

# SONG OF SHIRT HAS NEW NOTES

## Wage Reductions in New England Factories Start a Number of Things to Going.

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New York, Nov. 28.—The armistice is over in New England, so far as the textile trades are concerned, and the song of the shirt and the chemise is likely to have a few new expressive notes injected into it in consequence for the remainder of the country. Some of the largest Maine and New Hampshire mills have cut wages. New Bedford and Fall River mills are prepared to follow suit. Labor leaders are equally prepared to fight any trend toward lower scales and each side is waiting only to estimate the trend of public opinion before beginning active hostilities.

The Amoskeag mills, large producers of cotton cloth, took the initial step. They not only cut wages ten per cent but are considering demanding a reduction in working hours from 54 to 48 hours a week. This would put the New Hampshire mills on an equal footing with those of Massachusetts. The latter, however, have not generally put into effect the wage reduction and Fall River manufacturers have decided not to act as a body in this matter but to allow each mill to settle its own differences with its employees separately. The executives there are not a unit in declaring that a wage reduction would increase business.

Maine manufacturers have announced wage reductions amounting to 10 per cent which will become effective next Monday. Among those making such announcements were the Edwards, York, Pepperell, Bates, Cabot, Androscoggin, Continental, Lewiston, Hill and Dana plants. Manufacturers of the entire New England district point out that wages now stand 110 per cent above the pre-war scale and that Southern competition has cut into the business of the New England plants to such an extent that wage reductions are an absolute necessity. They declare that ever since the wage

# FIRST SESSION OF EXPERTS STUDYING FARM PROBLEMS



Farm experts called by President Coolidge to study problems of American farmers and to propose legislation to improve agricultural conditions are shown here in their first session at Washington. Left to right, they are Howard M. Gore, acting secretary of agricultural experiment station of the University of Minnesota; Louis J. Tabor, mayor of the national grange at Columbus, Ohio; R. D. Casey, of Chicago; Fred H. Blaby, president of American National Live Stock Association, of California; (standing) W. M. Jardine, president of Kansas State Agricultural College, and Ralph H. Merritt, president of the grain growers, of Fresno, California.

increase of 12 1/2 per cent which went into effect in April, 1922, the cotton goods trade has been subnormal. Strenuous opposition to any general reduction is expected from the unions. Already the labor leaders have commenced to fire heavy guns loaded with words like "primogeniture" and "nepotism." They declare that the mills of New England, passed from father to son, have fallen into a rut, that they operate on antiquated production and selling methods and that there is too much "family" in the management.

The labor leaders take the position that workers are entitled to competent and efficient management and up-to-date equipment as well as those who buy the product of the mills. They declare that the New England mills have not sought to find what the public demanded but rather to tell the public what it should buy, and that the slump in New England textile trade is due in large part to such misjudgment of modern trade trends. This attitude has been amply

supported by repeated statements by Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor to the same effect and the labor leaders feel that they are fully supported in any contention based on such a premise. They go even further and declare that the declaration of the mills as to narrow margin of profits has been exaggerated and is discounted by the advance in mill stocks which has taken place in recent weeks.

The manufacturers counter such assertions by declaring that Southern mills have cut wages as much as 15 per cent in some instances and that even in New England would assure full time operations. Where such cuts have been made, however, full time operations have not followed in all in-

connection with his conduct of the veterans' bureau, was indicted here last February along with John W. Thompson, Chicago and St. Louis contractor, after a federal grand jury had spent more than a month investigating charges alleged waste, graft and debauchery in the conduct of the bureau.

A few months later Forbes and Thompson were re-indicted on similar charges, the second indictments being returned in an effort to comply with legal technicalities overlooked in the first charges. Forbes and Thompson were charged with conspiracy to commit bribery and conspiracy to defraud the government, while Forbes was named alone in one indictment on a charge of accepting a bribe and Thompson in another on a charge of offering a bribe.

The grand jury investigation here followed an investigation of the Veterans' Bureau by a senate committee in Washington which charged fraud, corruption and mismanagement of the bureau. The original indictments charged that Forbes, while director of the bureau, received a bribe of \$5,000 and certain additional emoluments on agreement to award contracts for government hospital work for the contracting firm of Thompson and James W. Black, deceased, were the heads. Charles F. Cramer, former general counsel for the bureau who committed suicide after investigation of the department was proposed, was named in the indictment as having accepted a promise of \$100,000 from Thompson and others for his approval of the contracts.

Elias Mortimer of Philadelphia, alleged to have been an emissary

of Thompson, appeared before both the senate committee and the federal grand jury and gave much of the information on which the charges were based. The hospitals for which Congress appropriated \$12,000,000 and which were alleged to have been involved in the illegal deals were to have been located at Liberty, Tupper Lake, Tarrytown and Toughkeepsie, N. Y.; Northampton, Mass.; Chillicothe, O.; Great Lakes, Ill.; Gulfport, Miss.; Livermore and Camp Kearney, Cal.; Haysden Lake, Idaho; St. Cloud, American Lake, Camp Lewis and Tacoma, Washington.

According to the charges, the head of the veterans' bureau agreed to give Thompson and Black the preference in the contracts the firm desired regardless of whether their terms were most advantageous to the government. Expensive trips at government expense and other alleged wasteful practices also were detailed.

The original investigating jury, in a supplemental report, charged that at least two members of Congress were involved in the case and that sums of money had been paid to them, and this led to a separate investigation in the east a few weeks later.

Both Colonel Forbes and Mr. Thompson have maintained their innocence of any wrongdoing and have asserted they welcomed an opportunity to prove their innocence in open court.

# FORBES CASE IS AGAIN REVIEWED

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