PEACE NOT YET ASSURED.

RUSSIA'S ANSWER DESCRIBED AS EVASIVE AND UNSATISFACTORY.

Preparations for War Proceeding with Unusual Vigor—England Will Force Her War Vessels and Ordering Troops to Cross Different Seas and Rendezvous.

LONDON, April 6.—The publishing houses of England and Russia will remain open longer than usual to-day in order that a reply may be made to the Russian answer to the ultimatum of Great Britain. The Russian reply is not expected to be received in London before to-morrow morning.

Notwithstanding the unsatisfactory character of the Russian reply, the Ministers do not consider that the negotiations are in reality adjourned, but they have given the Russian Government to understand that they have three weeks yet. The prevailing opinion generally is that the Ministry will not resign office on account of the Russian answer, but will continue negotiations.

In the meantime, while the negotiations are in progress, the Ministry will be able to carry out the measures for the defense of the country which have been agreed upon.

The Government is maintaining the strictest secrecy regarding the details of the Russian answer. It is known, however, that the Russian Government has refused to accept the proposition of Great Britain that the question of the Afghan boundary be referred to a neutral commission, and has also refused to accept the proposition that the question be referred to the Emperor of Germany for arbitration. The Russian Government has, however, given a promise that it will not attack Herat, and has also given a promise that it will not advance further than Pul-i-Khumri, which is about 100 miles from Herat.

Further large forces have been ordered by the Indian Government to Peshawur, and the preparations for the concentration of the Indian troops are being pushed forward with great vigor. The Indian Government has ordered the transport of the Indian and native troops from Burmah to India, and has requisitioned the British transports for the purpose. The Indian troops have embarked at Rangoon for India, having received orders to proceed to the frontier at the shortest notice. The Indian troops are to be transported to the frontier. The Indian troops are to be transported to the frontier. The Indian troops are to be transported to the frontier