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RALEIGH, May 7—Employment in North Carolina factories dropped 1.9 per cent last month for a net employment decrease of some 6,500, the State Department of Labor reported today.
 Labor Department statistician C. H. Pritchard in a preliminary report on employment developments during April said that small increases registered in six industry groups were insufficient to cancel out the decreases reported by a dozen other industries.

The 12 industries reporting employment losses during April and the approximate number of workers laid off were: textile mills, 5,296; lumber and timber products, 1,201; stone, clay and glass products, 310; chemicals, 309; pulp and paper, 101; iron and steel, 99; leather products, 80; automobile equipment, 61; machinery, 36; rubber products, 19; apparel, 16; miscellaneous, 13.

Industries reporting increases and the approximate number of workers taken on during April were: food products, 532; tobacco, 203; furniture, 116; transportation equipment, 48; printing and publishing, 42; nonferrous metals, 14. Employment in electrical machinery plants remained unchanged from the March figure.

"Although the big decrease last month occurred in textiles, a continued downward employment trend was apparent in a majority of manufacturing firms," Pritchard commented. "The downward trend in textiles was reported to be due to more temporary shutdowns, shortened workweeks, a lack of orders and general business decline. About 75 per cent of the reporting lumber and timber firms reported minor employment losses. Stone, clay and glass products showed a general employment drop. The decline in chemicals was due

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**April Employment
 Under March**

Washington, May 6.—Employment in April was 172,000 above that of March, according to a statement by the Bureau of Census.
 For the week ended April 9 total civilian employment was 57,647,000 for the corresponding week in March.

Unemployment for April was 3,018,000 compared to 3,167,000 for the corresponding week in March. A drop of 151,000. The total number of idle in April was about

to a seasonal drop in cottonseed oil output.
 "Increases in food products also were seasonal, particularly in the canning and beverage industries. Small gains in furniture manufacturing were due to increased production of household furniture and containers."

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800,000 above that of a year ago. Approximately 600,000 of those unemployed in April had been looking for work for four months or longer. The corresponding number was 500,000 in March and 300,000 in January.

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