

BUTTE FOOD PIRATES

APPEAR TO BE IMMUNE--JACKSON 'WATCHFULLY WAITING'

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STRIKERS' LINES UNBROKEN

SMELTERMEN PLEDGE THEIR SUPPORT--ANOTHER COMPANY SIGNS UP

CITY MARKET BECOMING FACTOR IN FOOD CRISIS

North, south, east and west, all over and all around, federal, state, municipal and county authorities are active in going after food profiteers and food hoarders—everywhere but in Butte, where, as on former occasions on questions of deep public concern, the county attorney emulating the pose of the Statue of Liberty, assuming an Ajax-defying-the-lightning expression, after reading a tirade against local merchants in a company sheet, bombastically swore allegiance to his long-suffering constituents, and vengeance dire and terrible on the heads of the profiteers, "So help me God," etc., said the Hon. Joseph R. But the usual thing happened, or failed to happen as usual, so far as the county attorney is concerned. Prosecutions have been started, stored foodstuffs have been seized, in all sections of the country, but not in Butte. For, he it remembered, Silver Bow's county attorney, unlike officials in other parts, does not have his agents go after "first-hand" information, but must have it brought to him.

No profiteers have been arrested, no stored foodstuffs have been seized in Butte. True, as the result of agitation, some stores have been taken in Butte to cope with the profiteering evil. The postmaster will take orders for army foodstuffs, to be delivered by parcel post, the mayor has improvised a public market, which, little by little, is becoming more effective, despite the activities of the commission men and the inactivity of the county attorney.

Possibly there are no profiteers in Butte, possibly the commission men are all angels in Butte; it may be that Butte is the only city in the country where prices are just naturally high; but more probably, judging by past performances, profiteers and grab-robbers in Butte enjoy the same immunity from active prosecution as do gunmen who murder miners.

At any rate, there is hope that while the "first-hand" evidence is disappearing, the public market may mitigate somewhat the starvation conditions imposed by the profiteering pirates.

Some satisfaction may also be had by those with empty purses and empty stomachs in the knowledge that the "stealth" commission probe is now going on, while the county

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MASS MEETING AT ANACONDA SATURDAY NIGHT WELL ATTENDED

The beginning of the second week of the strike of the metal trades finds the situation unchanged in Butte, Anaconda and Great Falls, the three cities affected. No conferences have been held, the last week between the companies and the strikers and none of the men have returned to work.

Saturday evening a mass meeting of the metal crafts was held in the A. O. H. hall in Anaconda, about 300 union men being present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Boardman of the Anaconda Metal Trades, and talks were made by Lincoln Fielding, international representative of the Blacksmiths' union; J. P. Buckley, business agent of the Butte blacksmiths; Turner of the Butte machinists, and W. F. Dunn of the State Metal Trades council.

A delegation from the Smeltermen's union of Anaconda, headed by Cary of that organization, appeared before the meeting and stated that the smeltermen were according the

metal trades full support. The committee assured the metal tradesmen that none of the work formerly done by the strikers would be handled by the smeltermen and that any member of the union found doing metal trades work would be summarily expelled from the organization.

The smeltermen have also refused to work on any repair jobs with the School of Mines students employed by the company to take the place of the strikers.

It is stated by men familiar with the situation that a large majority of the smeltermen are in favor of quitting work altogether in support and that only the request of Metal Trades council to stay on the job for the present is keeping them at work.

The strike committee reported this morning that the management of the Butte-Bulath had acceded to the demands of the metal trades and was employing union mechanics.

This is the second small property to settle, the Anselmo having been placed on the fair list last week.

At the Mountain Con. it is stated, all of the shift bosses quit when asked to sharpen steel. The mechanical equipment at the smelters and at many of the mining properties is already beginning to show the lack of proper care and there are rumors that some of the companies will try to arrange a settlement this week. There is no talk of settlement among the strikers on any other basis than their fair demands now that they are off the job and but few predictions are heard as to the length of time the strike will last. Few of the strikers have left the city, the intention seeming to be to stay and see the difficulty through.

