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### TO FIGHT SOVIETISM IN CLOTHING TRADE

President of Manufacturers' Association Outlines Plan

#### UNION OPPOSES PROGRAM

Employers to Furnish Work for Thousands of Unemployed, Says Leader.

New York, Dec. 13.—Manufacturers in the clothing trade do not intend to "lend themselves to the establishment of Sovietism in their industry," declared William Bandler, president of the Clothing Manufacturers' Association, in a statement issued here tonight. He characterized as "humbug, sham and false pretense" the union's charge that the manufacturers have inaugurated a "lockout" and plan to return to "sweat shop conditions."

"This will be evidenced," the statement added, "by the fact that the employers are about to put into operation a plan of work, whereby employment will be given to the thousands of workers who for a long time have been idle, because of the inability of the manufacturers to compete and secure business. And the workers will be invited to work, but it is feared that they will be prevented from so doing by the union's direction that they strike. Sweat shop conditions today are a matter of the remote past and are inconceivable and impossible through the safeguard and protection afforded workers by our present labor laws."

**Complete Change Necessary**  
Mr. Bandler asserted a complete change in the fundamentals controlling the local labor market is imperative to restore the industry to a standard basis of business and eradicate the evil practices in which "the industry is steeped and the perils

which threaten it." This is necessary, he declared, in order to meet the public demand for a reduction of clothing prices to save to New York city the clothing market with its annual output of \$200,000,000 and give employment to about 60,000 workers.

Mr. Bandler cited numerous instances which the union, he said, led to nothing and the union's position that "irrespective of merit and of existing economic conditions" it would not recede from what it had secured during war times. After the union rejected the proposal that workers be held individually responsible for a daily standard of production to be agreed upon and manufacturers, he permitted to discharge incompetent help, Mr. Bandler said:

"There remained no other course open to the manufacturers than to publicly announce the severance of relations between the association and the union and to proceed to put into effect a plan of work whereby each worker would be paid for what he produces and on a basis which would permit the New York manufacturers to secure business in competition with the other clothing markets where the wages are very substantially lower."

#### UNCLE SAM BIG EMPLOYER

Washington, Dec. 13.—One person out of every 150 in the entire country was on the government civil service payroll last July 31, the Civil Service Commission declared tonight in its annual report. The commission adds that of those estimated by the census as employed in gainful occupations in the country, one in every 68 was a government worker.

The total number of civil service employees last July, the commission says, was 691,116 and the government was using them in approximately 1,700 different kinds and grades of work. There were almost a million govern-

ment employees at the height of the World War, the commission asserts, and adds that pre-war figures of some 480,000 in 1916 probably never again will be reached. The commission declared that an "altogether rosy picture cannot be painted" of the government's personnel situation.

A partial tabulation of the great army of government employees fixes the average age at 28.4 years and the average salary at \$1,176 a year, exclusive of the \$240 yearly bonus which many of the employees receive.

The commission's recommendation for placing all postmasters under civil service is renewed.

#### HELD FOR DEATH OF WIFE

Greenville, Dec. 13.—The coroner's jury which held an inquest today over the body of Mrs. Tom Harrison, returned a verdict charging her husband with having fired the shots, which proved fatal, early Friday morning in the Harrison home on a prominent residential street. Mrs. Harrison died as a result of the wounds yesterday.

Monk Young, who was shot and seri-

ously wounded at the same time, was reported as still being in a critical condition at the city hospital.

Mrs. Monk Young and two policemen, who responded to a call from the home with the physicians who attended Mrs. Harrison, were the only witnesses at the inquest. Mrs. Young said that she was on the first floor of the home when the shooting occurred on the second. Harrison, who is in the county jail, was not put on the witness stand and has as yet made no public statement in regard to the

affair. He is well known in Greenville and throughout this section.

#### SEVERAL KILLED IN CAR

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13.—An undetermined number of persons, estimated by the police at between four and eight, were killed and more than fifteen injured, several possibly fatally here tonight, when the motorman of a crowded street car lost control of his brakes, and the car raced down a steep grade, overturning when it

struck a switch at the foot of the hill. Several hours after the accident they were unable to say accurately how many had lost their lives.

The car, a small one with one man acting as motorman and conductor, was demolished, the car breaking in two and its wreckage being strewn for a distance of several hundred feet.

Four of the dead have been identified and a woman and child in the hospital are not expected to live. All the dead and injured known are from Kansas City and vicinity.

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