Nice day without rain. After the bloody battles of the armies of the South-West. front, our troops have advanced significantly - especially the 9th Army, cat. took the mountains last night. Stanislav, pushing back the enemy to Galich. More than 20,000 prisoners were taken for these battles. The Guard and the 3rd Army could not bring down the Germans from their positions west of the r. Stokhod.

The daughters were having breakfast. The walk was done yesterday. We watched the games of 20 boys, Alexey's acquaintances in the city garden. Drank tea and dined on the train.

*July 30th. Saturday.*



Dear Alexei is **12 years old**, may the Lord increase him, may he strengthen him spiritually and physically, and may the everlasting grace of God be on him. At 10 o'clock I went with the children to mass, and Alix came to the prayer service. Everyone in the house brought congratulations, then a report until one o'clock and a big breakfast in the tent and on the balcony. About 3 o'clock I went with everyone down the river and walked there. We returned just before it started to rain. Drank tea and dined with Alix on the train.

*July 31st. Sunday.*

We were at mass and had breakfast at one o'clock because of the report. At 3 o'clock we went up the Dnieper; took a walk and fiddled with his daughters, running through the bushes near the shore. From 6 hours. was a good throw.

I read at home and at 8 o'clock went to the train. After lunch I received Kaufman's report there. He returned at 11 1/4 o'clock.

*1st August. Monday.*

It was a good day, although it rained twice - in the morning and during breakfast in the tent. We made the walk up again. The sun warmed well. After tea he received Sturmer. Dined on the train, Dmitry also, the cat. passing here.

*2nd August. Tuesday.*

Great warm day. The report ended at 12 o'clock. In the afternoon we went up on three river motors, my daughters and I were farther than our place, landed not far from Evpatoria and walked from there on foot. Lying in the hay, warmed by the wonderful sun. Drank tea in our house at 5 1/2. Until 8 o'clock he received Barca on his return from England and France. Dined and spent the evening with Alix.

*3rd August. Wednesday.*

Wonderful summer day. After the report he received Barka for the second time. Breakfast was good in the garden. They set off together on a high-speed motor to our place, walked in the meadow and tumbled in the hay. They drank tea on the train. At 6 o'clock. said goodbye; Alix left with her daughters to Tsarskoe Selo. Took gr. Bobrinsky - min. agriculture.

In the evening, before tea, I made a pleasant walk in the moonlight along the highway to Khvoyna and around the Gorodok [bridge] bridge.

From May 22 to July 30, Brusilov's armies were taken prisoner: 7757 officers and 350 845 lower. rank. and captured: 405 guns, 1326 machine guns, 338 bombs and mortars and 292 charges, boxes.

*4th August. Thursday.*

Had a great day. The lecture ended at 12 o'clock. I wrote before and after breakfast. In the afternoon we went up, I even farther, docked at "Evpatoria" and walked to Alexei. After tea I received Khvostov - min. int. cases. At 10 o'clock I had a gene. Janin and Lanqlois. Was reading.

*5th August. Friday.*

At night it started raining heavily, and by 10 o'clock it stopped; it got hot. We had breakfast and dinner in the dining room. In the afternoon I went with Alexei and both cadets to the "skerries". I went there on foot seven miles an hour twenty-five minutes. At 6 1/2, Markov took over the Finns. business. I read it in the evening.

*6th August. Saturday.*

This is the third time that the regimental festival of the Preobrazhentsi is being held away from them. In the morning we were at mass. After breakfast I received Adlerberg. Let's go up to the "Desna". The weather was summer. Was swimming.

After tea he received Botkin, a sailor, and then Yuri Trubetskoy. I did.

*7th August. Sunday.*

A very hot day. The report ended on time. After breakfast he received Alec. At 2.45 we went up. We rode boats and swam. The water was good. After tea he received Mamantov. I studied in the evening.

*August 8th. Monday.*

From noon it started to rain until 3 1/2 o'clock. We had breakfast and dinner on the balcony. I read for a long time and walked in the kindergarten while Alexei played with his comrades. At 6 1/2 at the headquarters there was a message about Austrian engineering. Accepted Makarov's report - min. justice.

*August 9th. Tuesday.*

The weather has improved. After the report, Alexey came to the headquarters, where he was shown the items taken by the 17th Sapper Battalion during the breakthrough of the Austr. fortified lines near Lutsk. In the afternoon we made a walk upwards. At 6 o'clock. there was an interesting cinematogr. I read all evening.

*August 10th. Wednesday.*

It was a good day. We took the walk up. They rode boats and walked there. After tea he received Shuvaev. I studied in the evening.

*11th August. Thursday.*

Very good day. The report was short. At 2 1/2 we went down the Dnieper, me and Nilov in a pair. Made a walk there. We returned by 6 o'clock. Before lunch he received Stakhovich and then Sablin, who had arrived from Yu.-Z. front on the delivery of the Gvar battalion. Crew. I did.

*August 12th. Friday.*

In the morning, the military. ag. in Romania, Tatarinov reported on the state of affairs there and presented a signed agreement on an alliance with us [\[1\]](#). We went up in the afternoon; I continued with the others across the Gorodoksky bridge. We returned by 6 o'clock. I saw the gene. By. Was reading.

*August 13th. Saturday.*

We had breakfast and dinner on the balcony. Said goodbye to the gene. By. Let's go up. I made a walk from the arch [priestly] church through the forest along the highway and to the Dnieper, and returned with N. P. [Sablin] to the place of Alexei. Home at 6 o'clock. I studied until 8 o'clock and in the evening.

*August 14th. Sunday.*

Strange weather with sun, wind and rain. Breakfast was in the tent. The walk was up; Alexei's games took place on the left bank near the forest. Nilov and Voeikov left.

*August 15th. Monday.*

Finally, the long-awaited news of Romania's move arrived. She declared war on Austria-Hungary. Our cavalry (3rd cavalry division) crossed the Danube to Dobrudzha, and the infantry on the ships is rising to the Chernovody. Had breakfast and dinner on the balcony because of the rain. The walk was made to the "skerries". After tea he received Trenev. In the evening there was a report by Solovov with the artillerymen on the state of our factories.

*August 16th. Tuesday.*

Italy declared war on Germany, and the latter - Romania! The weather was sunny. We had breakfast in the tent and dined on the balcony. The walk was near the arch [priestly] forest. At 6 o'clock kinematics. Took the gene. Gurko, taking command of the Special Army.

*August 17th. Wednesday.*

Good weather. The report was short. Dmitry arrived. The walk was up to the forest. At 7 o'clock. accepted Bezobrazov. Was reading.

