FIGHTING QUALITIES of the TURK

the Turkish soldier by five martial centuries of the Janizary. You must do this to appraise the war value of the Sultan's fighters in comprehensive entirety. Moslem valor reached its apex in the accomplishments of this ideal warrior of Islam, and not since Murad IV, the last of the army leading Sultans of Turkey killed with his own hand a gauntlet-casting giant of the Persians, at the siege of Bagdad In 1639, has there been a noteworthy victory epoch under the banner of star and crescent. But they who measure military performance sagely declare the fighting spirit of the soldier of

failed altogether to prove his mettle of recent years he has performed with his old-time brilliancy, vigor and pluck. Gallantly he drove the Russian before him at the defense of Silistria, at the outbreak of the Crimean war. Europe rang with plaudits when, under Osman Pacha, at the siege of Plevna

since his decadence first began, and his defeats seldom have earned him the solace of praise that often goes to the

made many a Roman emperor.

The Christian boys enrolled in the were enveloped and cut to pleces. exercises from their tenderest years. In the profession of arms procured fought November 10, 1444, the soldier dence. them rapid advancement. This great of Turkey proved his bravery. corps cut off from all kindred, possessed a strong community of interest, and they became the pride, the pet and the scourge of the empire, according to circumstance. In time of war other

ished up the death-swept slope.

directed and impelled the battle. As the insurrection with his own hands, long as they draw breath, assault after assault failed and the But he had to pacify them with a large. When it came to a show

(Turkish battle incentive from the Koran,) UDGE the battling possibilities of

Turkey is dormant, not dead. For the Sultan's battler has not

during the last three centuries. Twice in 1877, he showed there was plenty of husky "fightality" in him.

But not often has he been victor valiant vanquished, His triumphs most- tory adjacent to the Maritza River and ly have been what the world has deemed an expedition comprising Hungarian, massacres and persecutions, in Balkan Servian, Bosnian and and Grecian territory, where he has armies advanced on him in numbers fought with overwhelming odds in his of at least two to one. But the Chrisfavor. Still, apart from this, almost tians, assured of victory, spent the every expanding nation of Europe dur- night before the battle in revelry at ing the last 100 years has taken a which they were surprised. It was the whack at him and found him willing to first encounter between Turk and Slav. fight. Near the seraglio in Constantino- Hand to hand combats were the order pie there may have been a pluffer and of the conflict, and again the Janizaries diplomatic faker under the ruling fex, outfought their enemies. Thousands but on the firing line the Turkish sol- fled on foot to escape their dread dier meant business sand met death pursuers and perished in the Maritza.

The Janizary fighter represented the Again, at the battle of Kosovo, the Ottoman glory and Ottoman The Christians gave ground at noon shame were due to his sword very often and were pursued by the Janizaries during these centuries. The glory was and Sultan Murad I himself, brandishwon on many famous bettlefields and in ing a mighty iron mace and felling all the conquest and annexation of terri- who opposed him. In the moment of

mation, the recruits being restricted to reached the Janizaries, whose corps to insure is continuance. the offspring of former Janizaries and formed the front line of the main army

the flower of the Sultan's forces. Turk reached the most famous point of his fighting history and the Janizary his greatest glory. For 53 days artila heap of ruins. History has it that 31 chief Janizarios were the first to mount the naded by one Hassan, a Janizary of gigantic strength and stature. Scimitar in one hand and buckler in the other, this ideal of the fighting Turk pressed toward one of the breaches made by Mohammed's cannon, Eighteen Janiwaries perished before they had fol- with great slaughter. lowed Hassan 59 feet. Onward the remainder of the band pressed through the battered breach and up to the summit of the inner fortifications. There a swarm of the besieged seized the glant Janizary and hurled him from the ramparts. He rose on one knee and again avalanche of darts and stones buried him and his few followers not already But the picked band of 31 had shown that a successful assault might Janizaries covered the walls and tow-

war steed as close as possible to the They liked not peace. War and booty assaulting point, and with iron mace they muts have. So they began to in hand, surrounded by the Janizaries mutiny. The Sultan tried a bold course that he reserved for decisive occasions, at first, slaying two of the leaders of dead he gave the word to the com- Hungary. mander of the chosen corps. The

standing army of Turkey from the time soldier of Turkey, led by the famous his famous organization was created by trained corps, inflicted an overwhelm-Sultan Orkhan in 1356 until its tragic ing defeat upon Serbs, Bosnians, Poles annihilation by Sultan Mahmoud II in and Magyars, June 15, 1389.

