



Nine European Sovereigns at Windsor for the funeral of King Edward VII May 1910, four years before the Great War began.

Standing, L to R: King Haakon VII of Norway, Tsar Ferdinand of Bulgaria, King Manuel II of Portugal, Kaiser Wilhelm II of the German Empire, King George I of Greece, King Albert I of Belgium.

Seated, L to R: King Alfonso XIII of Spain, King-Emperor George V of the United Kingdom, King Frederick VIII of Denmark.

#### Family Affair:

Seven of Queen Victoria's direct descendants, and two more of her Coburg relations, were on European thrones.

King George V of Great Britain and Tsar Nicholas II of Russia were first cousins (George's mother & Nicholas' mother were sisters from the Danish royal family)

King George V and German Kaiser Wilhelm II were first cousins on the other side (George's father & Wilhelm's mother brother/sister)

Wilhelm and Nicholas were also *third* cousins

All three men were also *fifth* cousins, being equal descendants of King George II of England.

Kaiser Wilhelm II was uncle to King Albert I of Belgium.

Kaiser Wilhelm II and Tsar Ferdinand's empires went to war with the nations led by King Albert I and King George V.

Of the remaining monarchs, one would be assassinated (Greece), three would stay neutral (Norway, Spain, and Denmark), two would be forced out of power by revolutions.