

GERMAN PROFESSORS HAD A DEEP LAID PLOT IN AUSTRALIA

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New York, Feb. 1.—The Herald publishes a long story from Melbourne, giving particulars of a plot of four German savants, doctors Penck, Goldstein, Gredner and Pringshelm, who attended a meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, held in Australia in August and September, 1914. They demanded the right, as international scientists, to be treated as neutrals, and to be permitted to return to Germany. Goldstein and Penck promptly took the oath of neutrality and Goldstein went to Java and Penck to England. Gredner and Pringshelm at first declined to take the oath. Suspicion was excited and their baggage was searched and its contents showed they were spies. Penck's baggage was searched on the way to England and supplied still greater incriminating evidence. The trip of the quartette to Australia was plainly a spying expedition. Penck was arrested in England, and recognized as having visited the Isle of Wight, ostensibly as a geologist, but in reality spying on the fortifications. All except Goldstein were interned.