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## ST. ALBANS' GREAT CHANCE

"Prospects Excellent," Says Labour Candidate

### POLLING TO-DAY

J. W. BROWN ..... Labour  
Minor Grey ..... Liberal  
Lieut.-Col. Fremantle ..... Coalition

### From Our Special Correspondent

ST. ALBANS, Tuesday.—The fight is drawing to a close, for polling takes place to-morrow. The candidates to-day had a last look round the constituency before leaving their campaign. The Labour "star turn" to-day was Green, and the Coalition "star" Lady Astor. "I consider prospects are excellent," said Mr. Brown this morning. "It all depends on the vote. You see, some of our people have very long distances to go to the poll."

I was told at Labour's headquarters to-day by Mr. Pebody, who has been busy on arithmetic based on returns: "If we can poll 4,000 votes at St. Albans, we are in."

There have been brought in by several enthusiastic from far and near. Some have come from Mr. George of Peterborough, arrived in one this morning, but unless more cars are forthcoming there is a danger of a number of workers being unable to reach their votes. Some have to walk three or four miles to a polling booth, and only the man or woman who is a great enthusiast will do that after a hard day's work.

To-day a telegram was received from J. H. Thomas, M.P., on behalf of the N.U.R., urging workers to vote for Labour.

Messages have also been received from the Watford Labour Party and the Somerset Agricultural Workers' Union, whilst several anonymous people have sent sums of money in support of Brown's candidature.

Brown, it is safe to say, will take most of the votes recorded by the Service men. His straightforward and definite policy have appealed to them, as is evident from the reception they have given him at his meetings.

At some of the shops "where workers are engaged, Brown has been told: "You need no longer to talk to us. We are all with you." And he has been sent away with cheers.

One of Hillier Gray's last-minute leaflets has the title "The Three Roads," and the Labour vote is described in it as leading to revolution, "war and tyranny." The Coalition, however, is quoted as saying "State Socialism would be the worst form of tyranny."

"We don't advocate State Socialism as commonly understood," it says. "We want out for democratic control—an altogether different thing."

### TO SUPPORT LABOUR

#### BROMLEY LIBERALS' DECISION

From Our Own Correspondent

F. P. HODGES ..... Labour  
Col. James ..... Coalition

PATENT, December 17

BROMLEY (Kent), Tuesday.—A development at the by-election today was the decision of Alderman Gillett, a local Liberal leader, to support the Labour candidate, who is fighting on the full Labour programme and its ideals. Mr. Robinson (Labour Agent) at the Labour headquarters, opened to-day, said that he considered that this means the support of the Liberal.

Mrs. Gillett is also taking an active part in the women's campaign. She is vice-chairman of the Bromley Women's Citizens' Association, who are meeting to-night.

A telegram was received to-day from Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., urging all classes of the community to support the Labour nominee and wishing him success.

Both candidates were nominated this morning.

The speakers to-morrow at Askerley and Beckenham will be Mr. W. Graham, M.P., Councilor Egerton, P. Wals (Prospective Labour candidate for Barrow), and Alderman C. E. Taylor (L.C.C.).

### "MR. COLLIN" AND "MR. SHORT"

The Executive of the General Union of Textile Workers passed a resolution urging all its members in Ipswich to vote for Mr. Collins to vote and work for the return of Tom Myers, the Labour candidate, at the forthcoming election Liverpool Labour Party will be working to "Stand fast to Labour. Leave Mr. Collins, Tory, to sweep with Mr. Short, Liberal." The Executive of the N.U.R. urge railwaymen and all sections to vote for Myers.

### DECLINED WITH THANKS

Lady Beverbrook has declined the invitation of the Ashton-under-Lyme Unionist Association to become the Coalition candidate at the by-election which will follow the election to the office of Sir Albert Stanley. Lady Beverbrook's husband, as Max Ashton, represented Ashton under-Lyme from 1910 to 1916.

### MALATESTA'S RETURN

#### FAMOUS ANARCHIST GOING HOME

Enrico Malatesta, the famous Italian anarchist, who has been so long an exile from his native land, has at last received permission to return to Italy, and will probably sail on Friday.

