

## THE FRENCH WAR IN AFRICA.

THE BOMBARDMENT OF SFAX ENDED—NO OPPOSITION TO THE LANDING OF TROOPS.

LONDON, July 8.—A special dispatch from Tunis says: "A band of native marauders stopped some caravans 20 miles from Tunis. Several tribes near Gabes have revolted. The French frigates Alma and Reine Blanche and three gun-boats are shelling Sfax. A transport with 1,200 Tunisian troops is lying off Sfax. The English gun-boat Bittern has gone there."

The French journals *La Liberté* and *Le National* evince great irritation at the recent question in the British Parliament about French operations in Tunis, and warn the House of Lords and House of Commons that they had better mind their own business.

A Paris correspondent says: "Only one corps of the French Army will be mobilized at present."

The *Standard* says: "The dying embers of the Eastern question have been again disturbed by France, and it is a melancholy reflection that Europe is being preserved from a new outburst of warlike activity only by the good sense of the Italians, the pacific tendencies of England, and the conscious helplessness of Turkey."

PARIS, July 8.—A special dispatch from Tunis says the bombardment of Sfax did not last long, but produced such an effect on the natives that when the troops landed they were unopposed.

During the debate in the Chamber of Deputies to-day on the claim of a French subject to compensation against Brazil, M. Talandier, supporting the claim, observed that M. Barthélemy St. Hilaire, Minister of Foreign Affairs, had admitted that France was bound to indemnify Spanish workmen in Algeria who had suffered losses at the hands of the Arabs. M. Barthélemy, interrupting, declared that he only recognized the right of relief and not indemnity, and added that the greater part of the newspaper statements on this subject were incorrect.

MADRID, July 8.—A dispatch from the Prefect of Almeria states that the insurrection in Algeria is increasing.

LONDON, July 9.—A Paris dispatch says: "Gen. Farre, Minister of War, during the discussion of the war estimates in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, stated that no mobilization of troops was contemplated. If it was found necessary to send reinforcements to Algeria, he said, they would be provided from the different battalions."

A Paris correspondent telegraphs: "Gen. Saussier arrived at Algiers on Friday. His arrival may be regarded as an indirect pressure on Gov. Grévy to resign, but it seems that he disclaims the idea of accepting the civil as well as military Governorship."

A dispatch from Tunis says preparation is being made at Goletta for the embarkation of the French cavalry for Sfax.