Krasnyi Arkhiv Digital Archive
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In the 1920s-era Soviet Union, *Krasnyi arkhiv* was a major scholarly publication. Today, the journal's archive has become an essential resource for history scholars.

Considered to be the most important historical journal in Soviet Russia, *Krasnyi arkhiv* was established in 1922 by renowned Soviet historian and founder of the Central Archive Department, Mikhail N. Pokrovsky. The publication of *Krasnyi arkhiv* ceased when Nazi Germany invaded the Soviet Union in June 1941.

The Central Archive Department became the repository for the archives of the Tsarist-era Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of the Interior, the Police Department, private archives of the former nobility, and others. *Krasnyi arkhiv* had access to these resources and became the only journal that published these archival documents generally unknown to history scholars.

These important archival papers were regularly published "for the education of the proletariat," revealing the secrets of diplomatic documents hidden in Tsarist Russia's documents.

Previously unknown pre-World War I documents citing the political situation in Russia on the verge of war were published in the first few issues. These articles include: "Russian-German Relations Between 1873 and 1914" and "The Start of the 1914 War: The Daily Diary of the Foreign Ministry."

Historians will find the development of the Bolshevik movement and the Russian communist party, the Russian civil war, Russia's foreign policy, and the history of Russia in Kazakhstan, Central Asia, and Siberia, covered in the pages of *Krasnyi arkhiv*.

Russia's literary heritage is also referenced with 16 publications on Alexander Pushkin, 12 publications on Fedor Dostoyevsky, 14 publications on Leo Tolstoy, and more.

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