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## PREFACE.

This bulletin is a revised translation of a pamphlet on international labor legislation and the society of nations (Arbeiterschutz und Völkergemeinschaft), by Dr. Stephan Bauer, Director of the International Labor Office, Basel, Switzerland. The author of this timely and important contribution on the subject of the regulation of labor contracts through international agreements gave his full permission for the translation and publication of this pamphlet as a bulletin of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The publication has been delayed because of the time necessary to translate the report accurately and to check and note references to source material. The translation, however, was completed in time to be of very considerable service to the Commission on International Labor Legislation which prepared the draft convention creating a permanent organization for the promotion of the international regulation of labor conditions, which draft has been adopted by the International Peace Conference at Paris. This bulletin will be invaluable, to those interested in the first meeting of the International Labor Conference which is to be held in October, 1919, for the publication states in admirable form the origin and development of international labor regulation up to the outbreak of the great European war. The bulletin indica' in general the subjects that must be dealt with by these International Labor Conferences.

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