tory. The shame attended palace re- victory a Servian warrior, Milesh bellions, where Sultans were deposed Kobilovich, gained access to Murad's and murdered according as the Jantzary tent and plunged a dagger in the fighting machine desired. They were Sultan's body. He was torn to pieces a counterpart descendant of the famous by the victorious Janizaries returning Practorian Guard that made and un- from their chase of the defeated allies. In 1394 all of Christian Europe ar-And, curiously enough, for 300 years rayed itself against Islam. At the batnot a single Janizary was a native born the of Nicopolis, fought September 24. Turk. This crack corps, upon which 1396, the Turk defeated all of the nathe fate of the Ottoman empire so tions pitted against him, and the Janioften depended, was formed and con- zary demonstrated that he, indeed, was timied during the years 1356 to 1656 by the pick and the ideal of all Turkish enrolment of boys of the best physique fighting men. At this battle a corps from Christian families of conquered of French knights charged the Sultan's countries. Not a single Turkish youth front, driving in his outer lines. They

corps were taken very young and added At the battle of Angora between the wage war as of old. They were more at the exact rate of 1000 every year. Turks and Timur, or Tamerlane, "the open to bribes. They were not in-They were forced to become Moslems. Tartar"—who, by the way, was also structed in the new war tactics emTheir training as soldiers was very se- a Turk and a leader of Turkish fighters played by other nations they encounthe curtain on the famous Janizaries.

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It was Mahmoud II who took this most vere. Discipline, fortitude, endurance in 1402, Sultan Bayezid, of Bajazet I, tered.

Bosnians were successful and Sultan the enemy. In the ninth year of his bigoted and jealous of their privileges Murad II turned his horse to retire reign there was a mutiny of the Janiimplored him to fight the battle out. Grand Vizier and 16 others. He was in Turkish troops were of course added He had wavered but a moment, how- a "tight box" and forced to order the and determined to get rid of them. He to the army, but the Janizaries were ever, and he urged his Janizaries to one slaying of his chief aids. When he was had a Master of Ordnance whose proper It was at the fateful siege and fall of of Hungary's head and carrying it on Bosphorus tossed on its tide the bodies Black Hell. To him Murad whispered

lery hammered at the double walls of Chaldrian, 1514, in which a Persian recovered by the Persians after its cap- hurry call to revolt. But Mahmoud unthe doomed city, until at last they were army was decisively defeated. The ture of some years before. The garrison furled the Sacred Standard of the outward fortifications. They were 30 I to feint for delay rather than go im- trenches. The Janizaries, shamed or to belch. picked soldiers of the famous corps, mediately into battle after a march enthused by his example, performed old-

had a proud record and a high spirit, died. In many a sanguinary field they had been victors. At the battle of Reydanlya, in 1517, the two bodies met. The Mamelukes mistook the Janizary chief Sinan Pacha for the Sultan, cut their way to him and speared him to death. But this splendid cavalry foe was overwhelmed by Janizaries, backed

In 1522 Suleyman, or Soloman I, the ers. From there, heading the common Magnificent, besieged and took Rhodes army, they rushed through the breaches after severe fighting in which at close the inner walls and were soon in range the Turkish soldier performed the city's center. Constantinople, the many heroic deeds. Belgrade had been



and spirit were inculcated with the was utterly defeated, only the Jani- Their commanders were no longer tradition. The Janizaries had got bevigor and rigor of the ancient Greeks, zaries and a Servian contingent giving appointed through merit. Their Sultans, youd control. They had deposed and They were kept constantly at martial any good account of themselves. The no longer led them to battle. Before murdered Ahmed III, who ascended the Sultan was taken prisoner and carried their final dissolution, however, there throne in 1703. They forced Selim III They were allowed no rewards in land about in a trimuph pageant in a barred came one or two gleams of former to abdicate after his ascension in 1789 or territorial connection. Their skill litter. Again at the battle of Varna, glory to brighten the darkness of deca- had not brought advantage to them.