*August 18th. Thursday.*

Wonderful summer day. In the afternoon we went down the Dnieper, I was in a duo with Valya D [olgorukov) and NP [Sablin]. Alexey played games with the sailors, and I took a walk with Mordvinov. They returned at 6 o'clock. Clouds covered the sky and at eight o'clock the thunderstorm passed. We dined on the balcony. Was reading.

*19th August. Friday.*

Yesterday there were stubborn battles in the armies of the South-West. front and taken prisoner per day: 289 officers, 15 501 lower. rank, including 2,400 Germans, 6 guns, 55 machine guns and 7 bombers.

The weather was hot. The walk was up; Alexei played at the edge of the forest, and I rode with Grabbe and NP [Sablin] in a boat. From 6 1/2 to lunchtime he received Ignatiev; in the evening of Grigorovich.

*20th August. Saturday.*

It was a good day. The report was long. We took the walk up. I drove further along the highway to the right of Spiridovich's dacha along a large sandy road. By 5 o'clock he returned to Alexey's place of play and at Desna at about 6 o'clock home. I read it before and after lunch.

*August 21st. Sunday.*

It became cool during the night. Frozen in a tent at breakfast. Took Kaufman. The arch [priestly] forest had games with the boys. I made a walk along the banks of the Dnieper up and along the highway back. We drank tea and dined in the dining room. Until 8 o'clock he received Sturmer, and then the Romanian general. Coanda as a military commissioner.

*August 22nd. Monday.*

The weather was better and warmer. After the report he received the new Spanish ambassador, the Marquis of Villacinda. He had breakfast in a tent. We took a walk up. Rowed in two and walked with N. P. [Sablin]. By 5 1/2 we went to the platform to meet dear Alix and her daughters. I stayed to drink tea and sat until 7 o'clock. I studied at home and at 8 o'clock went to dinner - we were alone and NP [Sablin] (dezh.). We spent the evening together.

*August 23rd. Tuesday.*

Today is the year that I arrived here. At 10 o'clock. together we went to the prayer service, and after the report to the hotel of the headquarters "Bristol" for breakfast. It was good and simple! Accepted Boris's report. About 3 o'clock we went up to the forest. Alix watched Alexei's games, and my daughters and I moved to the right side of the Dnieper; again there was the usual fuss in the bushes. At 6 o'clock. went to the kinematics. Dined with Alix on the train and spent the evening with her.

*August 24th. Wednesday.*

The weather was warm. The report ended at 12 o'clock. We had breakfast in the garden. We took a walk up to the same forest. Convoy's squad of hundred came up with songs and got off. The Cossacks sang, danced and played different games with Alexei. Returning on motors along the Dnieper, they overtook them and almost to the very Mogilev they galloped along the bank, aligning with a fast-moving boat. We drank tea in the garden. I read until 8 o'clock. I dined on the train - Mordvinov too (dezh.). The daughters hid from him in the carriages. A warm rain began to fall.

*August 25th. Thursday.*

Nice sunny day. The report dragged on, came home after Alix arrived. We had breakfast in a tent. About 3 hours. went to the highway to Orsha. Kegresse showed a new car, a cat. passes through all terrain. We drove on and descended through the forest to our place near the Dnieper. Ride with Grabbe in a pair. We returned by the river at 6 o'clock. After tea I received Raev, the cat. the chief prosecutor is appointed. Holy Synod. At 8 o'clock I went on the train with Alexei as usual. In the evening, Maria disguised herself as a guide and misled many, especially Mordvinov and Voeikov.

*August 26th. Friday.*

At 10 o'clock Ezi Mekl [enbug] -Strelitsky appeared on the occasion of expulsion from the due. inspector guards. artillery. In the afternoon the walk was up to the right bank. We ran through the bushes; the children tormented, tortured and tried to drown Mordvinov in every possible way. I studied from 6 to 8 hours. On the train we had dinner with Igor (dezh.). I read it with Alix.

*August 27th. Saturday.*

Great sunny day, cool in the shade. We had breakfast in the garden. Received Yusupov, who traveled around the hospitals Zap. front. The walk was there too. Read and accepted the bar. f. e. Roppa on request roads. Dined with Alix. In the evening, Dmitry, NP [Sablin] and Mord [guilty] arrived. The first was a terrible fool.

*August 28th. Sunday.*

The day was excellent. All were together at Mass. We had breakfast in the garden with music. We went to the old place, rode with Maria and Grabbe in a deuce and walked. Came back at 5 1/4. I studied until lunchtime. Dmitry and NP [Sablin] spent the evening.

*August 29th. Monday.*

Summer day. After tea, I took a walk in the garden. In the afternoon, we set off along the highway across both bridges at Dashkovka and there the whole company moved to two high-speed motors and climbed to the place of the former parking lot. By 5 1/4 they returned home. The weather was perfect. At 6 o'clock we went to the all-night vigil. Was reading. We dined on the train with Dmitry and Igor (dezh.). NP [Sablin] came later. Came back at midnight.

*August 30th. Tuesday.*

The weather turned bad. Let's go to mass in the rain. We had breakfast in the garden. Let's go up, ride with Tatyana and Grabbe in a two-man team. Alexei played with the boys. At 4 o'clock, a thunderstorm began and we returned under a heavy downpour. At 6 o'clock there was an interesting cinema. I read until 8 o'clock. We dined on the train with N. P. [Sablin] and Dmitry (dezh.). We sat in the carriages.

*August 31st. Wednesday.*

It rained at night, but the dene stood good. After breakfast we went up to our place. There was a lot of fuss in the bushes. We returned home at 5 o'clock. Uncle Pavel arrived from the 1st Guards. housing. I spoke to him after tea. Received Shuvaev. Dined on the train with Misha, the cat. also arrived today from the 2nd kav. bldg.

*1st September. Thursday.*

It rained all morning. At 12 1/2 o'clock the Emir of Bukhara arrived and had breakfast with his retinue in the dining room. At 2 o'clock we said goodbye to him. The weather has improved. We went to the first forest along the highway to Orsha. We walked and looked for mushrooms. As always, Alix drank tea with me. I studied calmly until 8 o'clock. We had lunch on the train with Misha, Dmitry and Igor. We spent the evening together.

*2nd September. Friday.*

The day was cool and gray. We had breakfast in the dining room. Gene. Kornilov, who had just escaped captivity in Austria, arrived here via Romania. In the afternoon we took a walk in the arch [priestly] forest, crossed the Dnieper in a gas chamber and fiddled around in the bushes. After tea I talked to Misha. Was reading. We dined on the train with him, Dmitry, and NP [Sablin]. Examined my train that came out of repair.!

