

FESTIVAL AT SYDNEY

THE CELEBRATION BEGINS

150TH BIRTHDAY

THREE MONTHS OF PAGEANTRY

The 150th anniversary of the founding of the first Australian Colony will be celebrated to-morrow.

Great crowds of visitors are pouring into Sydney for the festival, which will begin with a water pageant showing the first landing of Captain Phillip and his men.

A special 40-page Anniversary Number will be issued with *The Times* to-morrow.

From Our Own Correspondent

SYDNEY, JAN. 24

Sydney resembles a festive Continental city and its streets are canyons of swirling colours packed with merry tourists. An army of visitors is still converging on the city by sea, land, and air for the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the first Australian colony, which begin on Wednesday with a commemoration of the landing of Captain Arthur Phillip at Sydney Cove. H.M.S. Achilles (New Zealand) and the flying-boats of No. 204 Squadron, R.A.F., as well as several foreign warships, will arrive to-morrow. The captain of the Italian cruiser Raimondo Montecuccoli has sent a wireless message to Mr. Lyons, the Prime Minister, expressing pleasure at participating in "such a glorious occasion."

Sydney expects 400,000 visitors from the country districts of New South Wales, from other States of Australia, and from overseas. The celebrations will be divided into three periods, the first from January 26 to February 13, the second from February 14 to April 1, and the third from April 2 to April 25 (Anzac Day).

EMINENT VISITORS

The distinguished visitors include:—

The Lord Privy Seal (Lord De La Warr), representing the Government of the United Kingdom; the Governor-General of New Zealand and Lady Galway; Sir George Broadbridge, ex-Lord Mayor of London; Sir Josiah Stamp and Lady Stamp; Lord Hamilton of Dalziel; Lord Nuffield; Dame Maria Ogilvie-Gordon; Bishop Taylor-Smith; delegates to a conference of the Empire Parliamentary Association, including Lieutenant-Colonel J. J. Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, Sir John Morris-Jones, Dr. Hugh Dalton, and the Secretary of the Association (Sir Howard D'Egville), who will represent the Parliament of the United Kingdom; and Mr. G. P. Steyne (South Africa); Mr. P. N. Saprú (India); Sir S. Bandaranaike (Ceylon); and Lieutenant-Colonel A. R. G. Gordon (Northern Ireland).

The opening event on January 26 will be a water pageant in Sydney Harbour, depicting the landing of Phillip and his men from the brig Supply. As Phillip steps ashore the proclamation taking possession of the eastern seaboard of Australia in the name of George III will be read, a *feu-de-joie* will be fired, and bells will announce the beginning of the festivities. The landing ceremony will be followed by a pageant in the streets of the city entitled "Australia's March to Nationhood."

graphs and maps, providing a comprehensive survey of life and industry in Australia to-day. It will include a message from the Governor-General of Australia and articles by Mr. Lyons, the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, the Attorney-General, Professor D. B. Copland, Professor W. K. Hancock, Sir Herbert Gepp, Sir David Rivett, and many other leading Australian authorities.

THE FOUNDING OF AUSTRALIA

MEMORIAL CEREMONIES TO-MORROW

Wreath-laying ceremonies and a short service at the little church at Bathampton, near Bath, will mark the commemoration to-morrow of the founding 150 years ago of the Commonwealth of Australia by Admiral Arthur Phillip, first Governor of New South Wales.

Lord Bath, Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, will lay a wreath on behalf of the Commonwealth Government, and Alderman T. Sturge Cotterell, who was associated with the discovery of the grave in 1897, will lay one on behalf of the Government of New South Wales. The Royal Empire Society is associating itself with the ceremony, and the Archdeacon of Bath will deliver a short address.

At the house in Bennett Street, Bath, where Admiral Phillip spent the last years of his life the Mayor of Bath will place a wreath over the tablet erected in memory of Phillip.

In London to-morrow at 11.15 a.m. there will be a commemoration service at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand. The address will be given by the Very Rev. Dr. Micklem, Provost of Derby (formerly rector of St. James's, Sydney). The service will be attended by the High Commissioner and Mrs. Bruce, the Governor of South Australia and Lady Dugan, and by the Agents-General for the various States.

The London memorial to Admiral Phillip, who was born in the Ward of Bread Street in 1738, is at St. Mildred's Church, Bread Street, E.C. To-morrow at 3.30 wreaths will be laid by the Lord Mayor (Sir Harry Twyford), the High Commissioner for Australia (Mr. S. M. Bruce), Admiral of the Fleet Sir Erle Chatfield (First Sea Lord), Mr. A. E. Heath (official representative for New South Wales), and Lord Wakefield, president of the Admiral Arthur Phillip Memorial Trust.

From 4.15 to 6.30 p.m. there will be a reception (by invitation) at Australia House by the High Commissioner and Mrs. Bruce.

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The plate is a British reproduction from the original picture, which has also been selected as a design for the new Australian stamp commemorating the 150th anniversary.