

# KILLED 2,000 TURKS OF CRACK CORPS

British Also Inflicted a Loss of  
5,000 Wounded in Dar-  
danelles Fight.

## FRENCH IN FIERCE BATTLE

Losses in Attack Near Sedd-el-Bahr  
Said by Turks to Have  
Been 2,000 Killed.

PARIS, May 24.—News received here from the Dardanelles is to the effect that the recent Turkish attack against the British troops near Kaleh Tepe, (on the European side, opposite Nagara,) by two Turkish divisions, was carefully prepared by General Liman von Sanders, the German commander, and his staff, with the object not only of inflicting a check on the Allies, but of raising the spirits of the Turkish troops and reassuring public opinion, which is said to have been profoundly impressed by the heavy Turkish losses at the beginning of May.

General von Sanders brought up the First Army Corps, a crack organization which had been reserved for the defense of Constantinople. The landing of these troops was greatly hampered by the bombardment from the Allies' aeroplanes. Two divisions of this corps which had been put ashore the night before at Maidos, immediately marched to Kaleh Tepe and attacked the Australians and New Zealanders the night of May 18-19. They were completely beaten, however, losing 2,000 men killed and 5,000 wounded, the reports say.

In the southern end of the peninsula the French troops faced strong defensive work. At certain points they advanced to within a few yards of the Turks, and fierce bayonet and hand-grenade fighting followed. In one of these hand-to-hand struggles it is asserted that a Colonial infantryman named Laborde spontaneously took the lead as his group was entering a Turkish trench and by throwing grenades succeeded unaided in stopping a Turkish counter-attack and preventing quick-firers from being used until he fell wounded.

The fighting at Kaleh Tepe, referred to in the above dispatch, was reported in THE TIMES of Saturday, in a cablegram from General Sir Ian Hamilton to the Governor of Victoria, Australia.