

Ministers Among Sceptics.

All the Labor Cabinet Ministers, excepting MacDonald, cast doubt on the exposure and an official statement from the Labor Party headquarters hints at forgery.

The Daily Herald, the official newspaper of the Labor Party, to-morrow will proclaim under huge headlines, "Document the Work of White Agents," and yet MacDonald, chief of the Foreign Office, is himself responsible ex-officio whether he personally had a hand in it or not, for the false letter which will wreck his party's chances at the polls if the country accepts it as genuine.

If the country doesn't accept it as genuine, however, it seems certain to destroy the political career of the Foreign Secretary who permitted such a colossal and humiliating blunder.

Such a charge is without precedent in British history, but the Herald to-morrow will denounce "the foolish and incorrect action of the Foreign Office mandarins" and adds, "they were told the Daily Mail intended to publish this palpable invention of discredited Russian refugees."

"The connection of Lord Rothermere with the letter should have been enough to put them on their guard, and they should have replied in the famous phrase of the Duke of Wellington, 'Publish and be damned.' Instead they issued the absurdity in which they disregarded the fact Prime Minister MacDonald had not authorized the note in its final form."

"They overlooked the gross diplomatic discourtesy of publishing the note before there had been time for an answer to come from Moscow, and they did not communicate either with Prime Minister MacDonald or Under Secretary Ponsonby. They rushed it out."

According to a despatch from South Wales, where MacDonald has been communicating on the telephone all Sunday with Cabinet Ministers and Foreign Office officials, he will make a statement in his Cardiff speech Monday, but up to to-night the impression prevailed in official quarters that the Premier had decided to say nothing until after election.

Signed by Minor Official.

The British note to the Russian Charge D'Affaires Rakovsky was signed by J. D. Gregory, chief of the northern section of the Foreign Office. MacDonald was away campaigning and his aid, Arthur Ponsonby, Parliamentary Under Secretary, only functions while Parliament is in session.

Rumors as to why the note was not signed by either Sir William Tyrrell or Sir Eyre Crowe, permanent chief officials of the Foreign Office, was explained by saying it was a matter of routine for the chief of the section concerned always to sign notes sent to Charles D'Affaires instead of Ambassadors or Ministers.

MacDonald for some weeks has been under a high nervous strain, as shown by his speeches, the language of which has wrought unmitigated abuse. Recently the New Statesman, hitherto a Labor weekly, denounced his keynote speech as suggesting drunkenness were his temperance not known.

Friends of the Premier suggest he is on the verge of a nervous breakdown and ordered the Zinovieff document and the protest issued without such serious consideration as would have been accorded them if he had been in normal health.

No light had yet been shed on how the Foreign Office came to be duped.

My information that the election botch is a forgery comes from an unquestionable source, but unless MacDonald himself repudiates the Zinovieff letter, as all his colleagues are urging him to do, thus sacrificing himself for his party, the country will go to the polls with the majority of the people believing the Labor Cabinet coventanted to lend Russia money while they knew the Bolsheviks were seeking to bring about a revolt in the British Army and Navy.

Caught in Chinese Store.

Nammack pursued the other two into the store of Kwong Hong Nyan Company, importers and exporters, at No. 31 Pell Street, where they were caught in the rear of the room.

Meanwhile a taxicab had drawn up at Pell and Mott Streets and Detectives Powell and Gleason of the Special Service Division saw several Chinese carrying others in their backs into No. 3 Pell Street. Shops from police pistols sent them scampering. They were caught and all assembled in front of the No. 31.

An ambulance was called from Beekman Street Hospital and a patrol wagon from Police Headquarters. By this time uniformed policemen, attracted by the shots, had come running from all sides.

Seven of the prisoners were in a

been killed in various parts of the United States and Mexico.

Police Raid to Avert New Tong Killings Bags 6 Chinese, 4 Pistols.

On a tip that the smoldering fires of the tong war were about to burst into the flame of a new series of Chinatown shootings, detectives stationed there last night raided the old Arcade at No. 11 Doyers Street, seized four pistols and a quantity of ammunition and arrested six Chinese.

All, said to be members of the Hip Sing tong, were locked up on charges of acting in concert in connection with possession of the weapons. The Arcade has been the scene of many battles in the tong feuds of the past, but has been closed for several years.

swamps, to-day made overtures to the authorities to surrender.

He said he would give himself up as soon as he could negotiate with a man who would promise to go on his bond. He intimated he and his wife had been living on berries and roots in the swamps and wanted to come back to civilization where they could get food.

Both of the injured men have good chances to recover.

charged with the responsibility of office, or any class whose favor they might seek, to get what they can out of it."

Held Evidence Conclusive.

"The patriotism of a man who leaves his home and country and goes 2,000 miles through submarine-infested waters and offers his life in shock of battle may not be bought nor sold nor compensated, but that of a Vice President has its price, albeit the cheap price of \$250 for an evening of fine phrases on the heroism of the soldiers who raised the money to pay his fee."

"Evidence that Vice President Coolidge did this thing is indisputable. It is testified to by a gallant former Lieutenant of the army, who was dangerously wounded in battle, and his testimony is corroborated by a minister of the gospel who was a member of the committee entering into the arrangement whereby the Vice President was to make the speech. It is common knowledge in Bridgeport. It is explained, too, that Mr. Coolidge was sought to make the address not because he was Mr. Coolidge but because he was Vice President."

"Everybody else donated his or her services for the meeting. The theatre in which it was held was given

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hallucinations. Continual inhalation of it will cause death, but if the patient realizes that the gas is affecting him and seeks medical aid, the poison can be driven out of his body in a month or more. Once relieved, the body recuperates rapidly and there are no after effects."

When M. D. Mann, head of the research department of the plant, first was asked about the cases, he denied the men had been affected by gas. He said workers in the laboratory were paid 20 or 25 cents an hour more than laborers on the outside, and that they were supplied with gas masks.

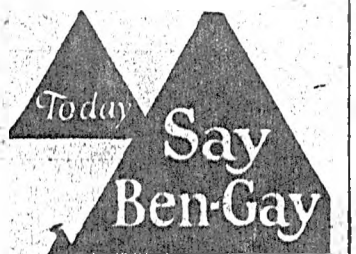
Mr. Mann promised to prepare a statement for the press, but when that statement was issued, fifteen minutes later, it merely said: "These men probably went insane because they worked too hard."

When pressed for information Mr. Mann said a statement probably would come "from No. 26 Broadway," the headquarters of the Standard Oil interests.

BRIDE STEALER HEARD FROM

Will Quit Swamp When He Gets Bail on Shooting Charge.

Special Despatch to The World
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