

## RUSSO-AUSTRALIAN BUREAU

Perth, March 30.

Captain M. Klatchko, a young Russian doctor, is at present on a visit to the State. He is representing the Russo-Australian Bureau of Commerce and Information, which has its headquarters in Melbourne. The objects of the bureau are:—(a) To promote measures calculated to encourage trade relationships between the Russian Empire and Australia; (b) to watch over and protect the general interests of Russian-Australian commerce; (c) to break down the barriers of ignorance and misunderstanding which have hitherto restricted commerce between the two countries; (d) to collect and disseminate information throughout the Russian Empire on all matters pertaining to the commerce and eco-

nomie conditions of Australia; (e) to promote measures calculated to develop the establishment of direct means of transport and communication between the two countries; (f) to establish a code whereby transactions of commerce between the two countries can be co-ordinated, simplified and regulated; (g) to arbitrate on all commercial matters submitted by the disputants.

In pursuance of the objects set forth, Dr. Klatchko says that it is desired to establish direct trade communication between Russia and Australia, one line of vessels to go direct to Vladivostock, and the second to go from this State to Colombo, where Russian vessels would connect from Odessa and Dalny. He believed that there is a great opportunity for such relationship. He says that it is intended to have big exhibitions of Russian goods in Australia to let us see what Russia has done, and what she can offer us, and thus to find a market for her goods in this country. In the meantime, in the big cities of

for her goods in this country. In the meantime, in the big cities of Russia, Australian goods will be displayed and introduced with a view of showing what Australia is capable of supplying to the Russian people.

In speaking of the recent Russian developments, Dr. Klatchko says that the new Government would bend every energy towards winning the war, and that the fighting efficiency of the nation would be enormously increased by the changes which have taken place.