

Challenge—Mr. Holman.

In charging that the Political Labor Movement is associated with the I.W.W. you know you speak an untruth.

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"PREMIER AND I.W.W."

"MR. HOLMAN'S DEFENCE."

The Premier referred last night to the criticism in yesterday's "Herald" on his attitude in Parliament when invited to repudiate the doctrines of the I.W.W.

"THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CONNECTION," said Mr. Holman, "that I can trace BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIST SECTION OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND THE I.W.W., WHICH STANDS OUTSIDE THE LABOR MOVEMENT ALTOGETHER. In one or two of their objectives these two sections agree, no doubt, just as with one or two other objectives all sections of the Labor Movement agree. But there is not so much connection between a Labor man, who wants to see legislation carried through Parliament for the protection of industrial interests, and the I.W.W. man, who wants to see a general strike or some other form of 'direct action,' as between a Methodist Missionary and one of the Familiars of the Inquisition. The latter two are at least Christians, although their methods are utterly unlike. THE I.W.W. MAN AND THE MEMBER OF A LABOR LEAGUE ARE NOT IN ANY SINGLE CATEGORY. As far as I can gather, the I.W.W. man is not necessarily a Socialist or a Democrat. He does not believe in majority rule; he does not aim at constructive nationalisation, but at 'direct action,' whatever that may mean."

"The importance of questions arising out of the war must not be allowed to cloud the judgment at a time like this," he continued. "During the war the problems of industrial organisation and efficiency necessarily sink into the second line, while military matters obscure them. BUT THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND THE I.W.W., SO FAR AS I HAVE ANY CAPACITY TO UNDERSTAND THE DOCTRINES OF THE LATTER, IS THAT THE LABOR MOVEMENT IS BASED UPON THE SOUND ECONOMIC VIEW THAT ULTIMATELY THE GOOD OF THE WORKERS CAN ONLY BE DERIVED FROM IN-

CREASED PRODUCTION, COLLECTIVELY MANAGED, WHILE APPARENTLY THE MEMBERS OF THE I.W.W. HOLD THE IMPOSSIBLE VIEW THAT FROM A GENERAL REDUCTION OF OUTPUT THERE WILL EMERGE IN SOME MYSTERIOUS FASHION A SPECIAL BENEFIT TO THE WORKING CLASSES. The whole efforts of the Labor Movement have been devoted to increasing the production, not diminishing it. We have done this in many ways. We have brought land under cultivation which was previously under pasture; we have imposed taxes on land held idle for this purpose, and have recently sought—in vain—to impose others. We have provided education for our workers; we have initiated afforestation; we have brought waste waters on to waste lands, and carried railways through previously desert spaces. In all these ways we have enormously added to the productive efficiency of our community, and from the increasing dividend thus emerging we hope to procure a fair share for the worker. Now all of this is utterly foreign to the concept of society and of the class struggle preached by the propagandists of the I.W.W. movement. They urge, so far as I can follow them, that the production of society should be diminished, not increased. They urge that men should work not merely for shorter hours, but with intentional slowness, in order that the output may be still farther limited. They urge that it should be the aim of the worker to lower the efficiency of the productive world."

"These doctrines are their own," concluded Mr. Holman, "and only their own. These are not Labor doctrines, nor are they any part of the Labor policy. THE IMPORTANT UNIONS OF AUSTRALIA HAVE ALWAYS AIMED AT A FAIR DAY'S WAGES, BUT THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PREPARED TO GIVE A FAIR DAY'S WORK. IT IS FUTILE AT THIS LATE STAGE TO ATTEMPT TO FASTEN ON TO THEM RESPONSIBILITY FOR I.W.W. IDEALS, WHICH ARE QUITE FOREIGN TO THEM."

Don't you think it a bit "over the odds" to charge the Movement that made you what you are with I.W.W. doctrines?

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