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### CRAFT OF THE CITY OF NIŠ: VICTIM OF TWO GREAT WARS 1914–1945

**Summary:** The suffering of the population and the devastation of the city, inflicted during both wars, resulted in the great commitment of the Chamber and the guilds themselves to recover as soon as possible and continue their activities. In the years between these two conflicts, the issue of the purchase of machines, the supply of raw materials and means of work was solved gradually, and the craftsmen were given help in recovering from the damage caused. Craftsmanship suffered a new blow due to the implementation of nationalization and the pursuit of a capitalist mode of production. It has been shown, however, that manufacturing and craft production, although slower, is extremely valued for its quality. Craftsmanship entered deep into the pores of Serbian society, so it has become an indispensable part of the lives of the inhabitants of the city of Niš.

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