"I want to get to Milan," said Malatesta to a Daily Herald representative, "and I hope to see all my old friends."

"I have been down to the docks to-day. I have found a cargo ship which I can use, and the captain and I can join the vessel on Friday. It will do."

Malatesta will have to travel by sea all the way, as France and Italy have not yet been allowed to receive their territory. It is understood that he will be offered the editorship of an Anarchist daily newspaper in Milan.

### MYSTERY OF A BUTLER'S DEATH

Arthur Charnock, 34 years' butler to Sir Edward Stern, Bart., of Chertsey, was found dead in bed with the door locked and a glass containing crystals by his side (where the coroner's inquest). The inquest has been adjourned for an analysis of the contents of the stomach to be made, a doctor stating that there were no signs of acute corrosive poisoning.

## GOLD FROM SOVIETS

INFORMATION "NOT COMPLETE"

Questions in the House of Commons yesterday on various points of interest elicited the following replies:

"Yah! Boshvitsk!" (Mr. Gratton Doyle).—The Home Secretary is aware that there are certain persons who are carrying on a revolutionary propaganda in this country with the object of abolishing parliamentary government and setting up a tyrannical government on the lines of the Russian Soviets. Some of these persons make no secret of their activities. Some of the propaganda are of foreign origin. In one case money was known to have been brought from abroad; in other cases it was suspected; but the amount was probably not large. The Home Secretary's information as to British subscribers is not sufficiently complete to allow of him making it public—Major Baird.

America and Peace Treaty (Lieut.-Col. Sir F. Hall).—It is not possible to discuss how a Peace Treaty will be affected by the United States refusing to take a party to the League of Nations, by means of question and answer. It is a complicated question, requiring careful investigation by skilled legal experts, and would take time. I hope hon. members will not press inquiries on this subject for the present—Mr. Bonar Law.

No Extra Sugar (By Mr. Donald).—I am not prepared to grant an extra half-penny of sugar per week until after Christmas—Mr. McCurdy. Passports for Russia (By Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy).—In connection with the general policy adopted by the Allies, passports are not at present issued from this country to Soviet Russia. Sir Hamar Greenwood.

Refugees in Russia (By Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy).—A communication has been sent to the Estonian Government requesting them to take no drastic action with regard to General Vassiliev's forces, pending the decision of the Allied Council—Sir Hamar Greenwood.

Russian Hostages in Britain (By Mr. Lunn).—The number of Russian prisoners of war in British hands is 100. They are interned at Whiteley Bay as hostages for the safety of British ships in the Baltic—Mr. Lunn.

Bermondsey's Army (By Col. Malone).—The Russian troops serving in the Army of Colonel Bermondsey in the Crimea have not yet been received any assistance from the Government—Mr. Churchill.

Permanent Ministry of Food (By Mr. Charles Edwards).—The Government has not yet come to a decision whether the Ministry of Food shall be constituted a permanent department—Mr. Bonar Law.

Acquisition of Land Act (By Mr. Pretyman).—Authority has been given for the immediate appointment of three arbitrators under the Act—Mr. Chamberlain.

### COALOWNERS' PROFITS

Our Parliamentary correspondent writes:—The Labour Party has not yet decided on its attitude towards the Bill for limiting the profits of coalowners to 15s. a ton. Some members of the party are of opinion that it should be opposed on the ground that Mr. Bruce in his recent speech that unrestricted private enterprise is not so bad as a hybrid system. Others are of opinion that profits with private enterprise tends to discourage efficiency, for it removes the incentive to the coalowner to improve his methods on a level with the most efficient. Should the Labour Party decide to oppose the Bill, the Second Reading may be seriously menaced.

### A GREAT "DIVIDE"

SHARE OUT OF £18,000

On Saturday next at the Leyton Mission in Chelmsford, Mr. W. T. Tabernacle, President of the Society will distribute a record sum of over £18,000 among its 16,000 members.

The story of the growth of this society is a curious one. It began its life as a branch of the Wesleyan Missionary Society in 1888, and during the past 28 years the expenditure on benefits has exceeded £75,000, while the annual distributions have reached £20,000.

