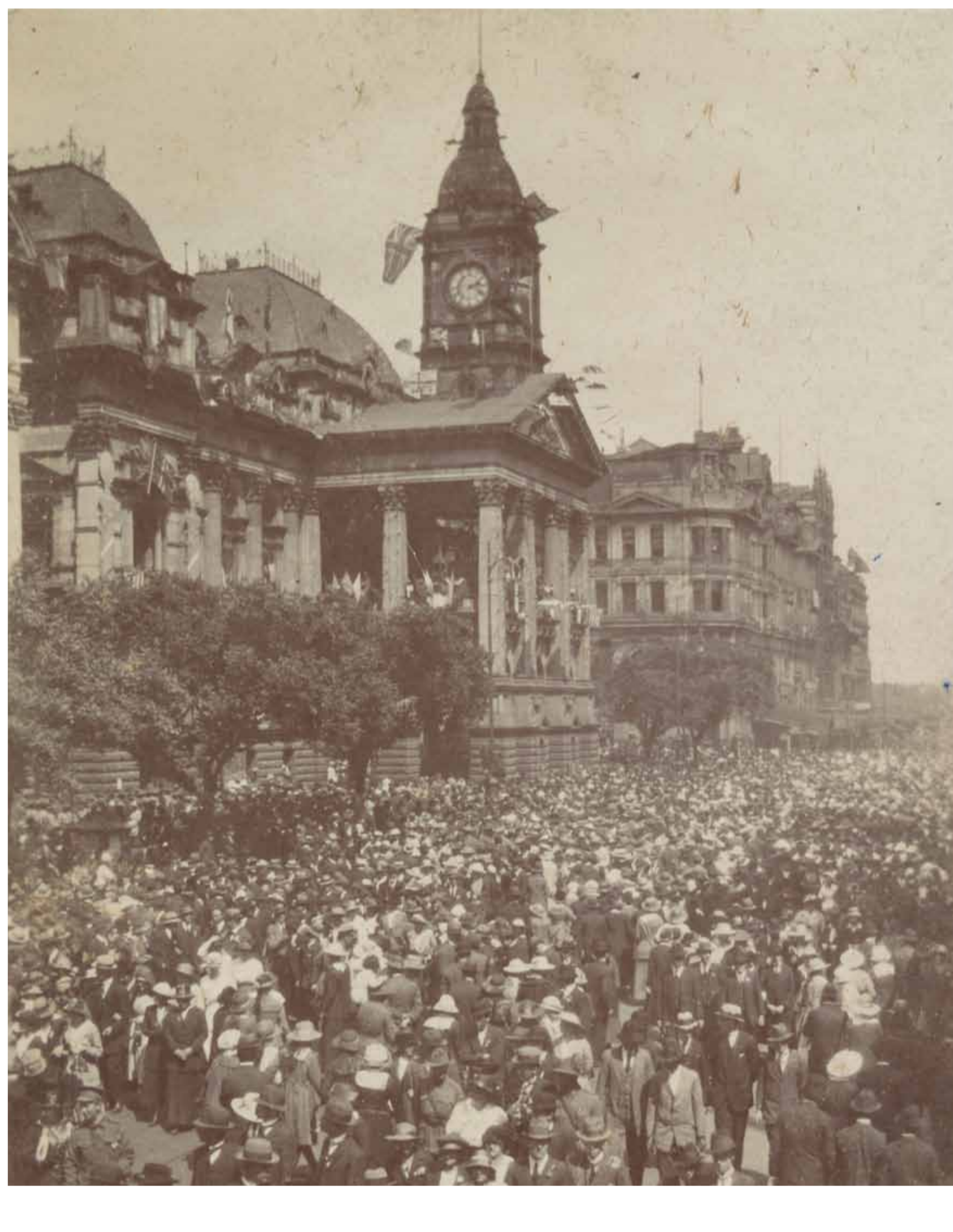


The local legacy



1.

