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WITH THE VALIANT ITALIAN ARMIES STEMMING THE AUSTRIAN TIDE ALONG THE PIAVE RIVER



HERE YOU HAVE the famous Piave River, with its brave defenders in their trenches, awaiting an Austrian effort to cross the barrier.



THE LOWER PIAVE does not lend itself readily to fortifications, but the Italians strengthened as best they could the trenches along the south bank of the river.



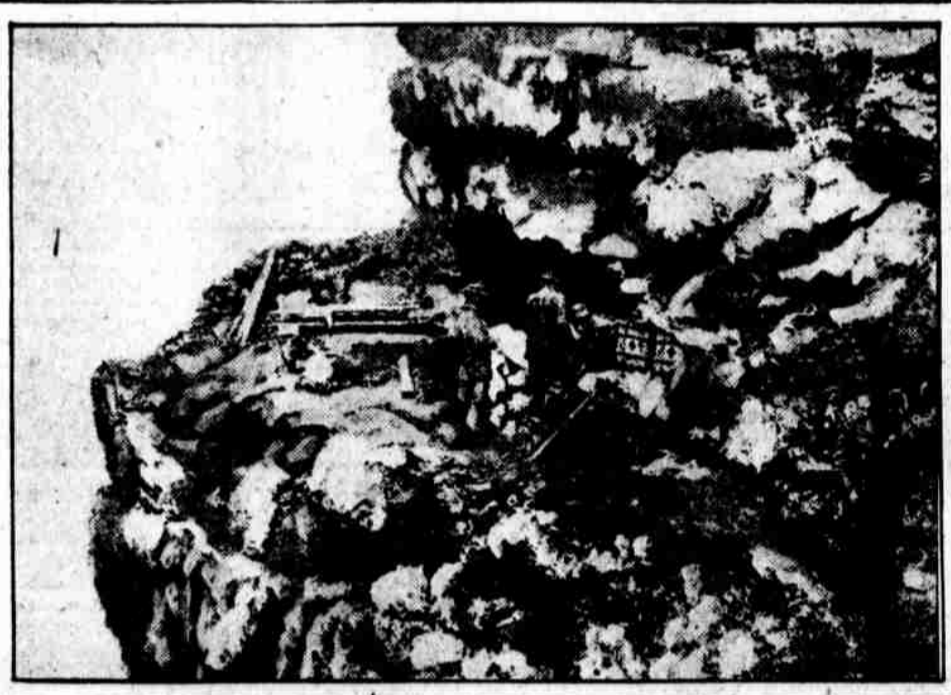
TO THEIR GREAT SORROW, the Austrians ran afoul of the sturdy trench system constructed by the soldiers of General Diaz during the long winter months.



DIRECTLY OVERLOOKING the Piave, these Italian soldiers are among the troops of General Diaz who took such a heavy toll from the Austrians when they endeavored to cross.



DAY IN AND DAY OUT the vigilant Italians awaited the coming of the Austrians from their vantage point on the south bank of the friendly Piave.



NOT ALL THE fighting is on the Piave, for on the heights guarding the Brenta Valley the Alpine troops are waging an almost aerial warfare with the Austrians.



DURING THE LULL following the stoppage of last fall's advance of the Austro-Germans every effort was made to strengthen the defenses of the Piave, as shown above.



SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE BRAVE ITALIANS, troops from France are helping hold the line. The photograph shows King Emmanuel congratulating French soldiers who distinguished themselves by bravery in action.



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE PIAVE, looking across the river toward the north bank, held by the Austrians, from an Italian dugout on the south bank, held by the Italians.