At first the Serbs, Hungarians and to lead the soldier of Turkey against from their high military plane. So from the field. One of his commanders zaries. They demanded the head of his for over night if they got peeved. more supreme effort. They won the able to resume his authority he gath- name was Ibrahim, but who was more day, their leader cutting off the King ered some loyal troops and soon the Constantinople May 29, 1453, that the his lance to mark a rallying point.

Of hundreds of Janizaries. The Sultan what he wished done. The Janizaries blood the most famous point of hundreds of Janizaries. himself walked the streets, often carry- were ordered out for drill and review. The next noteworthy fighting of the ing out his own death sentences. In The hour didn't suit them, so they upsoldler of Turkey was at the battle of 1638 Murad marched to retake Bagdad, set their camp kettles, which was their commander of the Janizaries, made a desperate resistance, but Murad Prophet, called on all true believers to Sinan Pacha, induced the Sultan Selim led in person and stood guard in the assemble near him, and told Black Hell and a Russian army brought double across the desert. When the battle was time prodigies of valor. The Persians mainder of the corps retreated to the him forever. on he purposely retreated, tempting the sent out a burly champion to taunt and Persians into a fatal pursuit. The Jani- defy the besiegers. History has it that non at them-some 6000 men in all- of Turkey continued. ranks and revealed their artillery. The chain armor he wore is still pre-History records no battle record more days. At the head of his Janizaries interesting than the defeat of the cele- Murad entered Constantinople amid the brated fighting Mamelukes of Egypt by shouts of his people. The next year, history of all Europe and Northern the Janizaries of Selim I. Both corps at the age of 28, the last warrior Sultan Africa. This was in June, 1826.

the battle of Zenta, against the Austrians, in 1697, 20,000 Turkish soldiers

His successor reigned only a few m Murad III was the last fighting Sultan because of their power. They had fallen had they become that revolt was looked

Mahmoud II sized them up exactly commonly called Kara Gerennin or

Hundreds of Janizaries fell and the re- tary reforms. Greece was wrested from barracks. Black Hell pointed bis canpassed the historical corps whose deeds are intertwined with the battle and war.

formed the front line of the main army of 40,000 lances. Immediately they they were enveloped and cut to pieces. The Janizaries lost their fighting were slain and 10,000 drowned. But they character and could not be trusted to fought gamely.

The Type of Soldier

and equipped to the number of 40,-000, according to European ideas, Mahmoud himself started to learn the art of war, studying French tactics and uniforming himself dragoon fashion. Just at this time came the war of Greece for independence-the period when Lord Byron romantically espoused the cause of the successors of the ancient dwellers in Athens and Sparta. The naval battle of Navarino defeat to the Sultan, despite his mili-

zaries held them until they opened Murad clove him from crown to chin. and blew the building to bits. Those structors of tactics and strategy were who did not perish in this way fled to called in. No less a personage than The Turkish soldier had done all he being, who segregates himself, carries which played upon the advancing army served in Constantinople. Bagdad fell, the streets and were killed by exasto remain in Turkish hands to modern perated civilians. Thus in a few hours one of those who came all the way ness and the decay of patriotic ambifrom Prussia to teach the art of drill tion. Turkey, however, began to

Roxalana, Famous Fighter, Who Was the Mother of Selim It. tures from "The Story of Torkey" By Lan Poole, Courtrey of G P. Patnam Sons, 1891.

