

CONFIDENCE ON  
ITALIAN FRONT  
G.O. IS ITALY  
Believed Enemy Will Not Be  
Able To Reach Plains  
FRENCH POSITION STRONGER

Story of Violent Fighting in Which  
Austro-Germans Tried Desperately  
But Were Forced to Give  
Up Attack

With the French Armies in Italy, Monday, Dec. 17—(By the Associated Press)—There is growing confidence in the strength of the allied forces to hold back the Austro-Germans from breaking through into the plains. The snow, which after falling last week only in sufficient quantities to make the frontal positions plainly visible, but not enough to obstruct the enemy's progress, has now begun again, and apparently in earnest.

Although the Austrians have had Beretta for three days a very desperate effort to advance has been frustrated. A marked strengthening of the French positions since they took up their front has been noted, principally by greatly reduced casualties. The attacks have not ceased, nor lessened in violence, but the crack French troops have altered and deepened their trenches on the one hand, making themselves more secure against the enemy, and on the other hand, are taking up positions, that give them controlling observation advantages, such as the Austrians have elsewhere, which enable them to outflank any Austrian attack on the Upper Plateau. The alteration of the trenches is going on everywhere and is considered of special importance as the original shelters were so shallow that the men were constantly exposed to rifle fire and sniping unless they moved about bent nearly double.

Rome, Tuesday, Dec. 18—(Delayed)—The Italian war office today issued the following statement on military operations:—“Yesterday the seventh day of the battle between the Brenna and the Piave, the enemy concentrated his efforts almost exclusively on the Monte Solero salient. At eleven o'clock in the morning, after several hours of the most violent fighting extending from the Col della Orso to Porto Di Seltan, columns of infantry from the northeast and the north were launched against our position.

“The former, which advanced from the southeastern slope of Monte Spino, was caught by our artillery on a most effective and concentrated fire from French batteries. It was forced to stop and give up the attack before getting in contact with our line. “The latter, consisting of a whole division of German troops, preceded by assault detachments, made a direct and decided thrust against Monte Solero and northern slope at the head of Calcinio Valley. Our troops put up a most stubborn resistance and the enemy, after a desperate struggle, being badly cut up by our fire and worn out by our counter-attacks, was obliged to suspend action and return to his own lines. We captured prisoners and some machine guns. “In the Col della Beretta region a thrust on the part of enemy infantry was crushed promptly by our fire. On the remainder of the front the fighting activity was very moderate.”

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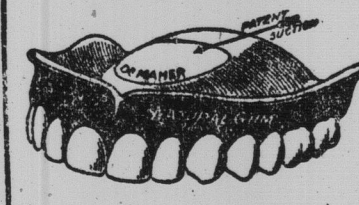
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