A well attended meeting of the striking crafts was held at 191 S. Idaho street late this afternoon at which the general strike committee rendered its report.

STORAGE HOUSES BULGE WHILE FOOD PRICES SOAR

(Special United Press Wire)
Washington, Aug. 18.—Officials of the department of justice are planning an investigation of the storage houses in which holdings of butter, eggs, dairy products and poultry have increased from 20 to 250 per cent since last year. Prices have soared for poultry and all dairy products during the same time.

Exact data on holdings of all big storage houses in the country is now in possession of the bureau of markets, which has just finished a careful survey. "Steps are now being taken to combat the situation," said Assistant Attorney General Ames, who is in charge of the campaign to prosecute food profiteers during the absence of Attorney General Palmer.

"I am glad to note that the information which the bureau has gathered confirms the belief of this department that one of the chief factors which is causing the high cost of living, is the hoarding of great stocks of food," Ames said.

AMERICANS HELD FOR RANSOM

(Special United Press Wire)
New York, Aug. 18.—Search for hoarded food continues here and federal authorities are planning to seize enormous quantities as soon as the investigators complete the evidence. Under orders of Mayor Hylan, fire commissioner Drennan has assigned 275 men from his department to inspect the warehouses.

The board of health has joined in the fight on high prices. Commissioner Copeland threatens to revoke the health licenses of all firms who are found hoarding or profiteering. Arthur Williams, federal food commissioner for New York, has issued a warning to consumers, asking them to avoid hoarding on a small scale, for fear that prices will soar still higher.

Mexican Bandits Capture Two Army Aviators. Demand \$15,000.00 Under Threat of Killing Men.

(Special United Press Wire)
Marfa, Tex., Aug. 18.—Letters have been received at military headquarters here, which are purported to be from Paul H. Davis and Harold G. Peterson, the two American army aviators who have been missing for more than a week. The letters state that the men are being held for \$15,000 ransom by Mexican bandits and unless the money is forthcoming by Aug. 18, the men would be killed.

A report, which is unconfirmed, says the men are being held by Chico Cano, a famous bandit, and his gang, near the American border.

An official statement has been issued at the military headquarters in El Paso, signed by Brig. Gen. James B. Egan, district commander, announcing that Maj. J. E. Walter, commander of the aero unit at Fort

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Army Surplus Food Can Now Be Ordered

(Special United Press Wire)
Washington, Aug. 18.—The sale of \$1,000,000 worth of army food began at more than 50,000 post-offices throughout the country today. The big marketing job which is being conducted by parcel post will

end Aug. 20, by which time the officials hope to dispose of all the food.

If the sales prove successful, as officials believe they will, other army supplies, including blankets and clothing, will be disposed of in the same way. Department of justice officials who expect to seize \$10,000,000 worth of hoarded foods this week, are watching the sale with interest.

Attorney General Palmer is considering disposing of the seized food through the parcel post, once it is condemned through court action.

The sale of surplus food, along with the seizures which are planned by the department of justice is expected to be the two heaviest blows yet aimed at the high cost of living. Many absent members of congress are returning to Washington, as the leaders have been ordered to consider price legislation. Action of the lower house has been held up by lack of a quorum.

Citizens of Butte who desire to purchase quantities of the United States army's food stores may do so now by putting in their orders with Postmaster Phil Goodwin or by placing their orders with the mail carriers in their districts. Announcement that he had received authorization to accept such orders was made by the postmaster last night.

For some unexplained reason, according to the postmaster, all orders

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BUCKLEY IS SEVERELY INJURED

Thrown Through Windshield When Automobile in Which He Was Riding Runs Into Ditch.

With his head and face badly cut by broken glass, J. P. Buckley, business agent of the Butte Blacksmiths' union, was taken to the hospital in Anaconda late Saturday evening. Mr. Buckley received his injuries when the machine in which he was riding ran into a ditch about seven miles from Anaconda, and he was thrown through the windshield. His injuries are painful but not dangerous and it is expected that he will be able to leave the hospital in a week or 10 days.

