

MEM ON UNEMPLOYMENT LECTURE.

Following talk at Women's Civic Club Washington, questions were asked. first concerning why we did not reduce freight rate. Supersition that a conference can do anything.

Lady from Butte, Mont. raises the question of why the owners of the Copper minies should be luxurating in NY. while the miners are starving in Butte, I hardly think this could be legitimately developed in lecture but think the point on Russian seed corn as an illustration of the necessity of providing for the future, necessity that we must sacrifice and even suffer to provide for the future, is a good one. Threw this in last night in speaking of the woman who tackled me ~~fin~~ in the shop here to know why the Harvester Co. was not compelled to use all of its resources to keep the men at work. The question on freight rates came from a lady who owns a farm in Illinois; has not been able to sell enough of her product to pay her taxes of \$150. Says that if Congress appropriated money for public works in time of depression that it would increase taxes. W s not quick witted enough to explain that money appropriated and held back in times of depression was money in the treasury, that is it had alr eady been taken out of past taxes. Lady in group wife of Justice Holmes' nephew, forgotten name, suggested that there should be Federal Reserve credit for a situation like the Illinois lady. She replied that they were ^{rural} credits now but they could not be applied to paying of taxes, think this is wrong.

Get two or three stories about the inefficiency of labor. General tendency of a well to do audience to throw the burden of present conditions on labor.

Have a good lead in the relation of war to periods of depression. Found audience really interested in statement that we had had in 105 years an average of one war in each 21 yrs. and that we an hadn't gotten over the effects of one before we were plunged into another. The economic effects of wars in other countries - for instance the war in The Franco-German war might be developed. Particularly necessary to emphasize the psychological effects, the disorganization, disillusionment, hopelessness, fear, suspicion that are engendered.