Imperial Russian Newspapers

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The Imperial Russian Newspapers collection comprises out-of-copyright newspapers spanning the eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, up to the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. The collection’s core titles are from Moscow and St. Petersburg, complemented by regional newspapers across the vast Russian Empire.

The collection also includes two e-book collections (full-text searchable) of pertinent reference books: an in-depth bibliographic record of all known newspapers published in Imperial Russia (over 10 key bibliographies) and a unique collection of dozens of contemporaneous (mostly nineteenth century) reference works offering detailed subject bibliographies of the articles appearing in the specific newspapers of the Imperial Russian Newspapers collection.

The Imperial Russian Newspapers collection was facilitated by the outstanding bibliographic work done by librarians and scholars in major Russian libraries, primarily the National Library of Russia’s Newspaper Division, which is one of the largest newspaper libraries in the world.

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Current Titles

The Imperial Russian Newspapers collection includes 33 titles with over 60,000 issues and over 825,000 pages. Titles include:

- Birzhevye vedomosti (Биржевые ведомости), Saint Petersburg, 1862
- Den’ (День), Saint Petersburg, 1912-1918
- Kommercheskaia gazeta (Коммерческая газета), Saint Petersburg, 1825-1860
- Moskovskie vedomosti (Московские ведомости), Moscow, 1913-1916
• Oloneńskie gubernskie vedomosti (Олонецкие губернские ведомости), Petrozavodsk, 1917
• Orenburgskie gubernskie vedomosti (Оренбургские губернские ведомости), Samara, 1845-1846
• Sankt-Peterburgskie vedomosti (Санкт-Петербургские ведомости), Saint Petersburg, 1793-1867
• Sankt-Peterburgskie vedomosti. Kazennye izvestiia. Chastnye izvestiia (Санкт-Петербургские ведомости. Казенные известия. Частные известия), Saint Petersburg, 1831-1848
• Sankt-Peterburgskie vedomosti. Kazennye ob’avleniia (Санкт-Петербургские ведомости. Казенные объявления), Saint Petersburg, 1856-1858
• Sankt-Peterburgskie vedomosti. Ob’avlenii: Kazennye. Podriady (Санкт-Петербургские ведомости. Объявления: Казенные. Подряды), Saint Petersburg, 1785-1818
• Sankt-Peterburgskie vedomosti. Ob’avlenii o kupchikh (Санкт-Петербургские ведомости. Объявлении о купчих), Saint Petersburg, 1782
• Sankt-Peterburgskie vedomosti. Ob’avlenii o nereshennykh delakh (Санкт-Петербургские ведомости. Объявлении о нерешенных делах), Saint Petersburg, 1785-1798
• Sankt-Peterburgskie vedomosti. Ob’avlenii ot raznykh sudebnykh mest (Санкт-Петербургские ведомости. Объявлении от разных судебных мест), Saint Petersburg, 1785-1787
• Sankt-Peterburgskie vedomosti. Ob’avlenii o kupchikh (Санкт-Петербургские ведомости. Объявлении о купчих), Saint Petersburg, 1782
• Sankt-Peterburgskie vedomosti. Priбавление (Санкт-Петербургские ведомости. Прибавление), Saint Petersburg, 1782
• Sankt-Peterburgskie vedomosti. Reestr po sudnym delam (Санкт-Петербургские ведомости. Реестр по судным делам), Saint Petersburg, 1782
• Sankt-Peterburgskie vedomosti. Reestr uchinenyı̆ gubernskoi kanśeliarii (Санкт-Петербургские ведомости. Реестр учиненной губернской канцелярии), Saint Petersburg, 1782
• Sankt-Peterburgskie vedomosti. Uchenye izvestiia (Санкт-Петербургские ведомости. Ученые известия), Saint Petersburg, 1818-1823
• Zemledel’cheskaia gazeta (Земледельческая газета), Saint Petersburg, 1834-1916

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About the GPA CRL Alliance

East View and the Center for Research Libraries have created the GPA CRL Alliance to steer the development of a series of thematically designed databases for East View’s Global Press Archive program to meet the specific needs and priorities of CRL members. Launched in 2019, the charter phase of the GPA CRL Alliance resulted in the creation of nine collections, encompassing hundreds of newspaper titles and totaling over 4.5 million pages, of which 3 million pages are fully Open Access.

The first of these collections – Late Qing and Republican-Era Chinese Newspapers, Middle Eastern and North African Newspapers, Independent and Revolutionary Mexican Newspapers, Imperial Russian Newspapers, Southeast Asian Newspapers, and South Asian Newspapers – are all Open Access collections and are the result of close collaboration between East View and CRL, with CRL advisors selecting and curating the content, and CRL members funding the collections to facilitate global Open Access.

Encouraged by the positive results of Phase 1, a second phase of the GPA CRL Alliance is now underway. The continuation of this highly successful academic-commercial partnership between CRL and East View will serve our shared values of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and continue to extend access to global newspaper collections to the widest possible audience. Fundraising for Phase 2 has ended but CRL members are still encouraged to contribute to the program.

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