*3rd September. Saturday.*

The same cool day. The report was short. At 2 1/2 we went up to the same place. Ride with Tatiana and Grabbe in a pair; then there was a fuss in the bushes. We returned for tea and at 6 o'clock went to the all-night vigil. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined on the train with Dmitry and NP [Sablin].

*4th September. Sunday.*

The weather was damp and bad. We were together at mass. After breakfast we went along the highway to Orsha. We walked and crossed the Gorodoksky bridge on foot. At 4 1/2 we arrived on the train. We drank tea together and at 6 o'clock. goodbye. Alix and her daughters left for the north. I read until 8 o'clock. Dined with everyone. In the evening I studied and wrote.

*September 5th. Monday.*

The day was cold and it was raining. The report ended at 12 o'clock. After breakfast we drove along an unfamiliar road to the town of Chaussy. We stopped halfway, Alexei stayed there to play, and I walked back on foot. The motors picked us up on our return to Mogilev. At 6 o'clock he received Shakhovsky, then read in the evening too.

*September 6th. Tuesday.*

It got a little warmer. The report was short. Took the gene. Nekrasov. After breakfast - Grigorovich and Rusin.

At 2.45 we went up the Dnieper to the shore with bushes. I went for a ride with Grabbe and Dm [itriy] Sherem (etev) in a pair of two and walked in. At 6 o'clock we went to the cinema.

*7th September. Wednesday.*

It was still warmer, but the day was gray. At breakfast, music was playing in the courtyard. We drove along the Bobruisk highway to the chapel monument. Alexei stayed in the forest, and I took a walk along the high road. After tea he received Mamantov. I read until 11 o'clock.

*September 8th. Thursday.*

It rained until 3 o'clock. We drove along the Bobruisk highway to the same place. He walked through the woods while Alexei was digging up various iron objects near the highway. The weather improved, the sun came out. I read it before and after lunch.

*September 9th. Friday.*

It got colder. The report was long. Having written, as always, a letter to Alix, I went there too. We continued to dig in the same place. Barca hosted from 6 1/4 until lunchtime. I studied in the evening.

*September 10th. Saturday.*

Nice sunny day. During the day we worked hard there and found horse bones.

After tea he received Sturmer, and in the evening gr. Niroda, cat. arrived in minutes. yard.

*September 11th. Sunday.*

Unusual for me Sunday without mass. I went early to the report, dressed in a tunic with all the orders, and at 12 o'clock went with Alexei to meet the Japanese prince Kanin. Honor. car. from the Georgievsky battalion and the entire headquarters lined up on a military platform. At 12 1/2 a train arrived, from where Georgy Mikhailovich, the prince and all his retinue got out. He returned home with Al [Eksey]. He arrived before one o'clock, I gave him the hordes. St. Andrew. Then there was breakfast with music and toast. At 3 o'clock we went to the same place. We continued to dig the tunnel at both ends. When we were leaving, we met with Kanin and Georgy. Accepted Boris's report. At 8 o'clock. there was lunch, after the cat. said goodbye to the Japanese - they left for Kiev. I read it in the evening.

*September 12th. Monday.*

A great autumn day. Few people had breakfast and dinner since yesterday. At 2 1/2 we drove along the Bykhov highway and stopped before reaching Saltanovka. They dug through one of the five mounds in the field next to the road and found nothing. We returned home at 5 1/2 o'clock. Before dinner I received Trepov. Then I read it.

*September 13th. Tuesday.*

A wonderful warm day. After breakfast we went up the Dnieper to the old place. I rode with Dmitry and Dolgorukov in a pair, came back on foot and ate potatoes with others. At 6 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil. Received N. I. Ivanov, who returned from a business trip to Finland. After lunch I studied.

*September 14th. Wednesday.*

It got colder again. The report was long. At 2 1/2 we went up the Dnieper. I took a walk, rode with Alexei in a pair and ate potatoes. At 6 o'clock. went to the cinema. I studied all evening.

*September 15th. Thursday.*

Clear cold day. The approach of autumn is felt. At 2 1/2 we went up on the motors; made a nice walk with Dolgorukov. After tea, I received Sandro's report at the headquarters. I read it before and after lunch.

*September 16th. Friday.*

It got a little warmer. The report ended at 12 o'clock; managed to take a walk in the kindergarten. At 2 1/2 we went up the Dnieper, rode in twos and ate potatoes. I studied before and after lunch.

*September 17th. Saturday.*

It rained from the night, and it rained all day. Alexei was sitting at home in a flashlight, because the upper part of his foot was slightly swollen. After breakfast I received Boris and wrote. Walked in the kindergarten for half an hour. Played with Alexey in *Nain jaune*. At 6 o'clock. went to the all-night vigil. I studied in the evening.

*September 18th. Sunday.*

Surprisingly, in the morning the weather was clear and cold. I went to mass and then to the report, the cat. was very short. Among others, Alec, who had returned from Reni, Galati and Yass, was having breakfast. Walked in the kindergarten until 4 o'clock. I played *Nain jaune* with Alexey. I read it before dinner; after he took a general adjutant. book Beloselsky. I sorted out letters and papers and put them in order.

*19th September. Monday.*

Quite a good day. Alexei is much better, but it is difficult to put on a boot. At 2 1/2 I went with Nilov and Dolgoruk [ov] along the highway to Orsha and made a long walk on foot; returned across the Gorodoksky bridge at exactly 5 o'clock. I read and wrote.

*20th September. Tuesday.*

Half gray day without wind. The report lasted two hours. Alexei's leg has completely recovered. At 2 1/2 we went for a walk. I walked through the bishop's forest. Alexei was playing by the fire on the other side of the highway. After eating potatoes, they returned home by 5 o'clock. After tea, go to the kinematics. I read it in the evening.

*September 21st. Wednesday.*

Great sunny day. After breakfast I wrote as usual. At 2 1/2 we set off along the Bykhov highway to Dashkovka. Alec [sow] walked across the bridges on foot to the campfire site. We returned along the Gomel highway at 5 1/2 o'clock. Bobrinsky. George arrived after the departure of pr [inets] Kanin. In the evening I went through a lot of photos for the album.

*September 22nd. Thursday.*

A very warm day - 10 ° in the shade. The report was long. Among others, the adm. Kanin, desig. member of the State. Council. We went up the Dnieper, rode with Grabbe and N. P. [Sablin] in two; ate potatoes. We returned home at 5.45. Received Shuvaev. After lunch I studied.

