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GVERNOR'S FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO BALLARAT

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Governor's Reply

overnor, in reply, said it was a pleasure to assure to Lady Dugan and to come to Ballarat. They had to get away from the city. It was highly charged just they thought if they came out into the air of the country, and particularly to Ballarat, they would find a good atmosphere for which they were glad, and which so far they had enjoyed.

in short time he had been here and had particular pleasure in seeing around this beautiful city, and some of the statues, streets and squares.

been a great pleasure to both to have received so many progressive citizens. He would be a pleasure later of unveiling the six Australian Prime Ministers' Avenue of the Empire an Australian who devoted their time and energy to the welfare of their country and the welfare of the people.

NAZI LEADERS AND PEOPLE

SIR JOHN SIMON ON DISTINCTION

LONDON, Saturday.

In a broadcast speech to-day Sir John Simon said: "When I am asked to distinguish between the German leaders and people, I reply that I shall be ready to do so when the German people themselves make the plain distinction.

I CANNOT acquit the ordinary German citizens of their responsibility for German aggression, because if they did not acquiesce in their leaders' policy it could never have occurred. I advise you to disregard and discount stories of impending internal disagreement and disruption in Germany. The only wise course for us is to resolve to prepare to face the united strength of Hitlerism. "The taxpayer has responded manfully to the emergency budget. The continuous success of the national savings movement is another proof of the willingness of everybody to respond to the call. All these efforts—strenuous and devoted as they were—formed but a part, and the easiest part, of the price we might have to pay for liberty. The first six months has been a period when immensely powerful forces which might have been expected to instantly engage, remained quiescent. We cannot count on such a situation continuing."

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VICE-REGAL VISITORS



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SIR WINSTON DUGAN.

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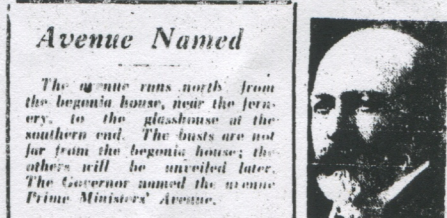
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Labor Party Jubilee

Corio Election

SEAT RECORD FROM 1914

Party Leaders

Does the result of the Corio election will govern some time this year when the general elections are held? This is the question asking to-day.

Having lost Corio in 1937, the Government's position is declared, giving the party 3 seats. Labor needs, therefore, only to win 2 seats to be in power.

Labor, it is understood, will have a majority in the Senate who won in five out of the six seats. This will have a tenure of another 2 years.

Labor Leader Triumphant

The Leader of the Federal Opposition (Mr Curtin) is triumphant at the result of the Corio election, declaring the voters have rendered a verdict in favor of the Labor Party's cause as the Corio decision was a test electorate of the Government's own choice.

Among comments made by the Prime Minister was that Labor raised the issue, but as the war proceeded Australia would follow the Government's policy. The war has been in progress six months and many people have not yet awakened to the fact that we are at war with a formidable enemy. The total casualties have not been published but from certain particulars available it appears it would not be much over 10,000. In the last war the total casualties were almost 50,000,000, nearly five thousand times as many.

WARNING OF STATESMEN. Everybody has heard the remark that the war has not yet started. Statesmen in the United Kingdom have given warning that the Allies cannot expect this comparative immunity to continue much longer. The European winter is almost over and Germany must act almost immediately, otherwise she must submit to defeat.

Long before the next Federal election the Prime Minister said, "Australia will realize we are at war. The likelihood person may become very patriotic, the war will become almost an obsession, petty matters will be forgotten, and even the result of a horse race will not seem quite so important."

(P. B. Tremearne, 343 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.)

LABOR'S MAJORITY

With only about 2000 votes to come, comprising about 1000 postal votes, and approximately 1000 absentee figures are:

DEBMAN (Lab.)	23,707
VINTON SMITH (U.A.P.)	21,752
O'DEA (Communist)	1111
Informal	246
Absolute progress majority	2043

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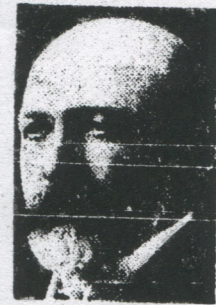
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Mr T. W. Cotton made the presentation on behalf of the donor, regretting that the state of Mr Crouch's health made it impossible for him to be present. On Mr Crouch's behalf he made the presentation to the citizens through the Mayor. There were six more to come and when they were installed it was the hope of Mr Crouch that the Commonwealth Governments of the future would, as each successive Prime Minister ceased office, install there another bust and so make the avenue one of the most unique memorials of its kind in Australia.

ACCEPTED BY MAYOR.

The Mayor, accepting the gift with thanks on behalf of the citizens and council, said Mr Crouch was following in the footsteps of previous benefactors, as would be seen in the Gardens. Thanking him they thanked also Mr Cotton for the part he had played in the gift. Mr Crouch supplied the money but Prime Ministers' Avenue was brought about mainly through Mr Cotton, and he knew Mr Crouch appreciated the work of Mr Cotton also. He now asked the Governor to unveil the busts and name the avenue.

GOVERNOR'S REMARKS.

The Governor said he would like to tell them all on behalf of his wife as well as for himself how happy they were to be there that day, and particularly how happy he was to take part in that ceremony of unveiling busts of six famous Prime Ministers who had rendered such good service to their country. He hoped they would be able to add successors to those great men, who, he was sure, would be equally deserving of the honor Ballarat had already paid to their predecessors.

A SUGGESTION.

But one thing that rather concerned him about the ceremony was that he thought it might be a good thing to have Governors' Avenue as well as Prime Ministers' Avenue. (Laughter and hear, hear). Because Governors and Prime Ministers and all other people connected with politics and the welfare of the State were very closely allied. He had the greatest pleasure in unveiling the busts and calling the Avenue Prime Ministers' Avenue. After the ceremony the Governor and party went to the Lake to see the regatta.

Belgian Army Planes Shot

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French Fighters Bring Down 2 Nazi 'Planes

PARIS, Sunday.

The day communique states French fighters yesterday brought down two German reconnaissance planes behind our lines. Several French planes penetrated deeply into Germany, and returned safely.

PARIS, Saturday.

A night communique states: "A German force of superior numbers attacked a reconnoitring detachment east of Moselle River, and a fight ensued, with success to our arms and loss to the enemy. There was increased aerial activity between the Swiss frontier and the Ardennes."

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