The Labor Problem.

In view of the fact that the labor problem is among the most pressing and complicated in the industrial centers of the country, the following statement has been prepared by the Committee on Industrial Relations of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. It is offered as a contribution to the discussion of the problem, and as a guide to those who are engaged in the settlement of labor disputes.

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CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

In the course of the present year, the labor problem has received much attention in Canada and the United States. The situation in both countries is complicated by the fact that the labor problem is not confined to the industrial centers, but is also a matter of great moment in the agricultural districts.

In Canada, the labor problem is especially acute in the mining industries, where the employes are largely unorganized. The mining companies have been able to impose upon their workers conditions of employment which are not only unjust, but also detrimental to the health and welfare of the miners. The situation has been further aggravated by the fact that the mining companies have been able to control the labor unions, and to exclude from these organizations those who are not in sympathy with their interests.

In the United States, the labor problem is especially acute in the textile industries, where the employes are largely unorganized. The employers have been able to impose upon their workers conditions of employment which are not only unjust, but also detrimental to the health and welfare of the workers. The situation has been further aggravated by the fact that the employers have been able to control the labor unions, and to exclude from these organizations those who are not in sympathy with their interests.

The labor problem in both countries is a matter of great moment, and requires immediate attention. The situation demands that the employers and the labor unions should negotiate in good faith, and that the government should take such measures as may be necessary to protect the interests of the workers.

STATE NEWS.

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