

# HOARD FOOD IN BUTTE

## HENNINGSEN HAS 40,000 POUNDS OF CHICKEN IN COLD STORAGE

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## COMPANIES CONTROLLED BY ANACONDA CO. DODGE TAXES

That the Anaconda Copper Mining company, through its hirelings on the state board of equalization, is cheating the people of the state of Montana of hundreds of thousands of dollars each year through dodging equitable taxes on its subsidiary properties, has come to light from an investigation of comparative figures showing the assessed valuations placed by the equalization board on the A. C. M. properties and those included in the reports made by the subsidiaries to the state public service commission for the purpose of having their rates for service adjusted.

A perusal of the figures showing the assessed valuations placed on the Montana Power company, the Great Falls Power company, the Thompson Falls Power company, the Montana Reservoir and Irrigation company and the Butte, Anaconda and Pacific Railway company, all of which are owned by the Rockefeller interests through the Anaconda Copper Mining company, shows that these companies are paying taxes on only 40 per cent or approximately 20 per cent of their actual physical valuations.

In order that the public may know the real facts which show that, while the Great Northern railroad, the Northern Pacific, the Billings and Northern and the other big corporations of the state which are not affiliated with the Anaconda Copper Mining company are assessed on valuations which while not nearly their actual valuations, are still within reason, the companies owned by the Anaconda company are favored by exceptional cuts in their assessed valuations.

For instance, in making its report to the state public service commission on which report the rate for service which may be charged the public and which is demanded in order that the company may secure a "fair return on its monetary value," the Montana Power company reported that its actual physical valuation on June 30, 1918, was \$57,693,473.11. Since that time, more than a year ago, it is to be assumed that the property valuation has greatly increased.

But for purposes of taxation the valuation on all its physical property as returned to the state board of equalization by the Montana Power

## LIVINGSTON WORKERS IRATE

### Attack of Local Paper on Unionists Brings Quick and Energetic Action Against Paid Patriots.

That the action of Jerome Locke, publisher of the Livingston Enterprise, who severely attacked the loyalty of the thousands of union men and women who listened attentively to the speech of W. F. Dunn of Butte at the Livingston Labor day celebration, has aroused the workers in that thriving city as they never have been aroused before, is evidenced from the number of letters being received by the Bulletin from the railroad town.

Among the letters received this morning is one containing an account of a mass meeting attended by 600 union men and 40 union girls on Thursday evening, called to pro-

## ATTEMPT MADE TO DISCREDIT PROBE

### Campaign of Propaganda Being Conducted by Interests Being Exposed in Spruce Camp Probe.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 5.—Charging that a campaign of propaganda was being conducted to discredit the work of the congressional spruce investigation committee, Congressman James Frear, preliminary to calling the committee into session Friday, outlined the purposes of the investigation and declared the committee would proceed to get the facts regardless of any influences that might be brought to bear on it in its deliberations. The charges precipitated a tropical debate between Congressman Frear and Congressman Clarence F. Lea, the democratic

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## DEVELOPMENTS PENDING IN CRAFTSMEN STRIKE

### There were no new developments in the strike of the metal trades in the past 24 hours.

The strike committee yesterday handed to Thomas Chape, A. C. M. labor commissioner, the same three propositions given to the Clark people, but so far no reply has been received. It is the understanding at present that in case no move is made by the Anaconda company looking to a settlement of the strike, the mine, mill and smeltermen of Anaconda will walk off the job Monday noon in sympathy with the striking metal trades craftsmen.

And unless a settlement is arrived at shortly, it is more than probable that other labor units, both in Butte and elsewhere in the state, will be

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## STALLS REFUSED TO CONSUMERS' LEAGUE

### Members Told They Would Have to Build Their Own. Allege Mayor Stodden Protects Commission Men

The Consumers' league, at its meeting in the city hall last night went on record in favor of opening up negotiations with fruitgrowers and farmers, to secure foodstuffs for the city market.