The War officially ended on 11 November 1918 after Germany surrendered and the Armistice (agreement to end combat) was signed. For many, there was a sense of relief rather than jubilation.

In Moreland, approximately 510 men from Brunswick and 170 men from Coburg had died. In total, over 60,000 Australians had been killed and almost 160,000 wounded or taken prisoner.

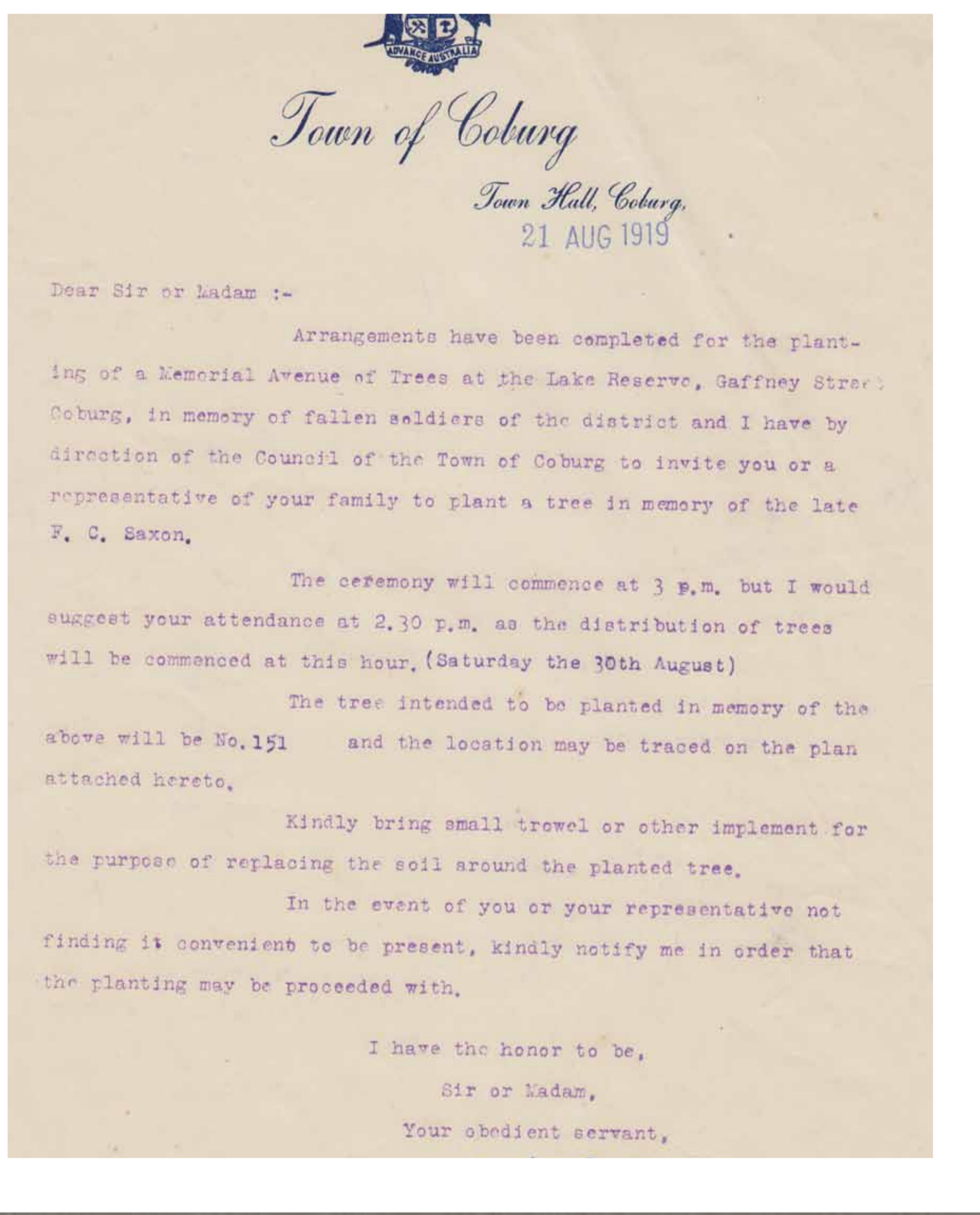
When the soldiers returned home (often not until 1919 or later) there were many parades, 'welcome home' parties and dinners.