energy and persistency of some one no matter how indolent or unpatriotic leader personally admired rather than or bestial a Turk may seem, the mopatriotic adhesion of the army. war with Russia. For five months a die like a hero. With all his faults, strong army of Russians and Roumanians laid siege to the fortress of an unknown quantity with him. It is Plevna, held by Osman Pacha. The an odd fact, however, that his greatTurks sortied repeatedly and always est achievements were those dating with success, inflicting damage and consternation on the allies. Starvation Janizary fashion rather than the fought This was demonstrated in the 1877 swells with the lust of battle and will consternation on the allies. Starvation Janizary fashion rather than accordwas the only key that finally got the ing to modern ideas of war. besiegers within the walls. The 32,- Von Moltke, who taught the first 600 Turkish soldier defenders were army raised under the modernized with their commander to a man, per- system, had this to say concerning the

forming valiant deeds daily during the battling outlook for the Turkish solsiege. At his final command they made dier: a supreme effort to cut through the "The splendid appearance, the beau-lines, and died willingly. It cost Rus- tiful arms, the reckless bravery of the sia 50,000 men to enter Plevna. The old Moslem horde had disappeared, yet world has since proclaimed Osman this new army had one quality which Pacha a military genius of high grade placed it above the numerous host that and dubbed his army heroes. During the Porte could summon to the field in the war the Turkish soldier also won former times-it obeyed."

the start. He was entirely unprewas compelled to declare war. A Serv-Turkey and he was defeated finally in and question afterward. the battles of Kirk Kilisse and Kumanovo. Salonica surrendered later. Then was a distinct equality among all bat-Adrianople was encompassed and for a tlers engaged in a righteous war-and time it looked as though the fighting Sultans generally made their wars men of the husky allies would go right through to Constantinople. But inter-But the moulding over of the soldiers nal dissension and diplomacy of the domineering, because of this. The greater powers prevented the Sultan spirit of change that has come out of losing everything he has in Europe.

be called the "Sick Man of Europe." A romantic individual case of the In the recent Balkan war there were Her soldiers fought when their coun- fighting quality of the soldier of Tur- Turkish soldiers who displayed their try got in difficulty, but the animus key is that of Prince Jem or Zizim, as old bravery, devotion, patience and From here on calamity follows calam- Immediately a new army was raised to victory was not there. Once in a his name has often been called in Eu- calmness under fire. This would seem rope. He was one of the sons of Mo- to surely indicate that the lesson of hammed II and much better fitted for obedience had been learned. Yet stories the throne than his brother, Bayezid or come from Asia Minor that entire di-Bajazet. He had energy, vigor, grace, visions had refused pointblank to take culture, ambition and a national pride, any part in the fight of their country But Bajazet heard first of the death of against the allies. Since then have his father and, hastening home, was the fighting men of Turkey achieved first to reach Constantinople with a unified and solidified battling obebribes for the Janizary support.

> specialty of Janizary killing because lost his love of the sword nor the of having been robbed of his throne courage necessary to its wielding. But through them. The chroniclers tell of does the incentive to enthusiasm and single combats that make the battling unquestioning obedience exist?

So in August 29, 1526, the battle of 50 members and only six of them servists in each district to join the new hite army, and fill their places later with their scimitars and with invincible the scient and scrape them, and fill their places later with the mem whom they have helped to train.

It seems likely that the scheine to support Redmond and the vory with a Castle pass. The scient the with two exceptions voted to wite the men whom they have not with the wite of Sultan won fill their places later with the with the wite of Sultan won the ling their country we might dearn the lish of the lish the victory of his soldiers Hungary the

So through her plottings the Sultan was convinced his son was a traitor and so had this valiant soldier come to Constantinople and enter his presence alone. From an inner chamber he saw seven mute executioners bowstring the young Prince. Roxelana's other name was Khourrem, or the "Joyous One." It is said she never was more like her name than when she knew this murder had been done. Twice after she is said to have accompanied the Turkish army to battle in disguise of a man and to have killed several of the enemy.

Ready for the Bulgarians at Hademkiou.

in the Recent Balkan Conflict.

"The Bulkan War." By Gilda-Grant (Soral Maymard Co., Boston, 1917).

Analyzers of armies and their units have spent much time in discussing the value of the soldier of Turkey in the light of his decadence during the last two or three centuries. To most of these the star and crescent fighter is only under a cloud through which the sun of glory will shine again. To others the Turk is permanently eclipsed and only by amalgamation with some other nation, after a political division has upset Europe and Africa, will his ancient spirit of battle be manifest in its full force again. Those who hold to the latter opinion are far in the minority in the list of authorities.