Application for stalls for the Consumers' league have been made to Mayor Stodden; these stalls will be used to reach the consumer direct from the growers. This has been considered necessary because of the numerous complaints made last night by the members. One member who had arranged with a farmer to take charge of his products was

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## POULTRY AT A PROHIBITIVE PRICE WITH PLENTY ON HAND

Through the seizure by federal officials at Spokane yesterday of 13,464 pounds of poultry which had been stored in the Henningsen Produce company's cold storage plant there for nearly a year, and admissions by Fred A. Henningsen of Butte that the company has an equal amount in storage in its Butte warehouse, positive proof of what the Bulletin has repeatedly alleged—that the Henningsen company was hoarding food in order to hold up prices—has developed.

News of the seizure of the 13,464 pounds held in Spokane to the credit of the Butte branch of the Henningsen produce trust and of the seizure of other thousands of pounds held in the Spokane plant for other branches and subsidiaries of the Henningsen company was received over the press association wires, and has caused considerable comment over the failure of Montana officials to make similar seizures at the Henningsen company's Butte warehouse.

In interviews given to the press, Fred A. Henningsen, vice president of the Henningsen Produce company, admitted that the poultry seized in Spokane by the federal authorities had been purchased and placed in storage in the fall of 1918. Mr. Henningsen attempted to justify the continued hoarding of last year's poultry, by asserting that the market for poultry in Butte had not been active since the food was stored.

When asked if it was not true that the prices maintained for poultry were high and that were the chickens to be placed on the market at reasonable prices, the market would have been more active. He dodged the issue by declaring that the "public will only consume so much poultry anyhow." Henningsen admitted that, despite the great quantities of chickens held in storage in his Butte and Spokane warehouses, poultry was now selling on the Butte market at the prohibitive price of 40 cents a pound.

Henningsen asserted that the 45,484 pounds held in Spokane for the Butte trade would be cleaned up here before November 15, were it placed on the market. He also admitted that there was a month's supply on hand in the Butte warehouse at this time, which indicates that some 40,000 pounds also are hoarded here.

Although Henningsen's admission (Continued on Page Two.)

# WORKING MEN BEWARE! SAVE YOUR LIBERTY BONDS

If you are single men and have any small surplus earnings do not be caught by stock jobbers. Butte Miner publishes story of fabulous merger of mining interest; probably fake, perhaps to enthuse public and enable stock jobbers connected with paper to float worthless stocks on earnings of labor.

## WAR-MAKING POWER TO REST WITH CONGRESS

(Special United Press Wire.) Washington, Sept. 6.—With the senatorial opponents to the treaty and the league of nations, planning a tour over the ground now being covered by Wilson, the leaders of the various senate factions are "counting noses" in an effort to determine their voting strength.

Leading democratic senators declare that 20 democratic senators will vote for reservations to the treaty and 20 will vote for unqualified ratification. "Mild reservationists" and the Lodge group are trying to compromise their differences over wording of the reservation in article 10 in the league covenant, which is now the real issue among those favoring reservations.

Lodge's proposal, which was adopted by the foreign relations committee, is for the reservation which assumes the United States will stay out of foreign wars over territorial invasions, except of the most extreme provocations. "Mild reservationists" would allow the United States to go to war, if it was a plain case of unlawful aggression. Both proposals leave the United States free to decide through congress, as to when it will go in and to what

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## MINERS PREPARE TO BATTLE WITH GUNMEN

Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 6.—Over 1,000 coal miners of the Kanawha county coal fields, went into camp near Winfred Junction, Kanawha county, last night, where they will await the arrival of reinforcements for a march against the mountains to the Guyan coal fields. It is reported that all the men are well armed and will attempt to force the operators to consent to the unionizing of that field.

All previous methods have failed to unionize the miners of these camps, due to the fact that the operators refuse to allow the organizers to work among their employees and when one does show up he is either thrown in jail or deported by company gunmen.

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## 19,000 PENNSYLVANIA MINERS STRIKE MONDAY

(Special United Press Wire.) Scranton, Pa., Sept. 6.—Nineteen thousand nine workers in 29 collieries of the Hudson Coal company, between Forest City and Plymouth, will strike Monday unless the employers agree to meet a committee of the employees before then.

