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## A Message to Wilton and Brussells Weavers

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reduction in wages. We even surgested to your officials that the reduction in wages. We even suggested to your officials that they
name the reduction and the date it should be put into effect. This your union officials refused to submit to you for your consideraation and notified the manufacturers that no reduction would be entertained. The manufacturers then posted a notice of 25 per
cent reduction, effective January 17. This was refused. Later a compromise of 20 per cent was suggested by the manufacturers, and your union officials advised us that this also was refused.
As a result, your employers have decided to re-open the Wiiton mills throughout the country and operate them as open shops,
beginning today. We urge old employes to return to their looms. Hereafter employment will be open to suitable men, either union

During the war your wages were more than doubled. That the cost of living has d:opped nearly one-third. A 20 per cent reduction still leaves your wages more than twice as high as they
were before the war. With an improved system of creeler bovswere before the war. With an improved system of creeler hoys-
one boy to two wool looms and one boy to three worsted looms and an increased production effort, the actual reduction will be less than 20 per cent.
Your employers ask you to talk this over with your fanilics Workmen throughout the country in e, ery line of industry are ac-
cepting wage reductions in the general movement to bring down the cost of living. If Wilton and Brusells weavers continue to tries are accepting less, these fellow-workers must pay the cost. duction and distribution of necessities. from the workman and the
manufacturer to the wholesaler and retailer, must co-operate. Wilton mills throughout the country are operating today and are employing suitable men, either union or non-union, at the new
vage. Opportunities are open to weavers in other textile lines wage. Opportunities are open to weavers in other textile lines.
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