By J. C. ROYLE

New York, April 24.—The cotton textile situation so far as New England is concerned, has taken a more serious turn, according to telegraphic dispatches received within the last 24 hours from mill centers.

The impression conveyed by these reports, which come from reliable sources, is that wage reductions in the textile industries of New England are only a matter of time. Labor leaders are frank in saying that if these cuts are put into effect there is a strong probability that a strike would be called.

The effect of such reduction is not confined to New England. It has a bearing on every citizen of this country, for each one of necessity is a purchaser or prospective purchaser of cotton cloth in some form or asset of the cotton of swamp lands to agriculture.

In view of these facts, manufacturers in the North section of this country are seriously considering wage reductions. The old argument is being waged as to whether it is better for workmen to have employment more days a week at a lower wage than few days or none with the high wage scale maintained. The Pocassett and Mechanics mills of Fail River have closed down for ten days. The Pepperell Manufacturing Company, employing 3,800 workers at Biddeford, Maine, will close from April 26 to May 5. The Amoskeag Manufacturing Company plants have closed for the remainder of this week.

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The situation is not dangerous so far as the South is concerned, according to reliable reports today from Atlanta and other centers.

The textile situation is not going to the bow-wows, Southern experts maintain. Mills, they say, are not curtailling, but are selling on a basis of warehouse stocks and buying raw cotton as demand for goods calls for it. The South has assumed the lead so far as cotton spindles are concerned. There are now in place in Southern mills 16,747,046, or 44.5 per cent of the country's total. This marked an increase of 872,665 spindles in the South in the last year, and a decrease of 92,510 in other sections. The Southern mills consumed 4 247,748 below of cotton is summed 4 247,748 below of cotton is summed 4 247,748 below of cotton is summed 4 247,748 below of cotton in the summed 4 247,748 below of cotton is summed 4 247,748 below of cotton in the summed 4 247,748 below of cotton is summed 4 247,748 below of cotton is summed 4 247,748 below of cotton in the summed and constraints. sumed 4.247.748 bales of cotton last year, or 63.72 per cent of the total United States consumption.

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So far as can be learned, the majority of the New England manufacturers have not arranged for their 1924 spring and summer requirements. They therefore face the prospect of having to pay high prices for raw cotton and of being unable to get sufficient to run at capacity if demand should improve. The foreign mills, however, have already bought their raw cotton or are buying it now. Exports for the week ending last Saturday amounted to 76,996 bales compared with 69,229 bales for the previous week and 64,48 for the corresponding week of last year.

The foreign competitors of the New England mills shipped over 175,000,000 yards of finished goods into this country last year and if the demand for cotton goods increases stronkly, which is possible, they would be prepared to increase that amount largely if the New England fills were caught with short supplies.

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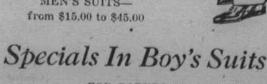
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