*September 23rd. Friday.*

Warm foggy day. The report was short. In the afternoon we went to the arch (priestly) forest. Walked in the rain. Then they dried themselves by the fire. Returned home at 5 1/4. I finished all the papers before lunch. In the evening I played dominoes with Dm [itriy], Grabbe and NP [Sablin].

*September 24th. Saturday.*

The same day. The report was short. We went to the chapel on the Bykhov highway, worked in the ground, went with Grabbe and N. P. [Sablin] to see the passing Kiev train and ate barbecue and potatoes. After tea I read.

*September 25th. Sunday.*

The day stood very warm - 13 ° in the shade. We were at Mass and at the prayer service for St. Sergius of Radonezh. The report ended at 12 o'clock. Music was playing at breakfast. At 2 1/2 I went up with Alexei, rode with Grabbe and NP [Sablin] in a two-man team, and on the way back with him \* on foot we got soaked through. It started raining all night. We ate kart [oshku] and chestnuts in the "Desna" cabin. I finished all the papers before lunch. In the evening I played dice with the same ones.

\* An arrow is drawn from the words with "him" in the original to the word "N. P. [Sablin]".

*September 26th. Monday.*

By morning the rain had stopped. In the afternoon we drove along the Bobruisk highway to the chapel, from where we made a walk through the forests and fields behind the railroad. dor. After eating potatoes and chestnuts, they returned at 5 1/2 o'clock. I studied before lunch and wrote and read after it.

*September 27th. Tuesday.*

Nice warm weather. The report was short. At 2 1/2 o'clock we went to the old place opposite the arch [priestly] forest. Made a walk with Grabbe and N.P. (Sablin). We ate potatoes and chestnuts [anas]. Up to 6 hours. let's go to the kinem. They showed an interesting tape from the English front. Before dinner I received a Romanian and ate. Diamandi and the king's aide-de-camp, Angelesco, who brought me a letter from him \* and from Missy. I studied in the evening.

\* An arrow is drawn here to the word "king".

*September 28th. Wednesday.*

In the morning until 10 o'clock. Alec arrived, the cat. I took for a while. I returned from a report at the headquarters early. Music was playing at breakfast. At 2 1/2 we went up the Dnieper. The weather was warm. Dug with Dmitry a trench in the slope of the bank. We returned home at 5 1/2 o'clock. After tea I received the first report of Protopopov - exercise. M.V.D. before lunch. I read it in the evening.

*September 29th. Thursday.*

A strong W blew at night and all day. The report was short. After breakfast I studied and wrote until 3 o'clock. Walked and played in the garden with Alexei. Before tea I had D. Pavel, who moved here to live. At 6 o'clock. went to the kinematics. There were interesting tapes of the British front. Dined French. General Vertelo, cat. goes as an instructor to the Romanian army. Received Makarov.

*September 30th. Friday.*

Storm from W and warm weather. We went up the Dnieper. Made a walk through the fields. The return was stormy. Before lunch, he took over a Serbian military mission with gene. Yurishich [eat] at the head, the cat. brought military Serbian orders.

*1st October. Saturday.*



At 10 o'clock. went with Alexei to mass. Serbs leaving for Petrograd had breakfast. The walk was along the Bykhov highway to the chapel and on foot on the other side of the railway. We ate barbecue and potatoes. The weather was rainy and very windy. After 6 o'clock he received Trepov, who had returned from an inspection of the railway under construction. d. to Murman. I studied all evening.

*2nd October, Sunday.*

Alexei was sick and dizzy, and he spent the whole day in bed. I was at mass. After breakfast he wrote, walked in the garden and received Boris. Was reading. The weather was warm and foggy. Alix left at 3 pm.

*3rd October. Monday.*

Alexei's stomach concussion was gone, but due to a slight fever Fedorov withstood him in bed. At 9 1/2, he received Alec, the cat. went to Romania again; then the regiment. Angelesco returning to the same place. In the afternoon I walked along the highway from Orsha. **The weather was wonderful - 12 ° in the shade.** By 5 o'clock the train arrived by road Alix with her daughters. After tea I came home to do some business. At 8 o'clock. went to the train for lunch and stayed there until 11.30.

*4th October. Tuesday.*

The morning was great. At 10 o'clock. went out with Alexei and his daughters to the courtyard, where the church parade of the 1st and 2nd Kuban Hundreds of the Convoy took place. They starred as a group. The report was short. Apart from the usual breakfast, the officers of the Convoy had breakfast. The Cossacks sang in the hall and danced afterwards. Made a walk in gray weather; from 6 o'clock Rain is coming. Mama examined the medical and nutritional train. Drank tea with Alix. I read until 8 o'clock. Alexey recovered. Dined on the train with Dmitry (dezh.).

*October 5th. Wednesday.*

We got up early and after tea took the two of us a deputation from the 1st **Volga** Regiment, a cat. presented Alexei with a blue Circassian coat and a weapon. At 10 o'clock we went to the episcopal mass, cat. served as Met. Pitirim in collaboration with Archbishop. Constantine. Then there were general congratulations. After the lecture, breakfast for 80 people. in four rooms. Received by Sandro. Said goodbye to Waters, cat. leaves for England. I read and wrote. Walked in the garden with my daughters. The weather was cold and calm. At 6 o'clock. went to the cinema. Received Grigorovich. Dined on the train with Igor (dezh.). In the evening Mordvinov arrived and was tortured!

*6th October. Thursday.*

The morning was sunny. After the report he received Grigorovich together with Rusin. Then Buchanan with the embassy; on behalf of Georgie he handed over to me the hordes. Baths for the military. They all had breakfast. Took Kaufman. At 2 1/2 I went with the children to the arch [priestly] forest, passed through it, crossed the Dnieper and took a walk. A squall of snow passed. We returned by 5 o'clock. on the "Desna". Alix arrived for tea. Studied until 8 o'clock. Dined on the train. The daughters were again busy with Mordvinov (Dezh.).

*7th October. Friday.*

Great morning and quiet. I walked around the garden twice before the lecture. Alix arrived for breakfast and went up the Dnieper with us. The water rose a lot. Ride in a deuce and walk. We ate potatoes and chestnuts. We watched the flights of our airplanes. After tea, he took Bulygin and then gene. Adlerberg. I dined on the train with N. P. [Sablin] (dezh.).

*October 8th. Saturday.*

Snow fell during the night, but melted by noon. Alix had breakfast and went for a walk. I walked about five versts with my children along the highway from Gomel.

