

#175 Making the World Safe for Democracy – The Fall of the Romanov Dynasty stimulated America’s entry into World War I, to become the Fourth Rome, part 2, Wilson recognizes Russia’s Democratic Provisional Government

This is part 2 of explaining how and why the Fall of the Romanov Dynasty in World War I stimulated America’s entry into World War I.

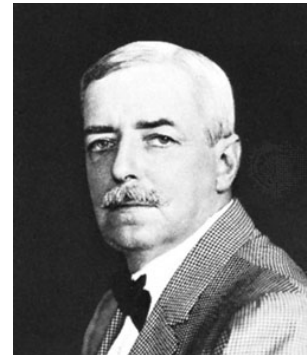
Key Understanding: The war between democracy and autocracy. Because of the Fall of the Romanov Dynasty, and Russia’s switch to a democratic Provisional Government, the United States would enter World War I on April 6, 1917, to “Make the World Safe for Democracy,” essentially declaring World War I to be a war between Democracies and Autocracies.

On March 15, 1917, word reached Woodrow Wilson of the events that had been occurring in Russia. It was confirmed definitively on March 17 by the U.S. Ambassador to Russia, David R. Francis, that a group representing the majority in the Russian parliament (the Duma) had deposed the Tsar, formed a provisional government, and promised to establish a new constitutional order and carry on the war for democratic aims on behalf of the Russians.



U.S. President
Woodrow Wilson

On March 16, U.S. Secretary of State Robert Lansing sent to President Wilson a long telegram from Samuel N. Harper, the leading American authority on Russia, saying that Harper was convinced that the provisional government was in control and Russia would henceforth be better able to prosecute her war effort (as an ally of Britain and France against the Central Powers of Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire, etc.).



U.S. Secretary of State
Robert Lansing

President Wilson decided to recognize the new Russian government, he told the French Ambassador on about March 19, in order to encourage the effort of this new great democracy in Russia. Everyone could see that the men now in power were honorable; the Tsar’s old order of things, Wilson believed, had no chance of being reestablished. Robert Lansing sent instructions to the U.S. Ambassador to Russia, David Francis, in Petrograd (the new name for St. Petersburg) on March 20; he granted formal recognition to the new Russian government at 11 a.m. on March 22, 1917.

In the meantime, Germany continued to try to starve Britain into surrendering by sinking cargo ships – including American cargo ships – headed for its ports. In February 1915, Germany had declared that it would attack any ship that tried to get through their blockade of German submarines, called U-boats. Simultaneous with the Fall of the Russian Tsar, Washington was rocked on Sunday, March 18, 1917, by news that German submarines had just destroyed three American ships – *City of Memphis*, sunk with no casualties off the Irish coast on March 17 after

warning and evacuation of the crew; *Illinois*, sent to the bottom by gunfire without warning, but there was only one member of the crew that was wounded; and *Vigilancia*, torpedoed without warning on March 16, with fifteen members of the crew being drowned.

Excitement was spreading over the country, fed by newspaper reports and editorials, and a statement by former President Theodore Roosevelt demanding an immediate declaration of war. President Wilson met with Secretary of State Lansing on March 19, and called a Cabinet meeting to be held on March 20 to discuss the issue of the United States going to war against Germany.



President Woodrow Wilson and His War Cabinet. *Left*—W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury; Thomas W. Gregory, Attorney General; Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy; D. F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture; William B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor. *Right*—Robert Lansing, Secretary of State; Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War; A. S. Burlinson, Postmaster General; Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of Interior; William C. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce.

Remember, World War I was birthing both the 7th Kingdom USSR and the *Second* Ascension of the 8th Kingdom U.S. . . .

Revelation 17:10-11 (KJV) . . . and THE OTHER [the Seventh Kingdom, the USSR] IS NOT YET COME; and when he cometh, he [the Seventh Kingdom, the USSR] must continue A SHORT SPACE.

11 And THE BEAST [out of the Pit in Rev. 17:08, the United States of America] that was, and is not, even HE IS THE EIGHTH, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

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