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Умомъ Россію не понять,
Аршиномъ общимъ не измѣрить,
У ней особенная стать —
Въ Россію можно только вѣрить.

Ф. Н. Тютчевъ.

"Russia cannot be understood by reason,
Apply the common rule to her—'tis treason:
Her stature is her own," the poet saith;
"Russia can but be understood by faith."

F. TYUTCHEV

Great Russia was, is, and will be. Whosoever
is allied with Russia, his will be World Victory.

GENERAL OLEG VASSILKOVSKY

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INTRODUCTORY LETTER

To MAJOR ROBERT M. JOHNSTON, of the General Staff
of the American Expeditionary Forces.

MY DEAR JOHNSTON,

This book deals with Bolsheviks' deeds, not their words.

You will remember how Andrew Lang once wrote to Stevenson :

Dear Louis of the awful cheek,
Who gave you leave that you might speak,
While all the world might smile and stare,
Of other fellows' brindled hair ?

I do not indeed propose to imitate the novelist's freedom in revealing his friends to the world ; nevertheless, I feel that a word of apology is due for my present public intrusion upon you. Your uncle, General Albert Sydney Johnston, who was killed too soon for the Confederate side during the American Civil War, was one of Lee's most highly-prized lieutenants, and as, in the opinion of some good judges, Robert Lee gave proof of the most brilliant military genius recorded in history, his opinion on this subject