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Efforts to prevent a catastrophe were already under way. The National League for Women's Service had taken employment work in the Department of Labor understanding/of course labor standards should be supported. The American Association for Labor Legislation led off in the campaign for the support of labor laws. Our department, the Council for Defense, the Navy and President Wilson quickly backed the idea. The National American Woman's Suffrage Association began urging equal pay about the time the committee was organized.

The original appointees of our committee did not include a labor representative but in May this oversight was corrected by the appointment of Miss Masters,/ a leader in her trade, that of a glove maker She convinced me as I never had been before of the quality of the education that union activities could give if wisely and patiently conducted. She was one of the ablest members of our committee and her position was no various for there were agencies springing up in the departments - Mrs. J. Borden Harriman heading a committee on women in industry in the Council of National Defense, Florence Kelly a Board of Control of labor standards, Chase Richards the head of the women's division in the United States Employment Division, ~~Monsieur~~ head of the industrial section of the Ordinance Department.

Mary Van Kleeck

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