

Gorizia, "the key to Trieste," the capture of which marks the first big Italian victory since war was declared on Austria.

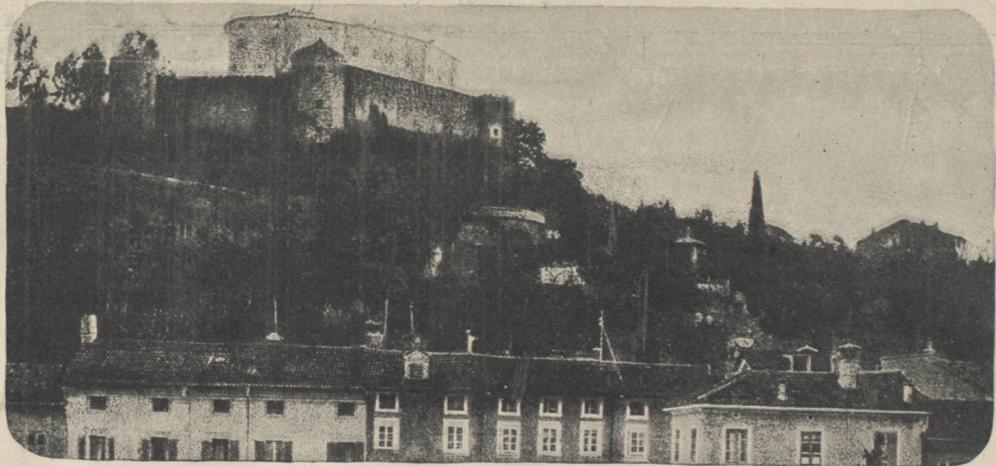
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Gorizia, the most important city of the region of the Friuli, has a population of 28,297, mostly Italian. It opens the door to the march on Trieste and Laibach, toward the geographical heart of Austria.

The Duke of Aosta, in command of the Italian troops. Turned from the gates of Gorizia six or seven months ago, he has since been hammering his way back.

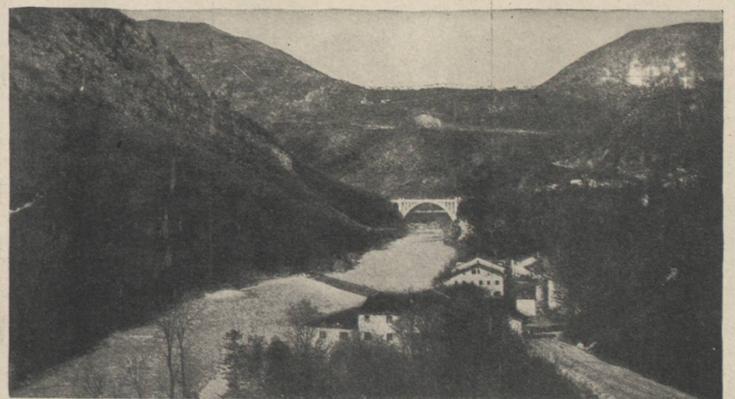
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Built by Ortolfo, a nobleman of Carinthia, this castle, from which the city takes its name, dominates Gorizia from the heights. Duke Maximilian of Austria and his descendants have held it since 1500.



The Carso Plateau, which is now the road of the Italian advance on Trieste. It has been strongly fortified by Austria.



The natural defenses of Gorizia, fortified by the Austrians, comprised precipitous hills cut by a deep river. They proved of no avail against the Italian artillery and infantry.



A section of Gorizia along the beautiful Isonzo.