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Despite Witte's protests, was allowed to 'carry out a brutal and excessive, and often totally unjustified, series of repressive measures. Although the Church's 'senior hierarchs' may for some time have played with the thought of self-government, Witte's demand that this would come at the cost of religious toleration 'guaranteed to drive them back into the arms of reaction'. Witte emphasised that repression would be only a temporary solution to the problem, and a risky one, because he believed the armed forces — whose loyalty was now in question — could collapse if they were to be used against the masses.

Sergei Witte and the industrialization of Russia. (1974 edition)

After completing his studies he devoted some time to journalism in close relations with the and. Until 1905 matters pertaining to industry and commerce were within the province of the Ministry of Finance.

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When Alexander III died, he told his son on his deathbed to listen well to Witte, his most capable minister. The advice went unheeded; the French ambassador complained to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Witte recommended that the government issue a manifesto related to the people's demands.

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As from 1892 to 1903 Witte presided over extensive and achieved government monopoly control over an expanded system of railroad lines. Current issues are now on the Chicago Journals website. As the Duma was only a consultative body, the Council of Ministers or the Tsar still had the right to block certain proposals.

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Only when Nicholas II's cousin threatened to shoot himself if he did not agree to Witte's demands, following the Tsar's request for him to accept appointment as dictator, did the Tsar agree. The marriage was a scandal, not only because Matilda was a divorcee, but also because she was a converted Jew. Witte failed to retain the confidence of the Emperor, but continued in Russian politics as a member of the State Council but he was never again appointed to an administrative role in the government.

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Witte argued that ending discrimination against religious rivals of the Orthodox Church 'would not harm the church, provided it embraced the reforms that would revive its religious life'. His relatives took a dim view of this career path as it was considered unsuitable for a noble or aristocrat at the time. He had left orders that they could not be published during the lifetimes of him and his contemporaries.

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