## THE WEATHER.

Fair and cooler.

## Hulet Wells Facing Slow Death in Prison While Wilson Talks Democracy

Seattle, Sept. 6.—While President Woodrow Wilson is addressing the people of Seattle on September 12-13 on the league of nations, "world democracy" and the "peace treaty," he will be confronted with a "silent protest" of unionists and an open letter addressed to him informing him that Hulet M. Wells, one of the victims of the reign of civic rights suppression, is suffering untold torture in the "black hole" at McNeil's island federal prison.

A special committee reported to the Central Labor council Wednesday night the results of their findings in an investigation of Wells' condition. The committee had secured admittance of Dr. Joseph Lane, a private physician, to the prison to investigate the rumor that Wells was being slowly tortured to death. Dr. Lane was admitted and upon reporting the findings of his examination, said:

In Weakened Condition.

"I was informed that Wells receives but 14 ounces of bread during a period of 24 hours. I then examined Wells thoroughly, and while I did not find any definite organic trouble he was in a weakened condition, having lost five and one-half pounds recently. During the first two months the work of cutting cord wood, which had been assigned to Mr. Wells, was comparatively easy, but it gradually became harder, until at last he was ordered to cut a cord of wood each day, and inasmuch as Mr. Wells is clerical and is naturally frail, the task was more than he could stand. He wrote a letter to the warden asking that he be assigned lighter work, and after waiting for a period of four days and receiving no reply he again wrote the warden, stating that he would not continue at a task which he was incapable of performing.

In the Dungeon.

"As a result of such refusal on the part of Mr. Wells he was or-

dered by the warden to be placed in the prison dungeon with his hands tied to iron bars above his head. He has been in this dungeon since Tuesday, August 22, and it is my professional judgment that unless summary action is taken by the government to remove him from his present confinement in the prison dungeon his health will be greatly impaired."

Dr. Lane refused to accept the usual fee for his professional services in the case, considering it a humanitarian work, and instead donated the amount of the usual fee to the family of Wells. The labor council extended a vote of hearty thanks to the physician.

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## Dealers Refuse to Deliver Materials to Employers Who Are Fair to Workers

Seattle, Sept. 6.—As the strikes of building tradesmen and job printing trades entered their third day, strike committees in both industries were gathering evidence of a huge conspiracy on the part of the dealers in materials to boycott building contractors and job printing shops which both industries the union demands. In both cases the union committees will, when the evidence is complete, present it to the proper authorities for prosecution on charges of illegal conspiracy to boycott in restraint of free trade, they declare.

The strike of carpenters, plasterers, lathers and laborers in the building industry continues to tie up a large percentage of building opera-

tions in the city. However, according to a statement issued by the executive board of the district council of carpenters, work continues on the port commission and other public work jobs under the assumption that these jobs will pay the \$10 a day for carpenters, plasterers and lathers and \$7 a day for laborers as the "going wage."

A considerable number of contractors are breaking away from the Master Builders' association and resuming operations, declares the union committee. An increasing number of carpenters are returning to work on jobs which have promised to pay the scale, they contend.

Material Refused.

The boycott in building materials, it is declared at union headquarters, has thus far confined itself to plaster materials. Numerous instances of large material firms refusing to deliver plaster material to union jobs have been reported. The firms of Galbraith-Bacon, W. F. Jahn and Sam Hunter are named as the chief conspirators. Wednesday morning the Jahn company refused material to the contractor erecting a building under union conditions at Third and Pine. The same company openly avowed to the superintendent on the job in West Seattle for a banker named Campbell that no materials would be delivered as long as the job was recognizing the unions' side of the present wage controversy.

Campbell instructed his superintendent to truck the materials needed from Tacoma if necessary. The Galbraith-Bacon firm refused materials to a home owner erecting a new residence at 321 Highland Drive Wednesday morning, offering no reason for the refusal, it is said. The residence is being built by union labor under the new scale. Dozens of similar instances are being re-

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## OR ARE YOU A SLACKER IN THE FIGHT?

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