

was little to put in them. Wageman said investigation had been made by federal medical officials, and over half of the employees were found to be suffering from poison. This, he told the women, was what made their husbands sick.

When the state factory inspector's office investigated the same conditions it was declared that there was but one case of such a nature that it could be made a test with any hope of forcing the Wolff co. to remedy conditions. But, he declared, the men were sick, and they had to strike. There was no other course open to them.

Miss Emma Steghagen, secretary of the Women's Trades Union League, counseled the women to support their husbands in their fight. She explained the principles of unionism to them, and said that they would be given help.

"Your husbands were poisoned by the insanitary conditions in which they were forced to work," she said. "They were right in striking. You must keep up your courage and help them win. It would be wrong to permit them to work under present conditions. We all know that the fight is hard for you. It is upon you and your children that the brunt of the suffering falls, but remember what your husbands had to endure when they were working."

"We are going to support you, and will see that you do not suffer for want of food. These meetings will be continued, and you can help by attending them and

letting us know when you are in difficulty."

Miss Agnes Johnson of the league and a number of speakers talked to the women in their own languages, many of them being unable to understand English, and when they fully comprehended conditions, their faces lit with the fire of determination to stick with their men through trouble. Their men had worked uncomplainingly for them and the babies in surroundings that bred death and sickness.

The material touch was given to the gathering by Miss Zelia Emerson, a wealthy young woman from Michigan, connected with the Trades Union League, who provided coffee and sandwiches for the men and women, and gave each child a bag of candy.

Other meetings of the same kind will be held every Wednesday while the strike lasts.

THE PLOT THICKENS

Hark! Hark! it's now Champ Clark!

The political boss bees are a-buzzin',
They come with wings and party strings,

And hangers-on by the dozen.

Iowa women have \$5,000 campaign fund to fight candidates who refuse to declare for suffrage. Who said women knew nothing about politics?

"Hitch your wagon to a star" is what Woodrow Wilson did.