

though gathered at Calgary for the purpose of discussing their affairs, these patriots and Britishers from Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Dakota, were always skilfully fostering that sickly aroma of bad faith, hypocrisy, and colossal deceit, which finds expression in more or less fervid bawling of the National Anthem and hand-clapping at any mention of the "great" ones of the nation. Follows closely upon this a call from Mr. Rice Sheppard for the formation of U. F. A. M. I. C. L. O. F. to be 12,000 strong and to defend the master's property, Our Mills, Elevators and Railways against "invasion from the south," or still more significant, "Internal troubles," and this over the written request of the late president, Mr. Speakman, a copy of whose letter I have before me, that the military spirit be by all means checked. One wonders, my dear E., when delving into the mal-odorous records of these various organizations, just how servile and masters work they are prepared to do, just how servile and slavish they can become, despite the oppression and cold-blooded exploitation of the very gang whose property they are now so anxious to defend. Just what cannot they be made to do? Anything one supposes but to march hand in hand with their fellow toilers of the cities to the overthrow of capitalist production and the setting up of production for use. Why they dare not say to their leaders "Hands off!" when such a project comes up for discussion and these same are falling over themselves to smother it. "God's great engine of Democracy" forsooth!