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## EXAGGERATE

Yesterday evening last, in the Labor Temple, the anti-unionists of the Hamilton and Toronto districts, were engaged in a heated discussion of the following resolutions: Telegrams from Toronto, Hamilton, and other districts, were read, and the following resolutions were passed: The committee will be composed of one representative elected from each office. The committee will be composed of one representative elected from each office. The committee will be composed of one representative elected from each office.

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## DON'T WANT THE REAL CRIMINALS

**Colorado Officers Refused Evidence to Convict Perpetrators of Vindicator Explosion.**  
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## LABOR PARTY WINS

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## CO-OPERATIVE ECHOES

The difficulty and important problem of housing the working class has not been neglected by co-operators, as the following report made to the Central Co-operative Board in England by 344 societies plainly shows:

Houses built and owned by the societies 8,247  
 Houses built and owned by members 3,080  
 Houses built by members on 24,940 acres made by the societies 25,940  
 Total 47,267  
 The expenditure in this direction has been as follows:

On houses owned by the societies \$8,291,000  
 On houses sold to members 5,706,535  
 Advanced or loaned to members 26,635,390  
 Total \$40,632,925

A co-operative store is to be started at Cardiff, Ill. It has been incorporated for \$5,000; the shares are set at \$10 apiece, and so on. It is to hold 500 shares. The members, following on the lines of the First National Co-operative Society, will be allowed a fixed cash rebate of 5 per cent. on all their purchases. The store itself will be run on a strictly cash basis, with profits, care and above the rebate, allowed to the members.

The strength and rapid growth of the co-operative stores run by the Socialists of Leipzig, Germany, is a very satisfactory one. The enterprise was begun in 1884 with only 95 members; it now has a membership of 30,000. In the first year the business amounted to \$4,100; last year it was \$2,021,000. The savings which were returned at the end of the year to the members amounted to \$2,800,000 this year, as against \$200,000 the first year. The success was achieved in spite of many obstacles, but in their way the government, which seeks to annihilate the small co-operatives by trying to kill the co-operatives by high tax assessments and special legal restrictions. The society suffered a serious loss last year by the burning of its bakery, but this has been replaced with a new building fitted with every modern appliance for protecting the health of the workers and insuring cleanliness. The best of union conditions as to wages and hours of labor are observed in the bakery. Ludwig "Anton" rightly remarks that this is just a repetition of economic argument, since it demonstrates the practical capacity of a body of comrades who are known for their thoroughly revolutionary attitude in the movement.

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## A UNIONIZED HOME

"What's this, my dear?" queried Mr. Bingley, looking at the volume of figures handed him by Mrs. Bingley. "That's my time-book, Mr. Bingley. 'Tut, tut, what does it mean?" "It means, Mr. Bingley, that this house is going to be run on the union principle hereafter. I am working the nine-hour day now, and my salary is my board and clothes. Overtime is cash."

"Well, I do, Mr. Bingley. That first five, 30-cents, is one hour overtime keeping your supper hot while you hit most down town after your work is done, talking politics."

"Next, look here, Mrs. Bingley. I want—"

"And that next item, 45 cents, is an hour and a half overtime; when I kept your breakfast waiting Sunday morning while you snored away because you were out late Saturday night attending a primary."

"Oh, come now, dear, I—"

"And the next item, 75 cents, is the time I put in last Labor Day getting the children ready for the picnic while you pruned around on a horse and passed for the collection of the multitude."

"I'll not stand for—"

## THE CANADIAN LABOR LEAGUE

**Political Movement for the Working Classes Started on a Sound Basis.**  
 After several weeks of consideration, the committee appointed by the District Council have arrived at a satisfactory understanding. It is proposed to make this the groundwork of a party that will spread its influence and numbers, and before very long will be a power in politics that will give returns to the workers for the labor expended. The following are the platform and rules, and it is to be hoped that every worker will take the matter up and get in line:

**PREAMBLE.**  
 We assure that the working out of our present system of government does not alter to the people of this country an equitable share of the material things of life, and to the end that a better system may be inaugurated, guaranteeing to all equal privileges and opportunities, we call upon all men to join hands under the banner of the Canadian Labor League, formed to bring into force the following progressive reforms in our present system of government:

**PLATFORM.**  
 1. Public ownership of all natural or perpetual and public utilities.  
 2. The initiative, referendum and power of recall.  
 3. Abolition of all bonuses to railroads and industries.  
 4. To the people belong the values created by the growth and organization of society, and in the end that they may get their rights in that respect as plebeian as in a legislature.  
 5. Equal protection to the worker and manufacturer.  
 6. Abolition of all child labor.  
 7. Women franchise.  
 8. Abolition of the appointive Senate.

**MEMBERSHIP.**  
 All persons of the age of 21 years and over shall be eligible to membership, but previous to their admission they shall subscribe to the pledge.  
 I hereby pledge myself to do all in my power to carry out the platform and principles of the Canadian Labor League, and I further pledge myself to abide by the will of the majority in all matters pertaining to the furtherance of the said platform and principles in whatever way necessary, as adopted by the majority of its members in convention assembled.

**FEES.**  
 The dues shall be 50 cents per year, payable half-yearly, or yearly in advance. For this sum he shall receive the official organ of the League (The Toiler). The present committee appointed by the District Labor Council shall conduct the business of the League until the members shall be enrolled, when a convention shall be called to elect officers and perform any other business necessary for the future conduct of the League.  
 Any member found guilty of non-paying to the League in the interest of the party other than this League, or who does anything which will tend to bring the League into disrepute shall be expelled.  
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