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:-: Maximilian of Baden is German Chancellor :-:

4000 Prisoners Taken by Haig's Men Yesterday

OPERATION IN ALBANIA **FORECAST**

Destruction of Naval Base at Durazzo Significant Stroke

DRIVE ON AUSTRIA?

ing Territory on the West Front

SITUATION TODAY

By Courier Leased Wire New York, Oct. 4—The Associated Press this morning issued the follow-

British, American and Italian war ships have destroyed the Austrian naval base at Durazzo, Albania. This sensational exploit which was carried out on Wednesday, seems to have reduced the Austrians to one large naval centre in the Adriatic, that at Pola, although the port of Fiume may be used for this purpose.

The attack coming at a time when the Austrians in southern Albania are in dire straits after losing their support lines eastward through Macedonia, appears to be significant. Italian troops launched an offensive there on Tuesday. It suggests that, perhaps, military operations may be begun along the northern Albanian coast in the rear of the retreating Austrians, and the situation hold large possibilities. Durazzo is within 100 miles of Brindisi, the Italian naval base, and is within easy striking distance of Corfu, from which are directed the operations of the Allied fleets in the Mediterranean.

German armies which have been holding the front along the sector from Lens to Armentieres are in retreat, and, with the British in close rsuit, are hurriedly abandoning the region south of the Lys River, where they were in danger of en velopment. This retreat seems to have uncovered the important city of Lille, and will probably make imperative a withdrawal all the way down the line in front of Arras.

North of the wedge driven into the German lines by the Anglo-Belgian drive there are no indications of a retirement as vet, although militar critics believed that the Germans hold on Ostend will be short-lived now that Roulers is virtually in the hands of the Allies . Smashing against the German Ene east of St. Quentin, Field Marshal Haig's arm plunged through the last line of the formidable Hindenburg system ves terday. Tihs assault seems to have been a blow struck at a vital spot in the enemy's defense, and its success is attested by the progress made during the day. Terrific efforts made by the Germans to halt the progress of the British were fruitless, and it is reported that British cavalry and tanks have reached the onen country

back of the enemy's front. Further successes at this point would seem to shake the whole German line from Douai to Pheims. The enemy, so far as known, has no other positions in that region as formidable as those contured in the nast week by the Allies. Directly behind this front are railroads which are vital to the enemy forces fighting

further to the south. Near Rheims, General Berthelot's army has made new progress, and the time scems not for distant when the cathedral city will be froed from the Gorman artillare fire for the first t'me cince 1914. This advance by the French has a warr close relation to that of the British around St. Onentin on wall as an operations further onet in Champagne Thoma are som military senorts who heliove that this drive is of prenter strategical malve then any other now going on

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Toronto, Oct.

MADE BY GERMANS LAST NIGHT FAILED

Enemy is Rapidly Abandon- Enemy Thrust on Gouy and Le Catelet Appointment of Prince Max of Baden Were Beaten off; Haig's Forces Continue Progress, as do also French and Belgian Armies

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, Oct. 4 .- (Bulletin.) - British forces, pursuing the retreating Germans in the Lens region, have reached the railway east of Lens, Field Marshal Haig announced in his official statement today. To the southeast, the British have made progress between Oppy and Mericourt.

More than four thousand prisoners were taken yesterday by the British in their operations north of St. Quentin.

FRANCO-AMERICAN PROGRESS

PARIS, Oct. 4.—(Bulletin.)—French troops in the St. Quentin region have advanced east of Lesdins, says the War Office statement today.

American and French troops in Champagne have made further advances northwest of Blanc Mont and Medeah Farm.

North and northwest of Rheims the French have increased their gains somewhat, and improved their positions in the region of Betheny.

German forces last night delivered counter-attacks on Gouy and Le Catelet, midway between Cambrai and St. Quentin. Field Marshal Haig announced today that the enemy assaults had been beaten off.

The point of the British wedge in the region north of St. Quentin had been pushed at the end of yesterday's fighting to the high ground a mile northeast of Sequehart. The British are holding this ground, having repulsed a counter-attack.

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"At the end of the fighting yesterday we held the high ground one mile northeast of Sequehart and had successfully beaten off the enemy's counter-attacks at Gouy and Le Catelet. A second hostile counter-attack at Sequehart also was repulsed. "The number of prisoners cap-tured by us in yesterday's operations north of St. Quentin exceeds four thousand.

