

in what I am going to read are disagreed with by the hon. member :

‘These war aims will only be set forth in detail, with all the compensations and equitable indemnities for harm suffered, at the moment of negotiation. But the civilized world knows that they imply, necessarily and first of all, the restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro, with the compensations due to them.’——

So far, I understand, there is no dispute.

‘The evacuation of the invaded territories in France, in Russia, in Rumania, with just reparation.’——

No dispute yet, I imagine.

‘The reorganization of Europe, guaranteed by a stable régime, and based at once on respect for nationalities and on the right to full security and liberty of economic development possessed by all peoples, small and great, and at the same time upon territorial conventions and international settlements such as to guarantee land and sea frontiers against unjustified attack : the restitution of provinces formerly torn from the Allies by force or against the wish of the inhabitants.’——

These are the general aims. I am waiting to hear what the general aims are in dispute.

‘The liberation of the Italians, as also of the Slavs, Rumanes, and Czecho-Slovaks from foreign domination.’——

All that is said is the liberation of these races from alien domination, and the setting free of the population subject to the bloody tyranny of the Turks.

The Question of Turkey

Then, I suppose, we come to the one statement which is objected to by the hon. member.

‘and the turning out of Europe of the Ottoman Empire as decidedly foreign to Western civilization.’

I remember the time when it used to be one of the chief doctrines of the most progressive forces that the Turks were to go out bag and baggage, and it was only we benighted Tories who ever said anything for the Turks. We are all agreed that there