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● STORES ARE OBSERVING TEN HOUR LAW, SAYS WOMEN'S TRADES UNION LEAGUE

*Officials of League Well Satisfied With Conduct So Far,
But Are on the Lookout for Any Let Down or
Violation.*

Owing to the vigor with which the Women's Trades Union League has been prosecuting infractions of the women's ten-hour law, all of the large department stores in the loop district, as well as outlying establishments, are observing the law to the letter.

It was thought that during the Christmas shopping season some of the stores might violate the law, on the plea that necessity and the demands of shoppers required that the girls be employed for a period longer than 10 hours a day.

But the stores, made cautious by the activities of the women's organizations, have made provision to work their girls in such a manner as to comply with the sections of the law relating to clerks.

The regular force reports for work at 8 a. m., and is allowed an hour for lunch, being off duty at 7 p. m. The auxiliary force comes on at 11 a. m., and their time, with an hour out for dinner, is up at 10 p. m., the hour at which the stores close this week. In addi-

tion to this, the late girls are given 35 cents with which to buy their dinner.

It is said by members of the league that so strict are the stores in the enforcement of the law, that every girl who goes to work at 11 o'clock, must first report to the superintendent before indicating her hour of beginning work on the time clock, and they are not allowed to start a minute beforehand.

"We are very well satisfied with the way the stores are observing the law," said an official of the league this morning. "So far we have had no complaints since the business houses began keeping open at night. The managers realized that we meant business, and acted accordingly. The allowing of 35 cents to the girls for supper money was more than we hoped for. However, we are not asleep, and any let down or violations will be prosecuted. It has been shown that stores can be kept open at night without working the girls overtime, and