GERMANS RENEW ONSLAUGHTS ON 25-MILE FRONT
FRENCH WITH POWERFUL RESERVES RESIST DESPERATELY, BUT RETIRE NEARER TO AMIENS

HUNS ARE DIGGING IN JUST NORTH OF ALBERT

Establishment of Trench Line on Three-Mile Sector May Indicate Lid While Fox Prepares for Fresh Plunges in Allied Positions—British Front Remains Practically Unchanged During Last Twenty-Four Hours.

FOCH COMMANDS ALLIES

The Germans last night renewed their powerful attacks in the Montdidier region, where their wedge has been pushed farthest toward Paris, and a great battle is raging along a twenty-mile front from both sides of the canal, which has Montdidier at its point. The French, backed up by powerful reserves, are offering a desperate resistance to the German blow. Apparently the French line has been forced back slightly on the northern edge of this front, as the Paris daily report mentions the loss of Marceville as forming a part of the line. This place is on the Arce river, about eleven miles southwest of Arras, and the German advance would advance them slightly closer to Paris.

The German assault is in this region of the Montdidier district, the point from which the French first offered an unassailable defense to a German advance. The German offensive has been moved forward along the British front, the situation being virtually unchanged. But the British front today is in almost exactly the same condition as it was on the morning of the 25th, the first day of the Battle of the Somme, when the French and British lines were still in the hands of the Germans. The British are conducting a short distance up the Somme, where the climate is more favorable for the movement of the Allied forces.

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