NEW ENGINE OF WAR TRIED OUT IN BRITISH ATTACK

Surprise Assault Along Entire Six-Mile Front—Fail to Gain at Only One Point—Monster Armored Automobiles Used For First Time.

The British attack, which seems to have been planned for weeks, was launched in the Somme region on Friday, and again yesterday morning. It was a failure, however, in its main object, the capture of Delville Wood, because the Germans, though forced to retreat, held firm in the wood itself. Elsewhere the attack was not as successful as had been hoped.

The advance was commenced yesterday morning along the six-mile front, by the British Expeditionary Force, which had been held in reserve along the Somme front for the last three weeks. The attack was supported by a great mass of artillery, both heavy and light, and the infantry were provided with a new type of armored automobile.