TOLL TAKEN OF HUMAN LIFE BY THE INDUSTRIES

GREATER THAN DEATHS ON BATTLEFIELD

Over Half a Million Men and Women Annually Are Killed or Injured in the United States While Engaged in Productive Labor—Enormous Sum Needed to Support Those Incapacitated.

In the huge, poorly ventilated plants where 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 men and women are employed in making the products of our civilization, the workers are slowly being driven to the grave by conditions of toil and health. To be sure, there are a few places where a higher rate of wages and better environment are being offered, but in most of the industries of the country, the conditions are so bad that the worker has little chance to enjoy life.

In the United States, it is estimated that 1,200,000 men and women are killed or injured annually in the course of their work. The loss of life and limb among these workers is greater than that on the battlefields of war.

The cost of this toll of human life is enormous. It is estimated that the cost of medical care, lost wages, and social security benefits for the injured workers amounts to several hundred million dollars per year. The loss of productivity due to injuries and deaths is also significant, as it results in a loss of output and revenue.

Moreover, the social and economic impact of this toll of human life is profound. The loss of productive workers leads to a decrease in the overall productivity of the country, and the cost of medical care and social security benefits puts a financial burden on the government and society.

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