

AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN LANDS

THE INTERESTS OF FRANCE AT HOME AND ABROAD.

THE COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH ENGLAND—FRENCH MISSIONARIES MAL-TREATED IN ABYSSINIA—THE TUNISIAN TROUBLES.

PARIS, June 26.—The debate on the insurrection in Algeria, which was to have taken place yesterday, has been postponed until Thursday.

M. Tirard, Minister of Commerce, speaking in one of the bureaux of the Chamber yesterday, said England could not prevent the decision of France to substitute specific for ad valorem duties. It took her by surprise. The British Government demand a return to the latter system, and this difficulty has now stopped the negotiations, but he believed that an understanding would be arrived at without sacrificing any of the interests of France. It would be unadvisable, he said, to encourage resistance by granting too long a delay. The latter remark refers to the bill which the Government has introduced in the Chamber authorizing them to prolong existing treaties of commerce for three months with powers which seem inclined to come to an agreement for new treaties.

LA GOLETTA, June 26.—Gen. Bréard and staff have sailed for Marseilles.

TUNIS, June 26.—Some tribes near Sfax have cut the telegraph and assumed a defiant attitude against the Bey. The Europeans there are panic-stricken.

ALEXANDRIA, June 26.—A French newspaper here has received news from Massowah that an Abyssinian functionary has maltreated and arrested the French Catholic missionaries at Alitiena. Their church and houses were pillaged and all the inhabitants of Alitiena were taken prisoners. The French Consul at Massowah has sent an energetic note to the King of Abyssinia demanding satisfaction.

LONDON, June 27.—A dispatch from Tunis says some powerful tribes near Sfax and Kairwan have collected in large numbers under a chief who refuses to recognize the Bey. As they have destroyed the telegraph wires, it is impossible to obtain correct details. Two French war ships have gone to Sfax.