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## RUSSIAN-JAPANESE AGREEMENT

A scrap of paper has passed between Russia and Japan, and it has been seen and approved by Great Britain. It is an agreement between the two nations in regard to the Far East. It is tantamount to a formal alliance for the maintenance of peace and the safeguarding of special Russian and Japanese rights and interests in the Far East. Great Britain welcomes it as not only strengthening the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, but as consolidating the general relations between all the Allies in a sphere important to each.

The agreement is in French, the language of diplomacy. The following is a translation of it:

The Imperial Government of Japan and the Imperial Government of Russia, resolved to unite their efforts for the maintenance of lasting peace in the Far East, have agreed upon the following:

Article 1. Japan will not be a party to any political agreement, or combination directed against Russia.

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Article 2. Should the territorial rights or the special interests of the Far East of one of the contracting parties be threatened, Japan and Russia will take counsel of each other as to the measures to be taken in view of the support or the help to be given in order to safeguard and defend these rights and interests.

This treaty, so short and couched in such simple language, is the sequel to the Russo-Japanese arrangements concluded in July, 1907, and in July, 1910. By the former arrangement Russia and Japan engaged themselves to respect the territorial integrity of each other, and all the rights enjoyed by the one and the other, in virtue of conventions and contracts concluded with them in China, in so far as those rights were not incompatible with the principle of equality of opportunity. Both empires recognized the territorial integrity of China and engaged themselves to maintain the status quo and the principle of equality of opportunity by all the pacific means in their power.

The arrangement of 1910 was based upon the "desire of Russia and Japan to develop the effects of the 1907 Convention in view of the consideration of peace in the Far East." It stipulated mutual co-operation in the improvement of Russian and Japanese railways in Manchuria, and engaged the contracting parties to respect the status quo in Manchuria as fixed by all the treaties and conventions concluded up to that moment. It further contemplated consultation between and joint action by the contracting parties in case any event should menace the status quo in Manchuria.

That the Russo-Japanese Convention is not designed as a union for selfing and dividing territory is demonstrated by the statement just made in Canada by the Japanese Ambassador to the Court of St. James, who is now passing through the Dominion on his way home. One of the big achievements of the war was the way in which Japan wrested Kiau Chow from Germany. The Teutons had made the place, as they thought, impregnable, but the gallant Japanese navy and army carried it and removed the last vestige of German power from the Far East. The Japanese statesman was asked if Kiau Chow would be given back to Germany after the war. He replied that it would be given back to China, to whom it belonged. The new treaty is one of the guarantees of the world's peace being prepared for after the world's war has been settled. The arch-disturbers of the peace are not being considered in the arrangements.

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## JOHN BURNS AS A GREAT LONDONER

Democrat, Statesman, and Booklover  
By James Milne.

When you call a man "Honesty Clapham Common. Perhaps his John," you pay a tribute to his character, even to its stubborn uprightness, to a willingness, for faith's sake, to make sacrifices. When the Great War came, two prominent men, John Morley and John Burns, stepped out of the "seats of the mighty" which they had occupied, because they hated the war, and thought this war should not have come. It may be that events, since then, have changed their views, but they have gone their quiet ways and people ask, "When will the Honesty Johns"—for both of them are so called—"return to the helm?"

At his age, Viscount Morley is scarcely likely to be in office again; but it is different with Mr. John Burns, who, though his beard grows greayer and his hair thinner, remains the strenuous, virile man we have all known him since the days of the London Dock Strike. Certainly at a time of high ordeal for the nation, it is a pity that a personality so forceful, alike in soul and action, should not be in full harness. But there are two lines which, perhaps, sometimes come into the mind of Mr. Burns, bringing with them a certain philosophic comfort:

Strength is not won by miracle or rape; It is the off-spring of the modest years.

He knows those lines of old, and he once quoted them to a friend as an eloquent little sermon on the simple worthy life. It was characteristic of his constant curiosity for knowledge and his pursuit of it that he then wanted to know if anybody could tell him who wrote them. Whoever it may have been, they express very well the platform of a man who essentially belongs to the people, and who believes in them without even a doubt. Mr. Burns began as a social democrat and he remains a social democrat, as he will tell you with a glow in his eye, a ring in his voice, and, perhaps, if it be in the middle of a conversation, a wholesome thump of his hand on the table.

A Democrat of London Town. His social democracy has been the people of London, among whom he was born, for whom he has worked, for whom he means to continue to work. His speech in the House of Commons, the other day, after a long silence, was an evidence of this. He has always thought of London as a happy city, a beautiful city, and he has done a little to make it both. Therefore he wants to see a noble bridge over the Thames, where a mean railway structure crosses it, in splendid space and setting at Clarin Cross. He wants to see the south side of the river made a great terminus for the London North Side to become the thing of beauty and joy for ever which has been a vision of many of his dreams.

A Great Londoner is Mr. Burns in two senses, and often when distinguished strangers come to our city they have had the fortune to be taken over some part of it by him, a guide who knows the story of its very stones. Some years ago there arrived in London Town a charming American, the late Mr. Charles Major, author of "When Knighthood was in Flower" and other good stories. He was shown Westminster Hall and the Parliament Buildings by Mr. Burns, with many a note and comment, and he said afterwards that it had been an experience of his life, alike for knowledge gained and for an uplifting personal association. Mr. Major, like so many scholarly Americans, knew his London intimately by the printed word, but John Burns made it live by word of mouth.

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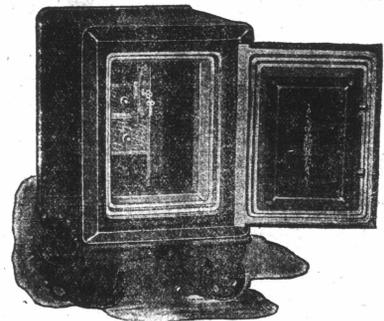
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Charing Cross Road by the accident of things. They belong to some phase of thought which has occupied his mind, or they are a light on a vision which he sees ahead, because Mr. Burns has never ceased to dream dreams. Thomas Carlyle was a dreamer, and Mr. Burns knows "Sartor Resartus" from end to end. George Meredith was a dreamer, and he knew him personally, and held many a high converse with him at Flint Cottage, on the Surrey hills. A man of the people, born, like Mr. Burns, for leadership of the people, is not likely to remain permanently "behind the line." So many we see in his eloquent plea for a new, worthy bridge across

the Thames the coming also of another bridge which shall bring him back to his full round of work "for the people, by the people, through the people," as was said by one of his heroes, Abraham Lincoln.

**JOYOUS TIDINGS.**  
"Charley dear," said the young Mrs. Torbins, "I have good news."  
"What is it?"  
"The bank sent me word that my account is overdrawn. I looked in the synonym book and found that overdrawn is the same as exaggerated." It is better to be run down by a chaffeur than by an evil tongue.