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KAISER WILLING TO LOSE POWER FOR WAR, PEACE

Reichstag Members Asking His
Consent Told He Is Not
Opposed to Change.

(By the Associated Press)

Copenhagen, Oct. 31.—Request was made by the Socialist members of the lower house of the German reichstag on Tuesday that the ministry obtain the emperor's consent to a change in the article of the constitution which gives him the right to make war and peace. One of the secretaries announced in the house Wednesday that he had been authorized to declare that the emperor in no wise opposed the change.

A Copenhagen dispatch announced Oct. 17 that Germany's federal council had accepted a proposed amendment to the constitution making it imperative that the consent of the federal council and the reichstag be given before a declaration of war to be made in the empire's name, except in cases of invasion or attacks on the coast. Another amendment to the constitution placed the power of making of treaties of peace and treaties with foreign states on the federal council and the reichstag.

Chancellor Max announced in the reichstag on Oct. 22 that a bill had been prepared making the reichstag responsible for war and peace, effective when the project for a league of nations should become operative. It is probable the foregoing dispatch refers to some new development in the effort being made to deprive the emperor of powers which he has held hitherto.
