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7th January 1905

- [1] I cannot stay in this job for much longer, each day I feel like I am getting weaker and weaker. **The conditions of this factory make it even harder to work in.** Everyone in the iron factory I work in struggles. The 11 hour days are far too long, and the wages not enough. My daughter is sick but I do not have enough to pay to take her to a doctor, we can't live like this any longer. Father Gapon has been very helpful, and **Sunday we shall go to the Tsar's Winter Palace to present our appeal to our Mighty Tsar. 135,000 people have signed the petition Father Gapon says,** so our Little Father must listen to us for we know he cares for us. Once our mighty Tsar Nicholas sees how terrible the conditions we work in are and how the war with **Japan is just killing more and more people** he will surely change everything and we will all be equal! I am very thankful to our Little Father for my job, but if he grants us to work 8 hours a day instead of 11 hours I would no longer feel so weak, I will be able to take care of my daughter and my wife. It would be such a wonderful thing for His people.

9th January 1905

- [4] How could he?! The Tsar no longer has a heart for his people. My brother was so cruelly taken from me, all because of the Tsar. He no longer is worthy to be called Little Father, for he does not care for his people at all. **Our peaceful walk to the Winter Palace only to be ignored by the Tsar and then shot at by his soldiers.** We all dressed in our Sunday best and peacefully marched to the Winter Palace singing our hymns like "God Save The Tsar", thousands with all our families and friends alongside us. And what does Tsar Nicholas do? He orders his guards to shoot down the crowd! He does not even come out to read the petition! No longer shall he be allowed to rule, he does not care for his people. He has the blood of thousands on his hands that he will not be able to wash away. The blood of men, women and children all lying on the cold snow outside his palace. How could God have chosen this man to rule mighty Russia, God has forsaken us. We must remove the Tsar from the throne and make him pay for what he has done. He must pay for taking away my brother, he will pay. God save Russia!

3rd March 1905

Whispers of the revolution have been spreading throughout Russia. People from all over Russia even in Siberia are taking a stand against the Tsar and through growing unrest more and more strikes are happening throughout our country. In February Nicholas ordered a consultative assembly that would report on constitutional reform, but he does not realize that he is not fit to run our country. He has already had his chance, now we as Bolsheviks shall shape Russia into the Communist society we should already be. We shall never let the rule of a Tsar ever dictate our glorious country again. Equality for all!

30th May 1905

Does the life of his people mean anything to the Tsar? Yet again he has let his people be slaughtered. This man has to be stopped. Many of the sailors were Bolsheviks just as I am. When will Nicholas recognize the needs and wants of his people? He will not rule our Mother Russia for much longer. We have to put a stop to his autocracy now. He has no heart for his people, as Little Father he should care for us all as his own children. But he does not care for anybody except himself.

17th October 1905

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The Tsar is so close to losing his power! Our revolution is causing chaos for the Tsar and his officials. No longer shall the Romanovs rule over Russia, but we, as the people shall rule it together. Strikes are happening all over Russia, my fellow workmates and I have been on strike for two weeks. Life has been made hard for the Tsar as countless rail workers and telegraph workers have also gone on strike. The railroader's strike has handed us control of Russia's communication, allowing us to spread the word of the strike throughout the empire and immobilizing the railway stopping many trades and industries. Our stand must be working; Nicholas must fear a future revolution coming as today he issued The Manifesto on the improvement of the State Order. In the manifesto the Tsar addresses the unrest felt throughout the Russian Empire, he also grants our basic civil liberties we have been fighting for including personal immunity. He also allows freedom of assembly, association, press, religion and speech and gives us the opportunity to participate in the Duma. But it is too late for him, he has finally granted us these things but much too late. With the freedom of speech he has given us, we will not let our voices left unheard! The Tsar has only done this for his sake, the people of Russia will not stop till the revolution is complete and the Tsar is off the throne.

11th December 1905

The manifesto meant nothing to the Tsar, he did it merely to obtain the support of the Octoberists. Neither the manifesto nor the Duma brought any reform to our empire as the egocentric Tsar over ruled all issues brought to the Duma to save himself from losing his reign. And sadly it worked. He still sits on his throne, transforming Russia from once a mighty empire to an impotent nation fighting for freedom. For the people have had a glimpse of freedom and we won't stop until we get it Whether it take days, months or years I will fight until Tsar Nicholas II is removed from the throne and Russia can take back her place as a Powerful empire through communism. Nicholas will be unable to wash the blood from his hands of all the innocent people that lost their lives under his reign. Nicholas was not a father to his people at all. God will avenge him for neglecting us. But here on earth, we shall avenge him first.