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### Attack in Sfax

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Written from Sfax (Regency of Tunis):

Our city is in a completely exceptional position; to see what is going on here it would be assumed that the bey does not exist any longer. The tribe of Svesi is rebelling; the large tribe of Metelit has entirely given up the country, forced to flee as a result of the affronts which their Kaid (chiefs) were made to undergo.

The tribe of El Hammema, composed primarily of robbers, comes to despoil the inhabitants of Sfax even to the doors of the city, and the Arabs of this tribe withdrew themselves only after having made a considerable disturbance.

The British vice-consul, Mr. Crowe, was attacked by a band of assassins in the suburbs of Sfax, and he owed its safety only to the speed of a sound horse. The troops of the bey seem to be in accord with the criminals.

Two envoys of the pasha of Tunis, Mahmad Bokeris and Mohamed Buluien, going to Constantinople, [purged their forty] in Malta. It is supposed that the mission of these envoys is connected with the disagreements between the pasha of Tunis and the king of Sardinia.

The vice-admiral commanding the English squadron of the Mediterranean has ordered the steamer *Heila* to leave for Tunis on the 8<sup>th</sup> of the month.