At 4 1/2 o'clock we went to have tea at the village Pavel; he has a very nice house. Came back before 6 o'clock. Received S. S. Ozerov and read. Dined on the train with Igor (dezh.). I read with Alix, then took part in a game of hide and seek in a dark suite car.

*October 9th. Sunday.*

I went to mass with all the children. At 9 o'clock. received Alec returning from Romania. Alekseev's report was short. In the afternoon, everyone went along the Bykhov [sky] highway. to the chapel. I made an hour walk along the railway track. etc .; then they ate potatoes and canned food. soup. 6 hours to 8 hours received Sturmer. I dined on the train with N. P. [Sablin] (dezh.). I read it there. The weather was very warm and foggy.

*October 10th. Monday.*

It got colder and the day was rainy. The report was short. We took a walk behind the arch [priestly] forest. Alix was in the engine. We went from a walk to Georgy's dacha, where they drank tea. From 6 o'clock he received Mamantov and then Erdeli. I dined on the train and read papers there. The daughters played hide and seek on the big train nearby and, as always, Mordvinov was the victim.

*October 11th. Tuesday.*

It has become warmer, but the sun continues to stubbornly hide. Bad news came from Dobrudja - about the withdrawal of our and Romanian troops and about the abandonment of Constanta! I read the papers before breakfast.

At 2 1/2 we went halfway to the "skerries". From there I went back with T [atyana], M [aria] and A [nastasia] and others and made with them 7 1/2 versts per hour 20 m. We drank tea at home. At 6 o'clock we went to the kinem. Dined on the train with Igor (dezh.). I read and sat with Alix.

*October 12th. Wednesday.*

Warm gray day. Got up late. After breakfast I read it. At 2 1/2 we stopped at the Bratsk Monastery, bowed to the icon of the Mother of God and drove to the old Headquarters. I took a walk with my daughters while Alix was sitting in the engine, and Alexei played in the forest where my train was in 1915. We drank tea on the train at 6 o'clock. said goodbye to each other. Received by Acad. Reina and then Botkin - a sailor. General dinners went again. I read it in the evening.

*October 13th. Thursday.*

Quiet gray day. After the report, our generals, pcs. and vol. officers and lower. artillery ranks sent to the Romanian army in the form of instructors. After breakfast he received Palitsyn, the cat. leaves as my representative in the French army. The walk was in the same places as yesterday. D. Pavel drank tea. Took the gene. Markov and Tatishchev. After dinner I read it. Alexei had a fever with a headache.

*October 14th. Friday.*

Finally the sun came out and the day was clear. Pace. Alexei's health dropped, but he coughed a little and therefore stayed in bed. Took before breakfast Motono, cat. assigned min. foreign cases in Japan. At 2 1/2 I went to the Gorodoksky bridge, from where I went on foot to the highway for the post office. Art. I'll conifer. I received Bark before lunchtime. I read all evening.

*October 15th. Saturday.*

The same clear day. After the lecture, he took a walk in the garden in the sun. After breakfast I set off along the Bykhov [sky] road and on foot along the highway through the village of Saltanovka to the highway, from where I went home by motor. Alexei got up and is on a diet. At 6 o'clock. received Shuvaev. The quartermasters of all fronts dined. I studied in the evening.

*October 16th. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock we went together to mass. The day was cold with a sharp wind. I read and wrote for a long time after breakfast. Walked with Alexei in the kindergarten. At 6 o'clock he received Protopopov. After lunch I studied.

*October 17th. Monday.*

28th anniversary of our train wreck! After the lecture I wrote. By 3 o'clock. finished all papers. Walked with Alexei in the kindergarten. At 4 o'clock we went to the cinema. At 7 o'clock he received the book. Shakhovsky. In the evening I studied and packed my things and papers.

*October 18th. Tuesday.*

Great sunny day. After the lecture I was happy to leave Mogilev and get on my **train**. This five-month sitting in one place became unbearable for me! We sat down to breakfast immediately upon departure at 12.30. I went out with Alexei at the stops; slightly freezing. We played Nain jaune. I read it in the evening.

*19th October. Wednesday.*

I slept for a very long time; I woke up when the train had already passed Bologoye. It was snowing, melting and it was dark. But the soul rejoiced from the consciousness of a quick return **home**, to the bosom of a sweet family. I read before breakfast, and after that I played with Alexei in Nain jaune. At 3.30 we drove to **Tsarskoe Selo**. Alix and daughters met; went straight home. Did a short walk with O [lga], M [aria) and A [nastasia]. After tea I was busy with papers. Dined: Anya and Mordvinov (dezh.). I put my affairs and papers in order.

*20th October. Thursday.*

22nd anniversary of the grievous death of the beloved Pope. We went to the city and to the fortress for the funeral mass. We returned to Ts. Selo at one o'clock and had breakfast with Igor (dezh.). Alix walked with the children behind a stroller. The weather was warm + 6 °; the snow has almost melted. At 6 1/2 o'clock we went to the cave church for the all-night vigil; it was so nice to pray in him again. After dinner I read it. Confessed.

*October 21st. Friday.*

We had the great consolation to partake of the Holy Mysteries of Christ - with the whole family. After tea I took a walk with Maria and Anast [Asia]. It was warm and windy, the snow had melted. John (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. I took a walk with Alix, O [lga] and T [atyana]. At 4 o'clock he received gr. Ignatiev. At 6 o'clock Ilyushu Tatishchev and Zeyn. Alexei was visited by his comrades, brothers-cadets of the 1st corps - the Makarovs. About 10 o'clock I went to Anya - I saw Gregory; drank tea together.

*October 22nd. Saturday.*

I read the papers and took a walk until 11 o'clock. Took gr. Bobrinsky and Prince. Golitsyna-Muravl [ina]. Gabriel (dezh.) Had breakfast and dinner. Received Italian Ambassador Carlotti and Gen. Romei, cat. handed me a "war medal" on behalf of the King. From 3 to 4 o'clock we went for a walk as a family. Received Taneev. I went with Alix to the all-night vigil. I read it in the evening. I have a hefty coryza.

*October 23rd. Sunday.*

At 10 1/2 we went to mass. Dmitry and Tsvetsinsky (dezh.) Had breakfast. We walked around the entire park together, and I also walked alone to breathe the air longer. After tea upstairs at Alexei they showed his own ribbons. At 7 o'clock. received Grigorovich, who had come from Sevastopol after the misfortune with "Imp [heratrix] Maria" <sup>[2]</sup>. In the evening I studied and then read Sladkopevtsev's stories aloud to my daughters.