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as Chancellor is Confirmed, Scheidemann and Other Socialists, Become State Secretaries

By Courie: Leased Wire. AMSTE DAM, Oct. 4.—Bulletin.—Prince Maximilian of Baden has been appointed German Chancellor, says an official announcement received from Berlin.

Deputies Groeber, Centrist and Scheidemann, Majority Social-Democrats, have been appointed secretaries of state without portfolios.

The official statement adds that Prince Maximilian also has been named Prussian foreign secretary. He will announce his program at a full meeting of the Reichstag on October 5.

Official announcement of the appointment of Prince Maximilian of Baden as imperial chancellor, confirms newspaper reports to the same effect, emanating from Germany in the last few days. The prince is heir to the throne of Baden, and a cousin of the present ruler. He has been known as a moderate in German-politics, and opposed to the extremist policies of the pan-Germans. His wife is related

to the British royal family.

The official title of the chancellor is President of the Prussian council of ministers, Prussian minister of state, Prussian minister of foreign affairs, and Imperial chancellor. The Prince succeeds Count von Hertling.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Deputies Grosber and Scheidemann probably have been appointed secretaries in the imperial cabinet. Adolph Groeber is one of the leaders of the Centrist Party in the Reichstag. Recently before the main committee of the Reichstag he criticized the government and attacked

Count von Hertling, the leader of the Centrists.

In the Reichstag in March, 1918, he defended vermany's methods of making peace with Russia at Brest-

Philipp Scheidemann is vice-presi-Continued on page three

MILITARY MISSION SENT BY KAISER TO SOFIA

By Courier Leased Wire Paris, Oct. 4.—Emperor Wil-liam sent a military mission to Sofia as soon as the situation there was reported to him, according to The Neueste Nachrichten of Munich. This mission, it is said, has placed Ger-

man and Austrian troops strategic points along the principal Bulgarian railways. Bulgarian deserters reached a point within six miles of Sofia, according to a Zurich despatch to The Journal, but were driven back by Bulgarian contingents.

FRESNOY TAKEN BY BRITISH YESTERDAY

Haig's Men Broke Through Entire Hindenburg Defense System in Neighborhood of That Town-**Enemy in Full Flight**

At noon he was the guest of honor at a banquet in the new Board of Trade rooms, which preceding the meal were formally opened by the oldest living ex-president, Mr. G. H. Wilkes.

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West of Beaurevoir and in the souther outskirts of Cambrai.

"We advanced our posts slightly northeast of Epincy and repulsed a hostile attack on one of our posts south of Biaches-St. Vaast (between Lens and Arleux)."

CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE.

With the American Army in France, Oct. 3.—(By the Associated Press), 8 p.m.—American troops went into action this morning on the Champagne. A report from the Champagne. A report from the French army states that they had advanced convident in the south outside visitors.

Considered reliable, the village of Fresnoy was taken soon afterward. Allied airplanes, which have been flying low over the country in the rear of the Hindenburg line, report that there are only one or two thinly held and hurried built trench lines in front of the advancing British Triade upon its new quarters, the Hon. Mr. Crothers expressed his appreciation of the large attendance.

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Hon. Mr. Crothers, Dominion Minister of Labor, arrived in the city this morning and was met at they depot by Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., Senator Fisher and others.

Associated Press)—British storm. An immense number of Germans were killed during the fight. shambles in less time than it takes

During the afternoon the Germans delivered a terrific counter-attack against Houy and Le Catelet. Un-

against Houy and Le Catelet. Unconfirmed reports say that they gained slightly here, but their advantage
was short-lived. New British attacks were launched and desperate
fighting is still in progress.

Prisoners from ten German divisions and forty-one battalions were
captured to-day. Regiments which
came into the line from Flanders and
Verdun, had been identified.

Last available air reports are to
the effect that the advancing British
troops are six thousand yards beyond
the Beaurevoir line. Machine gunners in large 'numbers' are said to
have poured through the breach in
the Hindenburg system aboard motor buses. Many of these vehicles
are double-deckers, which used to
run on the streets of London. They
are able to follow the cavalry closely.

LAST PHASE OF BATTLE FOR ST. QUENTIN MARKED BY GERMAN RESISTANCE

Germans Fight With Energy of Desperation to Halt Allied Advance

USE LAST RESERVES

Withdrawal in Flanders the beginning of the last phase Area Delights Allied Leaders

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Oct. 4.—News from all sectors of the western front tells of giant efforts by the enemy to stem the daily advance of the tide of battle. The Germans are putting in their best troops and according to all correspondents are fighting with the energy of desperation.

