

## GERMAN LINE AT SOISSONS AND AISNE IN DANGER

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BEFORE CANADIAN

## CLUB YESTERDAY




Compelled To Abandon Line on a Ten Mile Front, French Penetrating German Positions to Depth of Two Miles-Enemy Likely To Retire From Soissons To the Chemin des Dames.
(By The Associated Press)
German forces holding the vital sector of the battlefront between the Aisne and the Oise river have been hurled back over a ten mile front this morning by the French, ac-
vording to reports reaching London. It is stated that the French have penetrated the enemy positions to a depth of two miles.
This attack, which is a continuation of the assault made northwest of Soissons on Sunday night, is said to endanger
the whole German position at Soissons and the Aisne. It is the whole German position at soissons and the French success will probably be followed by
German retirement from Soissons to the Chemin Des Dames. An advance of two miles in this sector would seem to
place the Germans, both along the Aisne and before Noyon, in a serious position from which only an immediate retreat would appear to be possible.

Unofficial despatches also state that sufficient local successes have been achieved by the French from the Oise
northward to well past Roye. The line, as it is traced in despatches, seems to be very close to the important town of
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