*October 24th. Monday.*

After the morning papers I took a walk. From 11 o'clock to breakfast hosted the introductory and last Buchanan. Breakfast: Sandro Leicht [Enberg] and Petrovsky (dezh.).

We took a walk together. The weather was windy. At 4 o'clock I had Stakhovich. After tea - Kulomzin. I read and wrote before and after lunch. In the evening a little out loud.

*October 25th. Tuesday.*

At 10 o'clock. went with Alexei to the site of the Grand Palace, where he inspected the four reserve battalions of Gvar. page division. The young shooters had an excellent look and passed the cer. m. well done. At 11 o'clock he received Shuvaev and Sturmer. N. P. [Sablin] (dezh.) Had breakfast. At 2 o'clock we went to the **train** and said goodbye to each other. In the carriage to Tosna he received Trepov. I read it before dinner; played dice in the evening.

*October 26th. Wednesday.*

I slept well and got up late. At the bus stops I went out with Alexei. The weather was gray and not cold. At 5 o'clock, already in the dark, I arrived in **Mogilev**. After the usual meeting, he got on the train, where he stayed for the night. In the afternoon, at one of the stations, he walked around three companies, lined up in front of his train, on their way to replenish the 3rd Caucasian corps.

*October 27th. Thursday.*

At 10 o'clock I went to the headquarters. Accepted before the report a deputation of the 1st Don kaz. shelf. I had breakfast with Alexey with everyone. The dining room has turned into a white room. At 2 1/2 we returned to the train. We walked around the old Headquarters. At 6 o'clock we **drove** further **south**.

*October 28th. Friday.*

Unfortunately, there was a thick fog. At 10 1/2 we arrived in **Kiev**. Dear Mom met at the station. With Alexei I went to St. Sophia Cathedral and then to the palace. Sat with Mom. The three of us had breakfast. Promoted the cadets of the 5th Kiev [school] school to ensign in the yard. Let's go with Mom to Olga in her infirmary. She is recovering from a throat trouble. After tea at Mom's, we returned to the train. At 8 1/4 I had dinner with Mom and stayed with her until 11 1/2 o'clock.

*October 29th. Saturday.*

At 9 1/2 I went to inspect the new military schools. Nikolaevskoe and Nikolaevskoe artillery, under construction near the city; then to Alekseevskoe engineering and on the way back, the way Kievskoe v. K. Konstantin Konstantinovich. I was in time for breakfast at Mama's with all his retinue. The three of us made an excellent ride in the motor beyond the Dnieper. We stopped by Olga. After tea I returned to the train with Alexey. I dined with Mom and said goodbye to her. At 10 o'clock I left Kiev with the best impressions. After tea I went to bed early.

*October 30th. Sunday.*

We all slept for a long time. In the morning the sun seemed to want to appear, but disappeared and soon it began to rain, escorting us to Mogilev. The paths met trains heading south. I read it all the time. **We arrived in Mogilev** at 4 o'clock. We moved to Headquarters for tea. Everyone here dined as usual. I also studied in the evening.

*October 31st. Monday.*

The weather is warm, the sun appeared briefly in the morning. The report ended at 12 1/4 o'clock. Today the 4th Terskaya hundred of the Convoy returned from the campaign. After breakfast he said goodbye to Dmitry. We walked along the Bobruisk highway and at the end we ate potatoes in the old place. I studied before and after lunch.

*1st November. Tuesday.*

The weather was bad and rainy. A lot of Englishmen, who were going to our front, had breakfast.

We took a walk in the bishop's forest. At 6 o'clock. were in the cinema. After lunch, Nick [olai] Mikhailovich sat with me for a long time.

*2nd November. Wednesday.*

During the night, a lot of snow fell and the frost reached 4 °. After tea, Alexei and I went out into the courtyard, where the 4th hundred of the Convoy was lined up. Gave orders to officers and Georg, crosses to the Cossacks. Then he went to the report, the cat. was short. In the afternoon we went to the old Headquarters; made a walk in the deep snow, and Alexei remained in the forest near the fire. We returned at 5 o'clock, studied the whole evening.

*3rd November. Thursday.*

Dear Olga is 21 years old. Alexey's leg hurt and [he] stayed in bed all day. At 10 o'clock. went to the prayer service. Today Pustovoitenko reported to me, because Alekseev, unfortunately, is not well and lies. I went to see him after. In the afternoon I went to the arch [priestly] forest and walked 4 versts along the highway. The weather is calm, gray, frost-5 °. I read a lot. In the evening he received Purishkevich.

*4th November. Friday.*

After the lecture I went to see Alekseev. In the afternoon I walked along the Bobruisk highway to the village of Selets. The weather was mild. I read it until lunchtime. In the evening I took the gene. Manikovsky and Mikhelson until 11:00. Alexey lay all day. Today Olga A [leksandrovna] married NA [Kulikovsky] in Kiev.

*5th November. Saturday.*

The frost reached 8 °, decreased in the afternoon. Alexei is better; Alekseev as well. In the afternoon I went to the Gomel highway and walked 6 miles along a very slippery road. After tea I read. In the evening I was with Alexei for a long time before his bedtime.

*6th November. Sunday.*

Great sunny day. I went to mass and then to my lecture. A lot of people had breakfast. At 3 o'clock I drove along the road to Orsha and had a good walk. The sunset was beautiful. I read it until lunchtime. Alexei felt very cheerful.

*7th November. Monday.*

At 10 o'clock. Nikolasha and Petyusha came to see me. After the report went to Alekseev and agreed with him that during his vacation to correct the position of the beginning. headquarters will be Gurko. I took a walk along the Gomel highway. Before lunch I received Nikolasha's report. I read it in the evening.

*November 8th. Tuesday.*

Alexei is completely healthy, but left in bed for another day. After the lecture I went to see Alekseev. Walked along the Bobruisk highway. The weather was gray and like a thaw. At 6 o'clock. received Nikolasha with a report on the civilian part. After dinner he said goodbye to him and Petyusha. I studied in the evening.

*November 9th. Wednesday.*

Alexey got up today. The weather is bad, melting and windy. In the afternoon he walked for half an hour in the garden and then received Sturmer. After tea - Trepova. The first leaves, the second is appointed to his place. I read in the evening; my head is tired of all this talk.

*November 10th. Thursday.*

I slept for a long time. The weather is disgusting, it is melting, it is dark and some pieces of ice are falling from the sky. Walked a little in the garden. At 4 o'clock he took the gene. Ruzsky. At 6 o'clock I went with Alexei to the kinem. Before dinner, he received a gene. Gurko, cat. will correct the time. should. chief headquarters, while Alekseev is on vacation. In the evening he received Grigorovich.