The committee and officers of this society have remained unchanged throughout its existence, except for vacancies caused by death or resignation. The society has been successful in winning place both in the cash and in the charge of the police on share-out day.

It was stated that the prize money had been divided in bottles and over £18,000 had been distributed to their relatives out of special funds provided by the other members.

The bill will be in hand £37,000, which was added to the credit of the members as a savings bank deposit, and at present rates of interest earns for them between £2,000 and £3,000 a year.

### TOOK WIFE'S EXAMPLE

EX-SOLDIER'S BIGAMOUS MARRIAGE

A remarkable bigamy story was told at the Old Bailey yesterday when Edward Rowland (42), labourer, pleaded guilty to marrying Mary Jane Burley while his wife was alive. It was stated that the prisoner had been married in 1910 and went to New Zealand, returning here with the Australian forces in 1917. He found that his wife had married again, but had not received permission to do so, being sentenced at that court to one day's imprisonment.

Afterwards he went through the form of marriage with Mrs. Burley, a war widow with eight children, who had to sacrifice a pension of 17s. owing to her remarriage. He told the jury that he had been divorced from his wife, and when she found that this was not the case she gave him a custody.

Rowland stated that he had started proceedings for a divorce, but Mrs. Burley was keeping the papers from him.

Sentence was postponed until next session.

### THEFT OF SKINS WORTH £1,800

Found guilty at London Sessions, yesterday, of robbing skins and other property, valued at £1,800, stolen from a Broadway warehouse, Joseph Smith, a butcherman, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment. Smith was a carman, was bound under the Protection Act, sentenced on two other men, also charged with the same offence, who were also found guilty, was postponed.

## HUMAN GRAMOPHONE

Many Instruments Mingled in One Man's Voice

The interesting discovery of the dual-voiced singer at Leigh (writes a Daily Herald correspondent) is now eclipsed by the claims of a man at Teddington (Middlesex).

Mr. Alexander B. Rawle, whom I saw at his home at Teddington yesterday, is more than a mere "dual vocalist." He is a whole orchestra in himself, for he not only sings and whistles simultaneously, but reproduces the tones of many orchestral instruments, as well as those of a pipe organ.

Mr. Rawle, who is both conductor and orchestra, is also the composer of several popular songs and hymns, and a poet and author of some ability. In my presence, yesterday, he gave a demonstration of his remarkable gifts.

Amusing Performances

Standing before an imaginary orchestra, with baton in hand, he rapped sharply on his music stand, and commenced an improvised symphony, imitating the introduction of the theme, gradually developing it, brass, strings, and wood instruments all taking their allotted part, and all at one time or another plainly audible. After this he rendered a hymn, by organ and choir. Quite distinctly the different notes of the organ, from the trembling "Aolian" "vox humana" to the deep rumbling "dissonant," could be clearly heard, and at the same time the whole range of choir voices, alto to bass, harmonised below the organ.

Mr. Rawle's range of repertoire is unlimited. Scotch and English ballads, hymns, chorals and carols, to the old favourite "Home, Sweet Home."

### "CUTTING OF THE KNOT"

#### HUSBAND POINTS THE WAY OUT

When Mrs. Dorothy Bowman-Vaughan petitioned in the Divorce Court yesterday for a decree of restitution of conjugal rights against her husband, Mr. E. W. Bowman-Vaughan, a diamond merchant of Stratford-upon-Avon, written last May by the husband to his wife, was read.

In 1912 Mr. Vaughan joined the Army, and visited his wife on leave, the last time being in October, 1917. Then he went to France, and had not lived with her since.

The latter read in court expressed the opinion that they could never live happily together again, and offered three solutions.

The first, the husband stated, was to return home, which would mean unhappiness for us both. The second way out was to go on living apart, which, Mr. Vaughan explained, "seems a pretty rotten state of affairs for you and for me."

"The third," he wrote, "is a way out, and a cutting of the knot, and to my mind a road that will lead to happiness in the end for you. It is a very easy matter for you to divorce me."

An order for restitution to be obeyed within 14 days was made.

### MEXICO-L.W.W. SCARE

GIVING AWAY BORDER STATES!

