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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

October 10, 1918

Hon. Edward E. Smith,

New York Life Bldg.,

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Friend:

Yours of the 7th, informing me of Carpenter's trip to Bismarck to meet Col. Roosevelt and get him to put in a good word for Gov. Burnquist and myself, is at hand. I am greatly obliged to both you and Mr. Carpenter. I have just seen a copy of the remarks that Col. Roosevelt made about me. I am very glad. I know this will do a lot of good.

There is considerable activity, I have discovered, in behalf of Calderwood through a bureau in your city operated by the Non-Partisan league. I do not think it is very dangerous, but it shows the way the wind is blowing.

I am very glad to know that you and the other friends are actively looking after my political welfare.

I am kept more busy here than ever. The war has produced an endless amount of routine work, but I am thankful that I am able to attend to it up to this time.

With my best wishes, I remain

Yours truly,

Knute Nelson