*November 11th. Friday.*

Today I received the first report of Gurko and then talked to him for a long time. After breakfast A. Botkin visited me. Walked with Alexei in the kindergarten. Strong thaw. I said goodbye to Ruzsky. I studied in the evening.

*November 12th. Saturday.*

Nice sunny day. There was a long report in the morning. In the afternoon I went with Alexei to the arch [priestly] forest, through which I made a good walk. I received Botkin before tea. At 6 o'clock. Shuvaev, and after lunch Zhilinsky. I was busy with my tired head.

*November 13th. Sunday.*

At 10 o'clock we went together to mass. Then the report. The day was damp and foggy. After breakfast I walked for a short time on the 3rd verst of the highway to Gomel. By 5 o'clock. went to meet dear Alix with her daughters. He returned home by 7 o'clock and took Gurko with the gene. Coando. Dined and spent the evening on the train.

*November 14th. Monday.*

Our 22nd wedding anniversary! Alix arrived with her daughters for mass. The report was short. After breakfast I read and walked a little in the garden with the children. The weather continues to be gray, damp and dull. From 4 o'clock to 5 1/4 he received Trepov - the conversation was about Protopopov. After tea he received Makarov, so he did not have time to deal with the papers. Dined and spent the evening on the train.

*November 15th. Tuesday.*

Again the same fog. After the report, as always, I went to see Alekseev, the cat. found him sitting in a chair. In the afternoon we went along the road to Orsha and there we walked together through the forest. At 6 o'clock there was an interesting kinem. from The Mysterious Hand. I dined on the train and received Protopopov's report there.

*November 16th. Wednesday.*

It was a great sunny day. After breakfast he received Protopopov for a short time. We went to yesterday's place, from where I went with my daughters and the Mordvinovs to the Dnieper and past the church up the forest back. We ate potatoes. After tea he received Rusin, then Rodzianko. I dined on the train and read papers there.

*November 17th. Thursday.*

Light frost. In the morning I received Alec with his sister of mercy Musina-Pushkin [oh], cat. traveled to the camps of our prisoners in Germany. In the afternoon we went there and saw the arrival, descent and then ascent of seven of our airplanes of Pavlenkov's detachment. I took a walk. At 6 o'clock. accepted the book. Shakhovsky and then Sergei. I dined on the train and received Sandro there.

*November 18th. Friday.*

In the morning I filmed in the courtyard with the officers who had arrived from the regiments to get acquainted with the method of shooting proposed by the cap. Topornin.

During the day we drove along the Bobruisk highway and walked in the woods to the village of Selets. D. Pavel came to tea. Sandro and Gurko took from 5 1/2 to 7 hours, and up to 8 hours. Cooking. Dined on the train with Mosolov, the cat. goes to Romania.

*19th November. Saturday.*

Foggy and quiet weather.

The report was short and then went to Alekseev, the cat. sat in his office. After breakfast he received Barka for a short while. We went again to the arch (priestly) forest and made a good walk there. Uncle Pavel drank tea and then came to me. At 6 o'clock he received gr. Ignatiev. Was reading. I dined and spent the evening with Alix.

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*20th November. Sunday. 1916 g.*

Until 10 o'clock. I went with Alexei to see MV Alekseev to say goodbye, since he went to Sevastopol to undergo medical treatment at the Romanov Institute. We all went together to mass. After breakfast we said goodbye to the adm. Phillimore, cat. returns to England. We made a walk along the Bobruisk highway. They drank tea at Uncle Paul's with the princes. Paley and family. Received Prince Bagrat [ion] -Mukhran [sky] after his trip to the Murmansk railway, etc.

*November 21st. Monday.*

On the occasion of the Feast of the Entry into the Temple, we went to Mass. Several Semenovites had breakfast. The walk was in the arch [priestly] forest; there was a slight frost. They called French for tea. doct. Cresson, cat. recently returned from German captivity, having stayed there for 21 months. At 6 o'clock he received Senator Tregubov. Finally I managed to read and finish my accumulated cases this week. Spent the evening in the carriage.

*November 22nd. Tuesday.*

The day was good and frosty. The report was long. After breakfast we made a walk in the forest near George's summer cottage. From 5 1/4 to 6 o'clock he received Protopopov. Let's go to the cinema. Dined and spent the evening on the train; there he received Protopopov a second time.

*November 23rd. Wednesday.*

The frost stayed around 4 ° without the sun. There was little ice on the Dnieper. We drove along the Bobruisk highway and walked through the woods to the railway station. After tea, I read and stacked books and papers. Dined and spent the evening on the new train, where Alix moved after a day's walk.

*November 24th. Thursday.*

5 ° frost. At the end of the report, I went with Alexei on the train and at exactly one o'clock we **left** for the north. We sat down to breakfast. Alix read aloud a lot. I felt ramolno and fell asleep before dinner. By evening it passed.

*November 25th. Friday.*

Everyone slept for a long time, and I in particular until 10 o'clock. Before breakfast and after I read the papers. The weather was gray at 5 ° C. At 4 o'clock, not without pleasure, I arrived at **Tsarskoe Selo**. Having sorted out his rooms, he went to 4 1/2 for tea. He sent for D. Pavel and handed him the St. George cross. I studied until 8 o'clock and finished everything. Kostya was having lunch (dezh.). In the evening I pasted a photo. to the album.

*November 26th. Saturday.*

At 10.20 am the three of us went with Alexei to the city, right to the People's House. Up to 20,000 people were gathered in all its premises. George Cavaliers. Three prayers were served in three places; we were inside the new theater. Then there was a distribution of bags with the device and food to each gentleman. After the toast, they walked back in all the halls and left. The order was exemplary. We returned to Tsarskoe by one o'clock; had breakfast in the carriage. Having received several deputations, I went for a walk with my daughters. After tea he received Trepov. In the evening we sat at Anya's with Gregory until 11 o'clock. Then I still had to read and answer the telegrams.

*November 27th. Sunday.*

On a clear cold morning we drove to mass. After breakfast he received Goltgoer and Voeikov. I walked with my daughters and went to the Church of the Sign, on the occasion of its holiday. Received a Romanian colonel who came from France. After tea I had Raine. Was reading. Dined b. Wrangel (dezh.). In the evening I pasted photographs.