Allegations of a Mexico-L.W.W. plot to cause revolution in the United States are contained in a memorandum submitted by Senator F. H. Brown to the President.

These plans, it is declared, were obtained by a Foreign Relations Sub-Committee from the minutes of a meeting held at Mexico City on October 15 of last year.

The plan, it is said, was to organize a general strike at the beginning of last November of all the miners and metal workers of the U.S., the seizure of ports, and the establishment of the "republic of the reformed government of the U.S. in Colorado."

When the revolution was successfully carried out, the Mexicans, in return for their assistance, would be given the border States annexed by America in 1848.—Reuter.

### THE "AMERICA" CUP

SIR THOMAS LIPTON CONFIDENT

From Our Own Correspondent

SOUTHAMPTON, Tuesday.—Sir Thomas Lipton has returned from America confident that his Shamrock will pull off the "America" Cup, when the race takes place at the end of June or early in July.

The Shamrock, he says, is in as good condition as when she left this country, and will probably be her opponent. It is not decided, however, whether the Americans will race with the Vanity or the Resolute.

For the first time, to add Sir Thomas, the Shamrock will have to give a time allowance to her competitor, as she has a larger area of canvas.

### THE ATROCITY LIE

"The people who tell you that the Soviet system is nothing but riots and robberies and mobs and murders are leading you to your own destruction. There was more law and order in Petrograd and Moscow under the Bolsheviks than under the anti-Bolsheviks. I saw it with my own eyes."

These are not the words of a Bolshevik, or even of a Socialist. They are the words of Colonel Raymond Robin, well-known American anti-Soviet, who visited Soviet Russia for this and other refutations of the Northcliffe Propaganda Campaign, and for the purpose of introducing the "Shocking News" by Thomson, & Co. per thousand.

### To-Day's Weather

Mild and less settled weather will spread gradually to all districts.

## ARMY'S HUGE COST

PEACE ESTIMATES £405,000,000

A year after the Armistice, the Army Estimates for 1919-20 amount to the colossal sum of £405,000,000.

These figures are based on a total strength of 952,000, made up as follows:—Army of the Rhine, 403,600.

Armies of the Middle East, 308,400. Home and Colonial establishments, 240,000. But an additional trifle of 1,548,000 was described as "in course of demobilisation," brings the figure to an actual total of 2,500,000.

The cost of the "standing army" is given as £268,534,000, and is sub-divided as follows:—

Rhine	£76,600,000
Italy	£2,032,000
Bulgaria, Turkey, Caucasus, etc.	£9,850,000
Egypt and Palestine	£31,240,000
Westminster and Persia	£32,850,000
Home and Colonial Forces (including Russia)	£120,880,000

From this sum of £2,973,000 is deducted for receipts.

Amongst miscellaneous items are £1,349,000 for educational establishments and £26,000,000 for the War Office and the staff of commands at home and in colonial garrisons.

### LOAN TO NORTH RUSSIA

Items in a supplementary vote of £4,483,500 for miscellaneous war services of the Foreign Office are the following:—£120,000 for the British Military Mission to the Caucasus.

£405,000 advanced to the Polish National Government of Northern Russia.

In regard to the last item, Sir Hamar Greenwood told Mr. J. M. Hogg, who asked for information in the House yesterday, that it was a loan for which any future Russian Government would be as much responsible as it would be for the enormous cost of the war in the Russian Empire. He believed that Russia would recover, and that these debts would materialise.

The advance was made during the war as the result of an agreement between Great Britain, the United States, and France, and part was recoverable from our Allies.

The vote was agreed to.

### DEGRADED THROUGH DRINK

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLBOY'S DOWNFALL

A public schoolboy's downfall through drink was related at Bow-street yesterday when Ivor Franklin Thomas, 26, was charged, on remand, with stealing a banker's draft and other property belonging to Robert C. Pollock, with whom he travelled from Buenos Ayres, and with obtaining £10 by false pretences with intent to defraud.

