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London.—Catalonia will hold a referendum on splitting from Spain on 1 Oct., the head of the region said yesterday, ratcheting up a confrontation with the central government in Madrid which says such a vote is illegal and must not take place.

Previous secessionist challenges in Catalonia - a populous and wealthy region in north-eastern Spain which has its own language and Barcelona as its capital - were blocked by Spain's conservative government and the Constitutional Court.



MAY STAYS BUT CORBYN "WILL LABOUR" FOR TOP JOB



London.—Prime minister Theresa May said she would form a government backed by a small Northern Irish party after her Conservative Party lost its parliamentary majority in an election days before launching

talks on Britain's EU departure. A stony-faced May, speaking on the doorstep of her official Downing Street residence, said yesterday the government would provide certainty and lead Britain in talks with

the European Union to secure a successful Brexit deal. But with her authority diminished, May risks facing more opposition to her Brexit plans. Labour leader, Jeremy Corbyn, called on her to quit.