

**Fascinating Info #6**  
**People's Will and the Assassination of Alexander II**

**Noteworthy Events**

1877	April	Outbreak of war with Ottoman Empire (“Russo-Turkish War”)
	Oct	Start of Trial of 193 (ends in Jan 1878)
	Nov	Fall of Turkish fortress of Plevna to Russian forces – on third try
1878	Jan	Armistice with Ottoman Empire
		Vera Zasulich’s attempt on the life of governor-general Trepov
	March	Acquittal of Zasulich in jury trial
	July	Russia forced to give up important gains in war at Congress of Berlin
	Aug	Kravchinskii’s assassination of Third Section head General Mezentsev
1879	April	Attempt in life of Alexander II by Alexander Solovyov
	Aug	Executive Committee of People’s Will condemns Alexander II to death
	Nov	Terrorists explode a train on which they believed tsar was traveling
1880	Feb	People’s Will explodes a bomb in the Winter Palace; Tsar unharmed
		Creation of Supreme Executive Commission to combat terrorism
	July	Alexander II marries former mistress only two months after wife’s death
	Aug	Supreme Exec. Com. abolished; Loris-Melikov becomes interior minister
1881	Feb	Serious consideration of reform plan by Loris-Melikov
	March	Alexander gives provisional approval to part of Loris-Melikov’s reform plan
		Alexander II assassinated; his son becomes Emperor Alexander III
		Alexander III rejects Loris-Melikov’s reform plan
	April	Execution of five regicides, including one woman (Perovskaia)

**Terms, Peoples, Concepts & Stuff**

Russo-Turkish War (1877-78)	Plevna	Supreme Executive Commission
Michael T. Loris-Melikov	Winter Palace	Ekaterina Dolgorukina (Iur’evskaia)
Stepan Khalturin	Andrei Zheliabov	Sofia Perovskaia
Ignatii Grinevitsky		

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