



37 Days: Countdown to World War One

29 July: Can the Royal cousins avert disaster?

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As tensions mounted telegrams flew back and forth between the three royal cousins.

Tsar:

I beg you in the name of our old friendship to do what you can to stop your allies going too far.

Kaiser:

The peace of Europe may still be maintained by you if Russia will agree to stop the military measures which must threaten Germany and Austro-Hungary.

George V:

I am most anxious not to miss any possibility of avoiding the terrible calamity which at present threatens the whole world.