

"ALL MINE."

A REMARKABLE STATEMENT.

RUSSIAN SENT TO GAOL.

TOOWOOMBA, October 12.
At the Dalby District Court yesterday Boleslaw Zbescovsky, a Russian, aged about 36 years, was presented before his Honour Judge O'Sullivan for sentence on a charge of breaking and entering the Post Office at Chinchilla, with intent to commit a crime.

The Crown Prosecutor (Mr. F. W. Dickson), in outlining the case, said that on the afternoon of September 28 the defendant had entered the Chinchilla Post Office through the back door, which was closed but not locked. He went at once to the safe, and was observed by the postmaster (Mr. Corkran), who was engaged at the telegraph instrument. Defendant took the cash box out of the safe, opened it, and took out a handful of silver. The postmaster then went to him and asked him what he was doing. Defendant replied that he "had millions of money in the safe, and it was all his property." The postmaster asked him to leave the premises, and on the defendant declining to do so the postmaster sent for the police. Constable Moul arrived and asked defendant a question. In reply, defendant said, "All the money here is mine. I have millions of pounds here." Defendant was then arrested, and he thereupon remarked, "All the police are my servants. Everything is mine. I believe in Bolshevism." The Crown Prosecutor said that nothing was previously known against the accused. He claimed to be a Bolshevik, and he was undoubtedly an alien of Russian nationality. He had been working for about 19 days on a dairy farm near Chinchilla. He had failed to report himself on leaving South Brisbane, as all aliens are required to do, and had also failed to report himself on arrival at Chinchilla.

His Honour pointed out to the accused that the charge was a very serious one, and that he had rendered himself liable to imprisonment for seven years. Defendant seemed to have very peculiar notions of the rights of property. They would not suit in this country, no matter how they might suit any other country. He did not know whether accused's remarks at Chinchilla indicated a weak mental condition or were merely a blind, but he must know now that what he had done was not right. Accused seemed to be one of that undesirable class of aliens who had come to this country lately, but in consideration of the fact that nothing was previously known against him the sentence would be a light one. His Honour then passed sentence of six months' imprisonment, with hard labour.