Those who have studied the Ottoman soldier at very close range and while there was a spurt, but in such after a long residence near his side cases the accomplishment of the fight- insist that the fighting spirit is ever ing man of Turkey was due to the inherent in the race. They assert that ment you put a sword in his hand he

a worth-while victory over the Rus- This would seem to be the key to sians at Kizil-tope, in Asia, driving the the puzzle of the Turkish soldier's efenemy back from Kars.

This would seem to be the key to sians at Kizil-tope, in Asia, driving the puzzle of the Turkish soldier's efenemy back from Kars. The last war in the Balkans spelled armies are taught to obey? Has he defeat for the soldier of Turkey from the start. He was entirely upon by compelling him to submit to the pared and was opposed by an array of tactics of the West? Is he not perhaps allies who had been looking for the still in a sort of transitional military conflict. conflict almost hourly. Bulgaria state? While military obedience is poured into Thrace because of the referred to as a Western character-Kotchana massacres. She drove the istic, there must not be forgotten the Ottoman forces many miles. Turkey military obedience of Japan at the was compelled to declare war. A Serv. other point of the compass. And yet ian army marched on Uskob, while the the obedience of Japan has been de-Montenegrins began the slege of Scu- clared to be always a national patriot-The Greek navy got busy, It was ism in arms rather than a military a bad outlook for the fighting man of body whose first duty it is to obey

According to the law of Islam there righteous ones. The old Turkish ofthe West makes the officer a superior

A romantic individual case of the In the recent Balkan war there were dience? There is nothing to indicate A civil war began between the it by anything sgnificant of recent brothers. In several battles Jem made a happening. The Turk has not probably

Salsify With Cream Dresing. (Pictorial Review.) Saisify is one of the vegetables most popular in the South, and while it is simple to prepare, this vegetable always holds about it a "company dish" aspect. That is one reason the Thanksgiving table always bears a dish of salsify, or "oyster plant," as it is per-

haps better known in the East. Choose a dozen moderate-sized stalks

FIGHTING IRISHMEN FORGET HOME TROUBLES AND GO TO THE FRONT

be made at this fatal point, and within Selim's artillery. Egypt fell into the that the duty of volunteers was to de- men are anxious to be enrolled in ter- "first regiment."

Thus we will tled is the form of organization. The ing. Each county will start with the fend the shores of Ireland.

Redmond's reply to that was that the fighting side by side with their friends most effective way to defend the shores of Ireland was to seek out the enemy of Ireland was to seek out the enemy and neighbors. There is more difficult to the first regiment in a county is of Ireland was to seek out the enemy before he reached those shores and dethe city's center. Constantinople, the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, thus fell 1000 years after Rome and the empire of the West, dating from the Caesars.

Sultan Mohammed himself rode his carried out because of the Janizaries.

Frange the Turkish soldier performed many heroic deeds. Belgrade had been taken in a preliminary campaign. Then taken the Sultan found his intentions with results and opportunity troops will be brigated together, or the latter are more fully troops will be brigated together, or the latter are more fully troops will be brigated together, or the latter are more fully troops will be brigated together. The count in the South and the count in the cludes a number of doctrinaire pacifwith Lord Kitchener on this point and scheme up his sleeve which ought to Rhodes. Then began an imprisonment
licists, and what is left of the old irthere is every likelihood that it will be go far to make these county regiments of the Prince, in which he was transreconcilable physical force party, satisfactorily settled before this is popular. That is to secure as far as ferred from one European point to anwhose hatred of England will last as printed. The difficulty is to provide a possible officers from the great Irish other and kept in pawn to please his stiffening of trained men for the new and Angio-Irish families in each dis- brother, who feared his return to Conouter ditch was filled with Turkish bribe and a declaration of war against ever, the weakness of this group was been suggested that this might be over- O'Neills and Hamiltons leading the Ty- To this day his prowess is sung. August 29, 1526, the battle of of 50 members and only six of them servists in each district to join the new be O'Donnells at the heads of compa- She was the clever and unscrupulous