

Lesson One

Australia's First Prime Minister

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There is great excitement in Sydney as preparations are made to celebrate the birth tomorrow of the Commonwealth of Australia. The Prime Minister, Mr Barton has announced the formation of the first Federal Cabinet in which he also holds the post of Foreign Minister. The city is filling with the leaders from the capitals of all the states and some 50 000 people are thought to have arrived for the celebrations.