

FRENCH SAY FOE'S EFFICIENCY WANES

Artillery Declared to Show Wear, and Ammunition Is Used More Sparingly.

QUALITY NOW IS MEDIOCRE

"Moral Wastage" Discussed From Viewpoint of Paris, and View Expressed That "Struggle of Despair" Has Begun.

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mel fell, the explosion of which scarcely broke the envelope and the bullets were projected without force. About the same time our fourteenth army corps was fired at with shrapnel loaded with fragments of glass and on several points of our front shell castles of bad quality have been found, denoting hasty manufacture and use of materials taken haphazardly.

"Moral Wastage Assured." Under the caption "Moral Wastage of the German Army," the review continues: "The material losses of the Germans have corresponded with a moral wastage which it is interesting and possible to follow both from the inter-rogation of prisoners and the pocket-books and letters seized upon the men and officers killed."

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SULTAN CONFIDENT HIS FORTS CAN HOLD

Caliph of Moslems Exhibits Lively Interest in Human Side of Bombardment.

GERMANS MUCH ADMIRER

"Luck," Quotes Monarch, "Is Infatuated With the Efficient"—Prospect of Wearing Iron Cross Is Viewed With Pleasure.

CONSTANTINOPLE, via The Hague and London, April 7.—"I am convinced that the Dardanelles cannot be forced. The brave conduct of the Turkish troops in the recent operations against the straits permits me to conclude that, although the allies bend every effort and use every means at their disposal, they will be unable to achieve their purpose."

Thus spoke Mehmed V, the Sultan of Turkey and First Caliph of the Moslem world, today in the course of an audience which he had granted the Associated Press correspondent.

The Sultan throughout the audience showed and expressed the greatest confidence in Turkey's ability to withstand the onslaught of the allied forces, and followed with the keenest interest a description of the operations by the allies on March 18 against the Dardanelles forts.

Human Side Interests. The various phases of the bombardment were discussed by His Majesty in a manner demonstrating that he was well informed on the affair, but he was greatly interested in the human aspect of this tremendous action.

What was the effect of the enemy's fire? What impression was made upon the mind of the Turkish troops and what was the fate of the population of the towns near the forts bombarded?

All these were things in which the Sultan showed deep concern.

Mehmed V was in most cordial frame of mind. Many of the incidents related by the correspondent brought to the Sultan's face a broad smile of satisfaction and approval.

How the correspondent had been obliged to make a hasty retreat when Kale Sultanie was reached by the allies' shells appeared to be of special interest to His Majesty.

Correspondent Set Right on Turkish. When one of the correspondents told the Sultan that he had been made nervous in Chanak Kalesi by the explosion of large shells, which compelled him to stop at intervals of time, and have an old interpreter, who also was retreating, touched him on the arm each time, saying "Yok kismet," the Sultan was much amused and touched in a fatherly fashion and proceeded to explain that the use of the word "kismet" was improper under such circumstances.

The old man should have used the word "kader," said His Majesty. "The word 'kader' means that our fate is in the hands of a superior power and that what is to happen will happen anyway. The idea is known among you, I believe, as fatalism. But 'kader' alone will not do; we also must work."

Loss of Lives Regretted. This incident disposed of, His Majesty asked the correspondent to continue his description of the sinking of the French warship Bouvet, which had disappeared within three minutes after she had been sighted.

The Sultan then asked if his troops appeared to be happy and contented. The answer being emphatically in the affirmative, a new smile of satisfaction lit up his face.

"It has been said that it was the factor of luck that hurried and hastened our victory on March 18 so complete and great," he remarked, "but we in the Turkish have a saying, 'luck is infatuated with the efficient.'"

"It appears unjust to me that the allies want to force the Dardanelles and take Constantinople just to import foodstuffs from Russia. But our army and coast defense force have shown their ability and willingness to do their duty. I am speaking here not alone of the Turkish defenders of the Dardanelles, but also of those Germans who have so effectively and bravely cooperated with them."

Admiration for German Intense. "I would thank you very much to say for me that my admiration for the German troops in the East and the West is so great that it is impossible for me to express in words my high opinion of their valor and efficiency. Concerning their chief commander, Emperor William, I can only say that we in Turkey pray that he may enjoy the best of health for many years."

The Sultan was informed that Emperor William was sending with Field Marshal von der Goltz iron crosses of the first and second classes, with which he intended to decorate His Majesty, and the Sultan appeared highly pleased.

"I am proud of being presented with medals which decorate so many brave men," he said.

So far the Sultan had occupied himself entirely with recent developments in the Dardanelles. Addressing himself to the American correspondents present he now said:

"I am pleased to see that two American journalists had opportunity to witness the attempts to force the Dardanelles. I value the opinion of neu-

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San Francisco Gives Belgium Benefit of Experience.

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Plans for and Method of Reconstruction Following Fire of 1906 Are Described to Commission of Architects.

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