

sion. Mrs. Edson believes that the government's commission is slowly but surely bringing about a changed attitude between the employer and the employed, and when the minimum wage between the next year and a half or two years has been fixed, the measure will have no such opposition to overcome as had the eight-hour law.

"My answer to the direct actionists is simply the way this law is working out," declared Mrs. Edson. "A



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change has come over every employer since the law was passed. I know because I have watched it.

"I have come to see that the employer is not a conscious enemy of society; that is where the direct actionists make their mistake; he simply has the old, out-of-date individualistic point of view. These men do not consciously want the girls who work for them to be underfed, underclothed; they do not want them to live under miserable conditions.

"They say to me: 'What can I do

in the face of interstate competition?' I have worked out what many of them can do. I think we have the employing class very largely with us.

"The work of our investigators covers workers in all of the retail trades, the candy manufacturers and the laundries. We are also going into the cannery situation in this state, with an attempt to standardize wages and fix payment for overtime. The canneries are a tremendous problem.

"In the rural communities the canneries, the whole fruit, vegetable and hop industry is a menace. Wheatland demonstrated that. Wheatland has forced on us a lesson which the community should have learned in a less terrible way. I never go into a rural town to speak that I do not say to the women: 'This problem can be solved by you; it is really up to you. You have no tenement, no factory, in short, no industrial problem as the cities have; but you have this problem that is akin. Women everywhere can change the conditions under which migratory labor toils.'"

ONE OF COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN TAKEN FOR ABANDONMENT

It has been said by its promoters that the Committee of Fifteen was organized to fulfill a Godly mission, that of purifying Chicago.

And it's quite possible that men should sacrifice everything to follow on when they hear the call of the committee. And in the case of one member of the committee it is evidently so.

From the detective bureau yesterday the news leaked out that Charles Bates, the secretary of the committee, had been taken into custody and sent back to St. Louis, Mich.

There he must face a charge of abandoning his wife and two little tots.

It is charged that he left one child suffering from infantile paralysis when he deserted the quiet little town to take up the "Godly" work of cleaning Chicago's morals.