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Alleged Prosperity

Bosses who have been pocketing billions, profiteering on the needs and misery of the working people of the country, are issuing bulletins and posters to be pasted up at every convenient corner, telling the working class how happy and contented it IS and SHOULD BE.

Why not?

Aren't the bosses happy and contented? Haven't they every reason to be? Haven't they been profiteering to their heart's content, with the United States government looking on — and DOING NOTHING? No, we are mistaken. We remember that a government agent arrested a small retailer in Brooklyn about three months ago — and HAD HIM CONVICTED! Glory to the Department of Justice!

But when these same bosses, of the "America First" Publicity Association, have the impudence to talk prosperity in the face of government reports on unemployment; when they have the gall

to talk about plenty of food for all and industrial peace, it becomes time for the workers to tell them a few things.

One of their latest "bulletins" tells us that "earnest cooperation in every field of human endeavor, with Uncle Sam standing by to see that fair play is given to all alike, will quickly open the gates to happiness and a new prosperity. It means food and raiment in abundance for all classes..... a permanent solution of difficulties which heretofore have arisen from labor troubles and the establishment of an enduring peace between employers and employees."

"Prosperity" in West Virginia.

Who said that Uncle Sam stands by to see that fair play is given to all alike? In West Virginia, Federal troops are being used as a strike-breaking agency and not for the protection of the citizens of the State. The mine owners employed gunmen and thugs and detective-agencies to spy on and shoot down American miners who WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE SPLENDID CONDITIONS THAT THEY HAVE TO WORK UNDER — the prosperity we hear so much about from the "America First" Publicity Ass. In Colorado, the government troops were ordered out during the trolley strike in Denver, because the men went on strike and refused to let scabs take their jobs. In the brass strike in Connecticut, troops were on hand at once, because the workers were earning so much money that they went on strike for wages and hours that would make it possible for them merely to live decently. When the port workers went on strike in Galveston, Federal troops were called out to bulldoze the workers.

In the steel strike, the government got "inside" information about what was going on among the workers BY MEANS OF SPIES, WEAKENED WORKERS AND DETECTIVE AGENCIES! In the railroad strike, the government suddenly became "law-abiding" and took the part of the Gompers' organization against the "outlaws". BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO START A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF THE WHOLE RAILROAD INDUSTRY BECAUSE OF THE CHARGES THAT THE "OUTLAWS" MADE! In the coal strike, the gray-haired sage of the White House threatened the miners with the use of FORCE, if they dared to strike!