

## **"TRUE TO AUSTRALIA."**

### **A RUSSIAN'S DEATH.**

SYDNEY, Tuesday.—At the inquest on the body of Pte. Peter Chervin, of the A.I.F., 26, a native of Russia, who hanged himself on board the troopship *Anchises* last week, evidence was given that deceased became obsessed with the idea that the Boishhevik movement was strong in Queensland, and seemed to be afraid of landing. He thought he would be looked upon as a German spy, and told a companion he intended to commit suicide. Lieut. Bond said deceased told witness that he was fed up with his life owing to the ragging he was getting, but witness did not take him seriously. "From what I can gather," added witness, "Chervin only got the usual teasing that most foreigners get, but nothing more than that." Deceased left two letters in which he said he had been a soldier, and true to Australia, but was a coward to himself. A verdict of suicide was recorded.

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"Interested" informs us that the two stepsons of Mr. W. Whitney, Gundurimba,

steps on Mr. W. Whitney, Connecticut,  
went to the war.