While suffering grief, families also had to survive without the incomes of the men who had died or were too injured to work. Thousands of veterans died from their injuries in the years after the War. Many returned men felt unable to speak to their families about their experiences. The impacts were felt in many families for generations.

In the 1920s the government offered support through employment, farm land (Soldier Settlement blocks) and new homes (War Service Homes). Organisations such as the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia (later the Returned Services League) and Legacy were founded.

Communities rallied to build memorials for local soldiers who died overseas. In Moreland, two key memorials are the avenue of trees at Lake Reserve, Coburg (1919) and the Soldiers' Memorial Hall in the Brunswick Town Hall (1928).

Despite the enormous cost, many consider that Australia's role in the War was critical in creating a sense of identity and pride in a young nation.



2.

THE WAR ENDS GERMANY SURRENDERS. ARMISTICE TERMS SIGNED. HOSTILITIES CEASED YESTERDAY

[Australasian Press Association.]

LONDON, Nov. 11, 11.20 a.m.

The Official Press Bureau has issued the following statement:—

The Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, announces that the armistice between the Allies and Germany was signed at 5 o'clock in the morning of 11th November, and hostilities cease on all fronts at 11 o'clock in the morning of 11th November.

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Moreland Remembers World War I



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs



Moreland City Council



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Image 1.
Armistice Day, Swanston Street, Melbourne.
Source: State Library of Victoria, H36124

Image 2.
Memorial Avenue of Trees Street
Town of Coburg, 1919.
Source: Coburg Historical Society 57_1_2; Picture Victoria ID 6061

Image 3.
The Age, 12 November 1918, page 5.
Source: National Library of Australia/Trove

THE AGE, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1918

COMMISSIONER TO TURKEY.

British Admiral Appointed.
LONDON, 11th November.—The Government has appointed Vice-Admiral Sir Somerset Gough-Calthorpe as the High Commissioner in Constantinople to maintain contact with the Turkish Government during the transitional period and protect the interests of British subjects. Lord Admiral Richard Webb has been appointed Assistant High Commissioner.

Sir Somerset Gough-Calthorpe at the British Legation, Constantinople. The Hon. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs received the Turkish plenipotentiary who recently sailed for an armistice, and handed them the Allies' terms.

General Townshend in London.

Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Townshend, the defender of Sarikamish, who was released by Turkey a few days prior to the armistice, has arrived in London. He was reintroduced in a West End theatre on Saturday night, and received a warm ovation.

UKRAINIANS IN BUKOWINA.

Czernowitz Entered.
It is reported from Zurich that pro-Allied Ukrainian forces have entered Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina.

Austrian Fleet Interred.

A message from Rome states that the Austrian fleet has been interned at Venice and Spalato (Dalmatia). An Italian wireless message states that the enemy has not yet complied with the naval clauses of the armistice.

SERVIAS TRIUMPH.

Progress North of Danube.
A message from Copenhagen states that the Germans have been driven back to the Danube. The Serbs have entered Belgrade and Buda. In the eastern of Slavonia over 6000 prisoners were taken. North of Skutari the Serbians have occupied Podgorica and Nivice.

Huge Haul of Prisoners.

The war correspondent of the House of Commons states that the Italian army captured 600,000 prisoners in the last battle of Isonzo.

FOREIGNERS IN PETROGRAD.

ARRESTED.
A message from Copenhagen states that all foreign residents in Petrograd except Dutch have been arrested, and that all members of the German legation have been imprisoned.

MR. WATT

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SIRENS AND WHISTLES.