Thomas pleaded guilty, and Mr. Jenkins, who appeared for him, said when his client and Mr. Pollock arrived from Buenos Ayres they were in the Midland Hotel. Accused went to St. Pancras to fetch Mr. Pollock's three portmanteaus, and, instead of returning with them, went to a hotel in Tottenham-square, one of the charges he found to be a banker's draft. On this he obtained £10 from the landlord.

Mr. Jenkins said Thomas had been in an inferior home as fewer than 12 years, and volunteered to go again for two years. He had been educated at Clifton and Christ's College, Bristol, and had been offered to a solicitor. He came from a highly respectable family.

The magistrate bound Thomas over in a sum of £50 to come up for judgment if called upon within two years, on the understanding that he went into a nursing home approved by the Court for that period.

### CHEERS FOR BRIDE

#### THEATRE STARS MARRIED

Much interest was shown in the marriage of Miss Gladys Saunders, the musical comedy actress, and Mr. Leslie Henson, the comedian, at St. George's, Hanover-square, yesterday.

The church was filled with theatrical people, and a large number were unable to gain admission.

The bride, who was cheered as she drove up, wore a gown of white chamois, the court dress of which was lined with maroon cloth; a silver band, with two small wings of silver lace, round her hair; and a beautiful veil.

She carried a bouquet of lilies and white heather tied with mauve silk, and a small golden horseshoe. Her train was borne by Michael Melford, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Melford (Miss Jessie Winter).

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### BYNO GLYONOPHOS!

At Wandsworth Licensing Committee Mr. J. Kell, chairman, of Putney, attended to answer a complaint made against him by Lieut. Hyde, of Hove, with regard to the licence charged for Byno Glyonophos, but the complainant did not appear.

## ROMANTIC CAREER OF COALITION M.P.

Mr. Lyle-Samuel's Action for Alleged Libel

### MARRIED TO RICH WIDOW

Mr. Alexander Lyle-Samuel, Coalition M.P. for the Eye Division of Suffolk, was yesterday the plaintiff in an action for damages for alleged libel, the defendants being Mr. Frederick William French and Mr. Alfred Pretty.

Sir Edward Carson, K.C., M.P., who represented Mr. Lyle-Samuel, first called attention to a paragraph headed "Clean Candidate" in the issue of the "National News" of December 8, in which, after calling for investigation of the character of candidates at the election then proceeding, the passage occurred:

"In this issue, acting as we do from a bona fide sense of public duty, we have thrown some light on the career of Mr. Lyle-Samuel, the Coalition candidate for the Eye Division. The article took hold, Sir Edward said, of certain misstatements, errors, and troubles which Mr. Lyle-Samuel had had as a very young man, and represented them, not in the light of the misfortune of a man struggling under great difficulties to make his way, but as the fraudulent and cruel acts of a dishonest and disgraced man."

Sir Edward then traced at some length the career of the plaintiff, detailing his early struggles and trials. On January 10, 1912, his wife suddenly developed acute mania of a most violent and distressing character, and had to be removed, under the doctor's orders, to Northumberland House.

Mr. Lyle-Samuel soon afterwards left on a business trip to America, but his mission did not succeed, and owing to his failure to keep up the payments his wife was removed from Northumberland House to Colney Hatch. She died there on August 10, 1914.

In 1915 he met in America a Mrs. Lyle, the widow of a wealthy man, whom she had married in his old age. She had nursed her husband for several years, and he had left her a considerable sum of money. Mr. Lyle-Samuel married that lady on February 17, 1915, and soon after he paid off every debt he owed.

The libel

Coming to the libel, Sir Edward Carson said the headlines were:—

Mr. Lyle-Samuel and the Eye Division  
Past record of a Coalition nominee.

Then followed an "In Memoriam" notice reprinted from the "Morning Post" of August 10, 1913:—

In affectionate memory of Eva Louisa Samuel, late wife of Alexander Lyle Samuel, who died on the 10th inst. at Colney Hatch, August 11, 1914.

The article continued the passage:—

Reckless that in Memoriam advertisement, which was a complete tragedy, but, as it was a matter of public interest, it was published in the paper. The cause of the death of the lady was a heart attack, and the cause of the death of the lady was a heart attack, and the cause of the death of the lady was a heart attack.

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