Still there is no sign of any great retreat, except the withdrawal in the Flanders sector where the British have occupied Armentieres and Lens and are

Armentieres and Lens and are closely pressing the retiring enemy. The recapture of the French coal region affords great satisfaction here.

In the Sequehart-Bony sector, he Allied breach in the Hindenburg system was extended to-day and the fighting reaches the outskirts of Mont Brehain, where Australians, with tanks

where Australians, with tanks are operating.

The importance the Germans attach to the retention of this nortion of the line is indicated by The Frankfort Gazette, which states that in order to break a frontal break through between Cambrai and St. Quentin General von Boehn's army has been made so strong that it is equivalent to a complete group. The Gazette declares: "There is a great danger along the whole

Gazette declares: "There is a great danger along the whole western front."

It cannot be long before an important enemy retreat from the Hindenburg line is bound to happen, according to the universal military opinion here. In the meantime the Germans are putting forth enormous efforts. They are counter-attacking heavily and the battle is swaying back and forth in a deadly grapple.

Interesting news comes from eastern Europe, Austria has withdrawn her troops in Albania and the Italians have recaptured Berat. It is learned in official quarters that German residents of Sofia and Constantinople, including officers and their families are leaving hastily and going through Roumania to Germannia to Germann

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many.

Greek re-occupation of eastern Macedonia is proceeding steadily at the rate of about eight miles daily.

There has been no further news as to the attitude of Turkey. It is pointed out as a matter to some extent governing the situation that the whole Turkish fleet in the Black Sea is manned entirely by Germans, while Constantinople itself and the Bosphorous batteries are garrisoned by Germans and Austrians. There is a report that Persia is beginning to show signs of taking sides with the Allies. In considering the question of the attitude of Austria-Hungary, the possibility of Hungary taking action separate from Austria should not be ignored.

Germany Threw Last Reserves at Her Command Into Fight

MAKING FINAL STAND

Byng and Rawlinson, De-Beney, Gouraud and Berthelot Advancing

SPIENDID RESULTS

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Friday, Oct. 4.-Germany is now throwing in general reserves into the battle on the St. Quentin front. This accounts for the stiffening resistance there, and also along the German left flank, and marks

of the great battle.

Notwithstanding violent counter-attacks by the enemy, the Allies continue to make gains, which although local, are none the less important, as they have a cumulative effect on the cen-

tre of the line. British armies command General Byng and General Ra linson continue to press the enemy hard. They have captured Le Catelet. General De Beney, east of St. Quentin, is slowly pushing the Germans back toward the upper Oise valley. General Berthelot is continuing his advance north of Rheims, and has now occupied the whole Aisne line from Vailly to Ber-

ry-au-Rac. Principal interest along the front to the east centres about the operations conducted by General Gouraud in the Champagne sector. Reinforced by the Americans, General Gouraud has pushed forward until he is now within six miles of Vouzier Junction, a base of great importance, and is twenty five miles from the great rail roads connecting the German

army with Germany. He is also solidly established at Challerange, which assures eventual junction with the Americans on the other side of Argonne forest. He has added another 3,000 to the 13,000 pris-

another 3,000 to the 13,000 prisoners taken since the 26th.

BETTER RESULTS STILL.

Better still are the results along the northern sectors of the battle front. The German retreat over a seventeen mile line in the Armentieres sector was asserted yesterday. With the Allies hot upon his trail the enemy gave up Armentieres and Lens, the great coal city, without a blow. He is now well east of these two cities and the mining region of Bethune is completely cleared.

As a further result of the retreat the enemy now is in peril of los-

As a further result of the retreat the enemy now is in peril of losing the Belgian coast. Should the Allies succeed in forcing their way through the gap between Ostend and Lille, it would mean disaster for the Germans. Even if the drive should be stopped on the Escaut. General Ludendorff no doubt realizes it will be difficult to resist indefinitely the growing strength of the Allies in growing strength of the Allies Flanders.

Flanders.

ENEMY ALARMED.

French Headquarters in France,
Thursday, Oct. 3.— (Reuter's)—
With the progress of the Allies along
the front from the Alsne to the
Meuse, the Germans are daily becoming more alarmed over their
situation in central Champagne between Rheims and Moronvillors
heights, All the enemy troops which
have appeared in this battlefield belong to good divisions and have
fought with the utmost tenacity. The
sole exception of this rule was the
16th Bavarian division, which was
withdrawn after a single day's