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THE ADELAIDE EXPRESS

PASSENGERS SING NATIONAL

ANTHEM.

REJOICINGS IN THE COUNTRY.

A CITY DEMONSTRATION.

TO BE HELD IN TOWN HALL TO-DAY.

REMARKABLE STREET SCENES

under arms and one who did a busy trade taking the revels home.

POLICE ARRANGEMENTS.

All the available constabulary from suburban stations and the reserve men at the depot were hurried into the city to cope with the big crowd. Adorable tact on the part of the foot police and steady work by the mounted police resulted in the huge throng remaining tractable to a large extent. Up to date there had not light there were no arrests.

HOSPITAL CASES.

Although a number of people collapsed in the crowd, few casualties were treated at the metropolitan hospitals. At Melbourne Hospital, Harold, Bookhouse, of Gough-street, Northcote, received attention by the hospital which was severely cut by a broken tramway window. Earlier in the evening, the accident had been made by St. John Ambulance Brigade, and they attended to many hysterical women and girls who had fainted.

When the news came through the wireless, the people falling back to make way for the irresistible human wave was driven back. Banners appeared, and a drum and falling waves of sound, so that the bells of St. Paul's, bodily ringing, could be heard in the heart of the city. There was a great demonstration when a straggler of high rank, following up to the job at the top of "The Age" office. The color of Australia were at the head, and they were waving a Union Jack, which in the international code signified the word "Victory". There cheers were repeated on the balcony of the flag was spontaneously held. The news were probably not many who could translate the message of the colors.

The news spread with extraordinary rapidity to the suburbs. En masse were awaiting the signal, everyone expecting. And when the first cheer was given all realised that the moment for rejoicing had come. Bells began to toll, and trams and trolleys, motor and other vehicles, were crowded with those who were eager to join in the big demonstration. The tram tracks ended at the entrance to the main city arteries. At the Trade Hall many union meetings were in progress, but several of these at once broke up, and the unions made to make the city. Before 10 o'clock the main streets were practically deserted.

The celebration in the city were continued until a late hour. When an intense burst of rain had been continued, there was a further outbreak of enthusiasm. A sort of chaos reached the whole city, and the exhilarated crowd, who were not only who exhibited extraordinary impetuosity, but his behavior suggested somewhat anti-social celebrations. With heads waving the Bolshoi-Bolsheviks came a shout, and then a shout on. A quick snort, and another shout on, and all had all in a moment.

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SECOND EDITION

"THE AGE" Office, Tuesday, 11.20 a.m.

THE GERMAN OVERTHROW.

ANOTHER REPUBLIC.

LONDON, 11th November.—The Grand Ducal of Hesse-Darmstadt in Western Germany has declared a republic.

The reigning Grand Duke is Ernest Ludwig, born in 1868, the son of Grand Duke Adolf III and of Princess Alice of Great Britain.

Hindenburg Flees.

It is reported that Marshal Hindenburg has fled from Germany with the Kaiser and the Crown Prince.

There is a possibility that the railway and transport employees will refuse to work on the holiday. A mass meeting of the staff held on Monday night decided to refuse to work on the holiday. It is generally expected that they will take it.

BRISBANE CELEBRATION.
The city received news of the armistice with feelings of deepest joy, and rejoicing began in every park. News of Germany's surrender flew like wildfire throughout the State, and immediately huge crowds gathered to celebrate the occasion. In the metropolitan people gathered in the parks, and in the suburbs people gathered in the streets for over a quarter of a mile long. The air was filled with the sound of whistles and patriotic airs with every horn all added to the chorus of joy. As soon as the news came through all hearts were beating. The crowd, in spite of its feelings of joy and happiness, was orderly well behaved, and an overjoyous few were a little after the stream of over four years of anxiety. At the post office prominent men delivered speeches. In the streets, what occurred in the streets, and in the suburbs people gathered in the parks, and in the suburbs people gathered in the streets for over a quarter of a mile long. 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