

ITALIANS HOLD  
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Terrific Struggle Still Rages in the North.

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Rome Cable - Prevailing opinion here in well-informed circles is that declaration of war between the United States and Austria will follow immediately upon the Allied conference in Paris.

The Italian War Office report said: "Yesterday there was intense artillery activity on the whole front of the coastal zone. The national navy and British monitors lent effective co-operation."

"In the afternoon the enemy three times made violent attacks on Monte Fertica, northwest of Monte Grappa. Plans were repulsed each time with severe losses. On the Monte Tomba and Monte Monfenera the Italian actions were not renewed."

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ON THREE MAIN FRONTS.

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy Cable - The heavy fighting which began on Sunday in the north continues with great violence, centering on the slopes of Monte Fertica. Enemy masses alternate fierce artillery attacks with infantry assaults, which have been repulsed by the heroic bravery of the Italian troops.

The Austro-German offensive, which began three weeks ago, was not diminished, but is steadily intensifying. Frontal attacks thus far have failed on the Piave and the northern Asiago plain.

The enemy's advances on the Piave and the menace to Venice is fairly well checked after the bloody repulses of the last few days, but the Austrians and Germans are still on the east bank of the river, with formidable forces pressing against the narrow stream.

Behind Asiago, the Italians have made a splendid resistance, and the enemy attack has been worn down after he had suffered losses estimated at a good part of three divisions.

The Italian positions which General Diaz announced as abandoned, are northwest of Quero, on the upper Piave, and the front now runs south of Quero.

It is along this line, where the mountains meet the plains and the river valleys, that the greatest effort is now being made, near Monte Montera and Monte Tomba.

The northern sector is very vital to the eastern front along the Piave, as a breach at the north would bring the enemy the rear of the Piave line, which, thus far has resisted all frontal attacks.

For this reason attention is being anxiously directed towards the north, not only as regards the immediate result of the connection with its effect on the Piave line.

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Russia Will Fight Germans  
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The formal offer of an armistice to all the belligerents, which the Council of People's Commissaries of the All-Russian Workers' and Soldiers' Congress proposes to make shortly, is not intended to forecast any effort toward a separate peace.

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