*November 28th. Monday.*

Sunny frosty day. After reading the papers, I went out into the garden for 10 minutes. Received Grigorovich and Rittich, appointed manager. min. agriculture. Aunt Olga was having breakfast. I walked around the whole park with Anastasia. At 4 o'clock he received Bulygin and then Petrograd, the governor of Saburov. D. Pavel drank tea. At 6 o'clock Trepov was with me. Dined: Anya, N. P. [Sablin] and gr. Kutaisov (dezh.). I read and pasted photographs.

*November 29th. Tuesday.*

Voeikov came in in the morning; spoke [with him] about the establishment of the post of the top. chief food part. I took a walk. Received Shuvaev and Neratov. After breakfast, Metropolitan Pitirim was received together.

Then the new Argentine envoy. I walked with my daughters. After tea I wrote and read. In the evening, too, then pasted a photo. to the album.

*November 30th. Wednesday.*



It was snowing in the morning. Walked for 10 minutes. Received the Belgian envoy. Then the General - Ad. Durnovo and Taneeva. I walked for a long time, first with my daughters and then alone. Ella came from Moscow. At 6 o'clock. received Raev. I finished all the papers before lunch. In the evening Voeikov visited me.

*1st December. Thursday.*

At 9 1/2 he went to Petrograd and to the Porcelain and Glass Works. He was mainly interested in the method of producing optical glass for the military and naval departments. I walked around all the buildings and at the end I briefly examined the museum of the plant. I spent exactly two hours there and was very pleased with the organization of the case. Returned to Ts. Selo at 1 1/2 and had breakfast with Alix. I walked with my daughters, there was slush and phlegm. At 6 o'clock. received Mamantov. Had dinner at 7 1/2 as Ella had to catch the train. I read it and pasted it into an album.

*2nd December. Friday.*

In the morning before the walk, Voeikov came to me. From 11 o'clock to one o'clock he received Trepov, Bark, Polovtsov - comrade. m [inistra] and. D. and Shakhovsky. Totleben (dezh.) Had breakfast. We walked next to Alix's chaise. At 4 o'clock he received Pokrovsky, appointed by the min (istrom) in. etc., and after tea, sep. Kobylinsky on the Humanitarian O [bsches] tvu. Was reading. We spent the evening with Anya talking with Grigory.

*3rd December. Saturday.*

The morning was light. Walked for 20 minutes. Received Shuvaev, and then Boris, after his trip to the Caucasian front and to Persia. He was having breakfast. We all took a walk in the park together. The darkness was such that at breakfast the room had to be lit up. At 4 o'clock he received a new State. controller Feodosiev; then D. Pavel with a report. After tea I read. At 6 1/2 we went to the all-night vigil. I studied even after lunch. In the evening I finished pasting photos into my album with Maria.

*4th December. Sunday.*

It was snowing today and there was a little frost. At 10 1/2 we went to mass. It is so good to pray in the Feodorovsky Cathedral with Cossacks and soldiers. Mordvinov (dezh.) Had breakfast. We walked with all the children for half an hour. At 3 1/2 o'clock we went to the **train**, where we said goodbye; Alexey and I hit the road. I read a lot and was very sad!

*December 6th. Tuesday.*

We got up early and congratulations began in the morning. On my way back from the church, I greeted the units celebrating their holidays today. The report, under Shuvaev, was short. A lot of people had breakfast. Received gifts from Alix and children. Walked along the highway to Orsha - Alexei played in the arch [priestly] forest. At 6 o'clock we went to the cinema - very interesting. He answered a lot of telegrams. I read it in the evening.

*December 7th. Wednesday.*

In the morning he continued to answer telegrams. The lecture lasted from 10 1/2 hours to 12 1/2 hours. A lot of snow fell, the frost was at 8 °. After breakfast we made yesterday's walk. Alexey enjoyed playing in the snow-covered forest. I did. Before lunch he received Petrovo-Solovovo, and in the evening the general. Adlerberg.

*December 8th. Thursday.*

Nice sunny morning. I wanted to take a walk, but I had to go to the report. After breakfast, I examined samples of a new submachine gun, rifle and submachine gun. The walk was in the same place as yesterday. Dined French. Admiral Fournier and 3 officers returning from Romania. In the evening he received Ozerov. Was reading.

*December 9th. Friday.*

The same weather. The talk ended in time before breakfast. Riding with Alexei to the old Headquarters, they stopped and went in to venerate the local miraculous icon of the Mother of God. He walked well along the highway while he played in the forest of Bekarevich's dacha. After tea, Markov took over the Finns. business. I read it in the evening.

*December 10th. Saturday.*

It snowed all day. After the report was accepted by the gene. Meller-Zako-melsky. We made a walk to the arch [priestly] forest. The wind blew strongly until they reached the forest, snow covered his eyes and right ears. I received Trepov before dinner. After - him together with Gurko on the issue of railway. dor. control at the front. Was reading.

*December 11th. Monday.*

Due to a slight indigestion in Alexei, he stayed in bed for the whole day. After breakfast I took the engineer put. soob. Weinberg, who spent about two years in captivity. Made a nice walk along the Bykhov [sky] highway. It was melting and it was windy. D. Pavel came and drank tea. At 6 o'clock I went to the military. the platform, where he examined the car - the power station and the workshop for all kinds of work at night. After lunch I studied.

*December 13th. Tuesday.*

The weather was mild. Kirill and NP [Sablin] from Odessa arrived for breakfast. The walk was known to the arch [priestly] forest with a sled game. D. Pavel had a report with me before tea. At 6 o'clock. went to the cinema - the pictures from The Mysterious Hand were interesting. After lunch I studied for a long time.

*December 15th. Thursday.*

The weather was excellent, quiet, 3 ° frost. Before the report, gene. Svyatsky showed his light shields, wearable and transportable. After breakfast I took a Romanian meal. Diamandi. The walk was along the Bobruisk highway to the forest, to the cat. I went on foot. D. Pavel drank tea.

I read and accepted Botkin. I studied in the evening.

*December 16th. Friday.*

In the morning it was 7 ° frost and the bright sun, however, soon disappeared. Three new Englishmen, a Frenchman and three Romanians had breakfast. The walk was on the road to Orsha - Alexei played in his arch [priestly] forest. He walked 6 versts. The General-Advisor dined. Evert. In the evening Mama read and wrote.

*December 17th. Saturday.*

The report was very short.

All three commanders ate breakfast. We made a walk there to the bishop's forest. We got home at 4 1/2. After tea, a meeting on military issues took place at the headquarters until lunchtime and then from 9 o'clock to 12 1/2 o'clock.