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filling the land with one agency and another to arouse the spirit of war and preparation for war. I feel somewhat handicapped in speaking out as freely as I might if I did not feel that in reality the government at heart is in favor of peace and peaceful methods.

The task we have before us is by no means an easy one and it is amazing how few people seem to be aware of its real urgency at this present moment.

Sincerely yours,

C. S. Eby
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Secretary.

P.S. What I did say to our friend was the following:

"With regard to your criticism of the step towards a celebration of peace and suggestion of practical work, you will kindly note the accompanying circular letter which I am now sending out to prominent business men. You will see that this innocent looking suggestion for a celebration is but the first step in a great campaign which has been blocked out for the future. But it is by this initial step that we can first obtain the ear of the people without antagonising the militarizing element, and when once we get the people awakened to the subject we can advance in more aggressive work.

You will notice that we are learning something from the experience of our military friends in the late war in South Africa. They found that frontal attack was oftentimes a precursor of defeat, and victory was won by taking a little more roundabout way. That is just what we are now doing.

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