

troops continued their advance and progressed beyond Loivre. In Champagne the fighting began again yesterday afternoon, and continued into the night. The French troops captured from here, while the men were wait ing on the tracks for a work train. Challerange. The Germans made strong efforts to drive the French from the wood southeast of Orfeuil, which they had penetrated. Three heavy German assaults were broken up by the French, who maintained their gains and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

THE GERMAN EVACUATION OF BELGIUM IS NOW BEING DISCUSSED OPENLY IN GERMAN CAPITAL

PARIS, Oct. 3 .- The German situation on the western front is grave, the Frankfurter Zeitung admits, adding that the German front is gradually crumbling. The evacuation of Bel-gium is being discussed openly in Berlin, according to advices reaching here. Concerning Alsoce-Lorraine, the German high German front is gradually crumbling. The evacuation of Belreaching here. Concerning Alsoce-Lorraine, the German high command makes the suggestion that it be neutralized and join-

ed to Luxemburg, thus making a buffer state between France and Germany. The German censor at Berlin permits the German the Ger-man press to print articles dwelling on the probable situation of Germany in the case that Austria should be forced to lay down her arms under pressure, according to advices reaching down her arms under pressure, according to advices reaching Paris. It is declared that if Austria-Hungary should give in, Bavaria might follow her example.

Italians See Great Possibilities.

Sherbrooke, Que., Oct. 3.— Four tore deaths were reported this mornng from pneumonia, following Span-sh influenza. The number of grippe cases show increase. The city coun-cil has passed a by-law ordering that the churches

of these proved fatal.

MORE DEATHS FROM GRIPPE

DEPRESSING ministry issues the story of a neutral been taken in this sector. resident who has just returned from Germany with information on the ef-fects of recent British air raids over London, Oct. 2 .- The British air fects of recent Brutish air raids over the Rhine provinces, particularly on Frankfort. The central part of the Frankfort main station was so exten-sively damaged by bombs that trains have not been able to enter and are being operated from hastily construct-ed platforms some distance from the

IN GERMANY

CONDITIONS

As to the moral effect of the raids Hon. L. A. Dugal, M. P. P. of Ed- the most depressing talk of the pre-mundston arrived last evening for the sent conditions in Germany and the Government meeting and is a guest prospects of further attacks from the at the Queen.

BELIEVED TO BE IN A VERY RISKY POSITION The second line of railroad from Bruges to Courtrai is under shell fire. While this German army, the fourth, is thrust back on its communications, the forces on its right are in a risky position near the sea at Nieuport. These elements on the left of the fourth army are thrown back at some points south of the Lys river, and will have difficulty in defending Lille.

Late news from the centre of the line shows that the enemy resistance there is giving evidence of failing. Le Catelet has

On the right, General Berthelot is still driving the Germans. away from the Rheims region and General Gouraud is making slow headway in the Champagne. Everywhere the signs of battle indicate the approach of the critical phase. In addition to the general satisfaction over the situation in France, Paris is rejoicing over the news of the fall of Damascus.

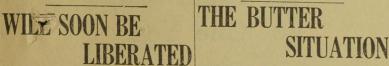
GERMAN RETREAT IN LA BASSEE SECTOR IS LOOKED UPON AS AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT

LONDON, Oct. 3.—Field Marshal Haig's announcement that a German retreat has been begun in the LaBassee sector is commented on as a development of far-reaching importance. It is asserted, unofficially, that the town of La Bassee has been evacuated. It is also believed that the enemy withdrawal involves Lens, and there is a report too, that the Germans have ordered

Rome, Oct. 3.—Premier Orlando left for the Italian front coincident with the Bulgarian armistice, according to the Idea Nationale. This armistice it adds "has so changed conditions A GENERAL UPRISING IN ALSACEon all fronts that it creates possibilities for activities by the Allied forces along new lines not heretofore foreseen.

WILL MAKE NO **BULGARIA IS** DISTINCTION **BEING OCCUPIED**

New York, Oct. 2.—In its operation of the telegraph and telephone sys-tems of the country the post office de-partment will make no distinction be-tween non-union and union employes, according to an order from Postmas-ter General Burleson, received here-today. Employment will be granted, the order stated, solely on the fitness of the applicants. The order also de-scribes as false "representations being made throughout the country" that the government desires employees of the graphers' union, international brotker-hood of electrical workers, or any other d of electrical workers, or any other | nople have already been cut. union



LORRAINE IS FEARED BY GERMANY

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

GENEVA, Oct. 3.-German military authorities have begun to remove the inhabitants of Alsace, according to the Democrat, in expectation of a Franco-American attack on the frontier. The inhabitants of twenty villages, including Goutavon and Winkel, already have been sent to Bavaria. Some of the villagers have escaped across the Swiss border. Fear of disorder is rampant throughout Alsace-Lorraine, not only among the civilians, but also among the military forces. Food is scarce and little is available. The German authorities in Alsace-Lorraine are afraid of a general uprising in those pro vinces when the Allies cross the frontier.

CHAMBLY-VERCHERES ENQUIRY WAS CONCLUDED THIS MORNING

Judge McLellan Dispensed With Addresses by Counsel-Will Send His Decision to Ottawa Next Week-Other Charges Beyond the Commissioner's Scope.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, Oct. 3—Prince Maximilian of Baden has been named Ger man imperial chancellor, according to the Zeitung Am Mittaga, of Berlin, Prince Maximilian if heir to the throw of the Grand Duchy of Baden. He was born July, 10 1867. For some are at present in storage unaffected by this commandeering order, twenty million pounds of creamery butter. "In medicates and upon the fall of the effort Michaelis on No wember 1, 1917, he was put forward as the moderates candidate for the chan-manies for butter now in storage together with dairy butter, million objected for dynastic reasons. "Prince Maximilian objected for dynastic reasons. "Prince Maximilians wife wes for the states and upon the fall of the effort dynastic reasons. "Prince Maximilians objected for dynastic reasons "Merite Chanebourg, and bears the title of Princess Royal of Great Brittan and reland."

that Lille be abandoned.

To the successful operations of the Belgian army and Gen. Plumer's forces to the north, is attributed the enemy's movement to the rear. The Anglo-Belgian drive has brought these forces near to Menin.

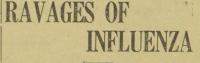
Retreating Huns Closely Followed.

The text of the statement says: "The progress made by the Allied offensives in Flanders has compelled the enemy to undertake an extensive withdrawal of his line. From Lens to Armentieres the enemy is evacuating the highly organized positions held by him since the commencement of trench warfare. He is being followed up closely by our troops, which are in constant touch with the German rear guards, inflicting many casualties and taking prisoners."

BIG CAPTURE WILL SUCCEED **BY THE ALLIES VON HERTLING**

Paris, Oct. 2—During the period from September 1, to 30, the Allied armies in France and Belgium have captured 2,844 officers; 120,192 men, 1,600 Cannon and more than 6,00 ma-chine guns, according to an official statement issued last night. Since July, 15 and up till September 30, the allies have captured 5,518 offi-cers, 248,494 men, 366 cannons more than 29,000 machine guns and hun-dreds of mine throwers, the statement dreds of mine throwers, the statement





Washington, Oct. 2—General Pershing's communique today says that a partial counts of the material captured during the past week by the American troops between the Meuse and Argon ne rivers shows 120 guns of all calibres, 750 trench mortars, 300 machine guns, 100 heavy tank guns, thousands of artillery shells and hundreds of thousands of rounds of small arm ammunition.