

TUNIS.

TUNIS, JULY 11.

A French transport from Toulon, with three battalions of infantry and a battery of artillery, has been embarked at Goletta, and the transport is now leaving for Sfax.

JULY 12.

The Governor of the coast, who is now at Susa, has inquired of the principal inhabitants of that district if they will assist in keeping the Arabs at Susa quiet. They replied that if they are left alone no disturbance will take place, but they will not tolerate the landing of French soldiers, and if any attempt is made to occupy Susa the Arabs will certainly break into open revolution in the same manner as at Sfax.

According to the news from Sfax up to Sunday, the bombardment is still continued at intervals. The European houses have been plundered. The Arabs have withdrawn to some distance from the town, but they have effectually resisted the landing of the French troops. While such an attempt was being made a French officer got a slight bullet wound in the arm. The green flag has been hoisted over the town, and the leader of the insurgents declared that they will resist to the end. There is no doubt that the plundering of European property would have been avoided if the bombardment had been postponed until a sufficient force was available to effect a landing, and the protracted occupation of Sfax certainly encourages the insurgents.

PARIS, JULY 12.

A Havas Agency Note says :—

“ A rumour has been circulated at Tunis, and even at London, that the Treaty of the 12th of May contained secret additional clauses, one of them placing certain restrictions on the acquisition by foreigners of landed property in Tunis. A question put yesterday in the House of Commons shows that these rumours have found some credence even with certain English politicians. We need scarcely remark that no step taken by the French Minister Resident at Tunis warrants such a supposition.”

LATER.

There is no further news from Sfax, but a Tunis telegram speaks of a quarrel between the townspeople and the rural tribes, the latter being accused of plundering gardens and ill-using women. An old pupil of St. Cyr, an Arab, but formerly a sub-lieutenant in the French Army, is said to have the command of the Sfax insurgents.

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