

LONDON SKEPTICAL AS TO ACCEPTANCE OF PEACE OFFER

Foreign Office Informs The Associated Press That It Is Unable to Discuss Subject Until Advances of Kaier Have Been Considered.

the premier's general statement be reserved until next week, when Mr. Asquith will be present to reply. Mr. Bonar Law said he was glad to hear a remark interjected by one of the members to the effect that there were no parties now, whereupon James Hogge, Liberal, East Edinburgh, exclaimed:

"Can't humbug." John Dillon urged next a motion to discuss the government's statement of policy, which everyone was looking forward to with intense interest.

"I am not quarreling with the dictatorship which has been reached," said Mr. Dillon.

Minister of War, Hubert Lyautey, and Six Named, Will
Constitute Council of National Defense.

The six foregoing cabinet members will form a council of national defense. Besides the ministers named, the cabinet, according to the unofficial list, will include Louis J. Malvy, minister of the interior; Etienne Clementel, minister of commerce and culture; M. Herriot, minister of national subsistence and labor; Gaston Doumergue, minister of the colonies; Rene Viviani, minister of justice and public works. The cabinet will also

Two under-secretaries with members of the cabinet under Secretary Thomas, namely, M. Loucheur, munitions, and Albert Clavell, transportation.

PEACE OFFER MADE TO
FORCE A "SHOW DOWN"
IS POSSIBLE

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ceptance. The first purpose, the representatives declare, is to place upon the Entente Powers the responsibility for continuing the war on the face of offers for peace.

The second, they declare, is its internal effect in Germany, and the evidence to the people that the government was ready to end the war was forced to continue by her enemies.

The peace offer, the ally dip-also say, has been timed to the military victory which culminated in the fall of Bucharest, which itself is relied upon to convince people that they should lack confidence in the ability of the government to continue the war, if peace are declined.

While without official information of the terms proposed by the Powers, the ally diplomats have believed they are somewhat justified in their general nature of the following: to restore the proportions of Belgium and France to Alsace and Lorraine. The action of Belgium, however, is to be accompanied by terms which would give Germany a share in the war, and the Entente Axis could be a practical control of the country. They also that in restoring the occupations of France, Germany was to retain economic control of the iron country, and stipulated restrictions be placed on free use of the raw materials she much.

As Regards Poland.

As regards Poland, the Entente representatives expect that all territory conquered from Russia included in the independent state, but that none of Poland held

A general note of pessimism pre-war.

The Teutonic Allies declare themselves ready to discuss peace. Also they are ready to continue the war if the Entente Allies do not find time for such a discussion.

While no conditions for peace were mentioned it was asserted that the preparations to be made by Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria would have for their object a guarantee of the existence of the honor and the liberty of evolution of these nations, and would prove "an appropriate basis for the establishment for a lasting peace."

many before the war would be so included.

Mesopotamia, these diplomats expected, would be claimed for Germany and Austria to give them an unbroken line to the Persian Gulf. Such an arrangement, they say, would threaten first Britain's control of Egypt and

As regards Turkey the allied diplomats here have no idea what the peace plan might propose, but they are of the opinion that Turkey's interests will be secondary considerations. In the redistribution of colonies it is ex-

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Anyone who has followed at all closely the sequence of events during the past two and one-half years of war must have noticed that any period of apparent inactivity has always been followed by action more vigorous than had ever taken place before. Either that or one side has made some move entirely unlooked for by the other.


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