CALL THREE-DAY STRIKE.
(Special United Press Wire.)
Liverpool, Aug. 18.—Labor leaders here have decided to call a three-day strike beginning this week, to force the reinstatement of the policeman who struck recently.

\$100,000 LOSS IN WAREHOUSE FIRE

Report That Fire Was Started by Fanatics Is Scouted by Officials. The Firemen Do Good Work.

Fire, which may have been caused by defective wiring in the early hours of this morning, virtually destroyed the cold storage plant and warehouse of the Ryan Fruit company in the 700 block on South Arizona street and caused a loss estimated by Manager Walter Kneivel at more than \$100,000.

Prompt and efficient work by the fire department laddies under the direction of Fire Chief Fred Martin, succeeded in keeping the fire confined to the Ryan company's building. The plant and warehouse of the Henningsen Produce company nearby was seriously threatened by the flames as was an ammonia tank of the Armour Packing company just west of the burning structure.

The theory advanced in a morning "yellow journal" that the fire might have been of incendiary origin, set by "some fanatic incensed by recent agitation against companies which store food," was scouted by authorities, who pointed out that blaze emanated from the interior of the building and was probably caused by

HOUSEWIVES, ATTENTION

Housewives of Butte will hold a mass meeting tomorrow night, beginning at 8 o'clock, in the city council chamber, city hall, for the purpose of discussing ways and means to force the profiteering merchants of the city to lower food prices. The meeting has been called by Mrs. C. Seim, as the result of an informal meeting of disappointed housewives who visited the city curb market Saturday morning and found nothing on sale there. Alderman Lou Frenkelstein stated this afternoon that permission had been secured to use the city council chamber tomorrow night. A large attendance is expected.

MEAT NOT FIT TO EAT

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ANACONDA STRIKE SITUATION IS PLEASING

Committees Report Working Unions Protecting Men Who Refuse to "Scab" on Strikers.

(Special to The Bulletin.)
Anaconda, Aug. 18.—At the regular meeting of the Metal Trades council held at the A. O. H. hall Saturday evening, the strike situation was reported as being very satisfactory by the general strike committee. About 200 of the 250 affiliated crafts were in attendance and showed their loyalty to the movement by repeatedly applauding the various reports of the different committees.

A delegation from the Butte council was in attendance and their reports of the condition of their various organizations were listened to by an attentive audience.

Lincoln Fielding, international representative of the blacksmiths, addressed the meeting at length and told the members of the battle being waged along the Pacific coast and the many benefits secured to the metal crafts organizations.

W. F. Dunn of Butte was the principal speaker of the evening and the able manner in which he handled the situation was the one topic of

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"Moonshine" Whiskey Causes Death of Boy

As the result of poisoning from drinking "moonshine" whiskey, it is stated, Ambrose Noone, 22, son of Michael Noone, a well-known Butte miner, died sometime yesterday in the room of a chum at 14 East Park street. Noone is said to have secured the poisonous concoction which caused his death at a dance at Elk Park on Saturday night.

Noone and some companions first attended a dance at Lake Avoca Saturday night and later drove to a dance at Elk Park. There most of the boys drank soft drinks, it was stated, but Noone and a companion named Connors, secured some "moonshine" which they drank at the park and on the way home.

Becomes Violently Ill.
On the return trip Connors became violently ill and vomited, thus relieving his stomach of the poisonous concoction. To that fact, according to the doctors, he owes his life. Noone, however, became partly unconscious and was taken to Connors' room where both retired. Upon arising yesterday afternoon Connors found his chum was dead.

An autopsy performed yesterday afternoon by Drs. E. H. McCarthy and Kane with the result that evidence of acute alcoholic poisoning were found.

As the result of Noone's death Dr. McCarthy issued a statement in which he declared that an average of one person a day was driven crazy

Poor Showing for Two Days

You contributed liberally to every "drive" during the late unpleasantness to get "democracy" over there; now you want democracy over here, you must first have a free press. Donate now—it is the cheapest and best investment the worker can make. Nearly 40,000 of the 50,000 shares of the capital stock of the Bulletin remain unsold—buy a few shares and YOU WILL HAVE A VOICE in the management of the Bulletin.

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