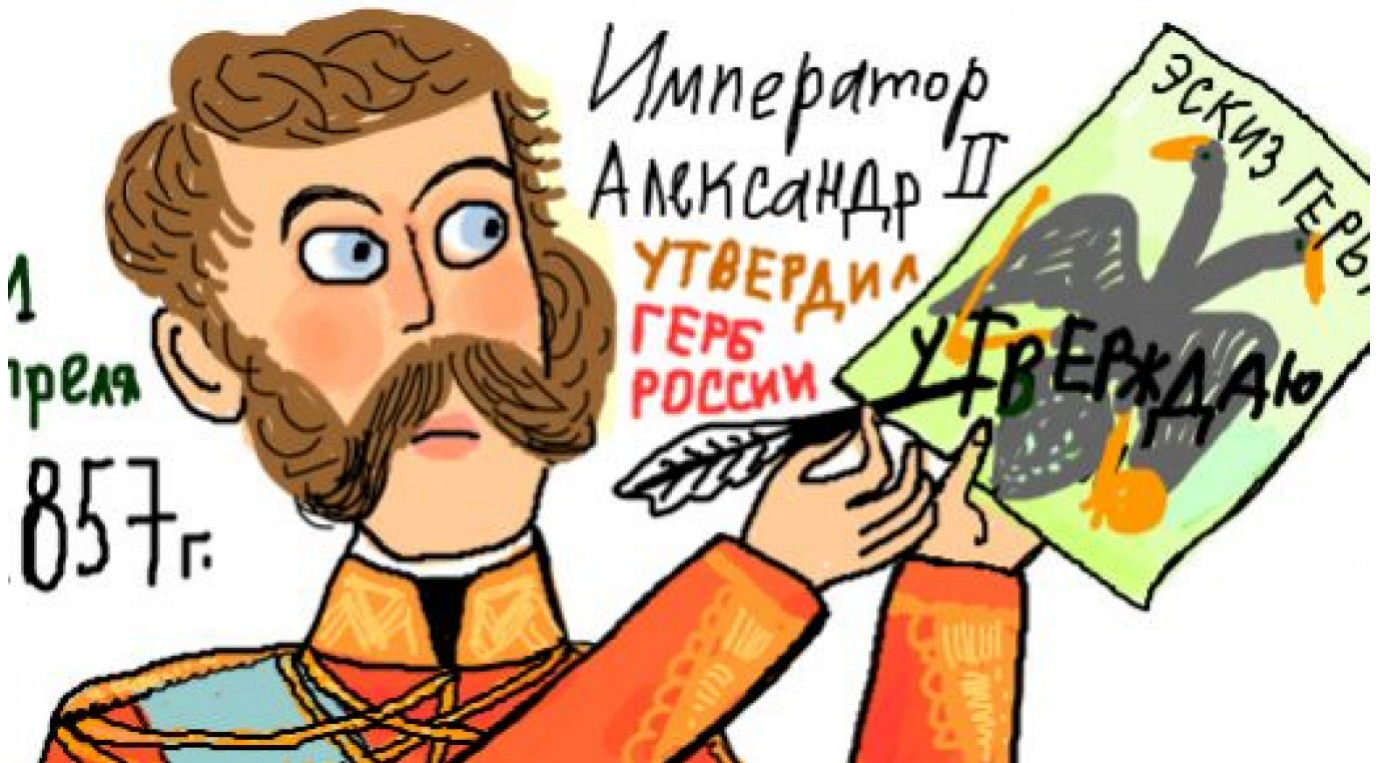# Today in History, April 11

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156 years ago today, on April 11, 1857, Tsar Alexander II approved the state emblem of Russia — the two-headed eagle. While the coat of arms had existed since the 15th century, it had evolved with each monarch. The double-headed eagle remained the state emblem until the 1917 Revolution, and was readopted after the absolution of the Soviet Union.

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