

AUSTRALIA FIGHTS GERMAN SPY EVIL

Houses of Two University Pro- fessors Searched by Soldiers at Melbourne.

Melbourne Australia, Nov. 16.—The military authorities in Australia are taking the strongest measures against the activities of the German spies in the Commonwealth. On Sunday soldiers raided the residence of two university professors, Herr Edward Scharf and Herr Alter von Dechund. They discovered a small amount of correspondence which they impounded for transmission to the attorney-general, who will investigate and report thereon to the minister of defence.

The Brisbane steamer Southport is leaving shortly for Nauru and the surrounding islands, carrying an official, who, it is understood, will act as administrator in the newly annexed territory. So close a secrecy is being maintained on all the acts of the government that even the name of the official is withheld.

The prime minister, Mr. Fisher, has sent to the Australian high commissioner in London the following message for transmission to the relatives of the late Earl Roberts:

"Please convey to the relations sympathy and Australia's regret at the demise of a great soldier and son of the empire."

The governor-general, Sir Ronald Munro-Ferguson, cabled the Countess Roberts, who succeeds to the title by special command:

"Australian forces mourn the loss of their colonel-in-chief and the empire's greatest soldier. On their behalf and on my own, I express deepest sympathy with you and yours."