

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS' PROTEST.

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(To the Editor.)

Sir,—We have read the protest of Mr. Kalashnikoff, in which he does not deny that he is a sympathiser with the Simonoffsky group of Bolsheviks. We know Mr. Kalashnikoff very well, and we also remember what Mr. Kalashnikoff said in the presence of P. Simonoff and his clients. Mr. Kalashnikoff, pointing at his returned soldier's badge, said: "What is this? It is my dishonour! I have sold myself for 6s and went to kill my fellowmen!" This is what Mr. Kalashnikoff said in the Russian Association. Where is his honour? Mr. Kalashnikoff was at the front, and came back to Australia alive, and now he spits on what he honoured before. He spits on the idea of having to fight against the German militarism. We think that Mr. Kalashnikoff is the only returned Russian soldier who possesses the bad instinct of the renegade. We repeat that our returned soldiers' badges are our pride. We went to the front, not for 6s, as Mr. Kalashnikoff did, but to give our lives in the fight for Russia and

our lives in the fight for Russia and her Allies in this great world war for democracy and peace. In conclusion, we again and again repeat that we do not sympathise with Simonoffsky's followers, and will fight the so-called Bolsheviks to the bitter end. This will conclude all our correspondence, as we will not answer any further argument of Mr. Kalashnikoff.

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