

THE FRENCH IN NORTH AFRICA.

MOVEMENTS OF THE ARAB INSURGENTS—A CONFLICT IN THE STREETS OF TUNIS.

TUNIS, July 14.—The French buildings in the principal streets are decorated in honor of the national fête. Some anti-French notices, in Italian, placarded about the walls were pulled down. It is understood that French troops will land at Sfax to-day.

PARIS, July 14.—A telegram from Oran says it is reported that the Algerine insurgent chief, Bou Amena, is 20 kilomètres south of Fren dah, and it is believed he is preparing to attack that place. Brunnetiere is marching against him.

Advices from Oran are to the effect that the rebel chief, Bou Amena, passed Sfisifa on the evening of the 10th inst. The attack on the town of Kreider on the 7th inst. was for the purpose of making a passage for the main force in the direction of Ain Leferit.

The French troops operating against Sfax will probably land at the gates of Mehedia and march to Sfax, because a sacrifice of life would be necessary to effect a landing at the latter place.

A conflict has occurred in the streets of Tunis between the French and Arabs and the Tunisian soldiers who recently returned from Sfax, where they were not landed for fear that they would not fight the insurgents. The Tunisians taunted the Arabs with being bad Mussulmans, and shouted for a holy war. One Arab was seriously wounded, and his comrades, to the number of 500, took him to the French Legation and demanded justice.

LONDON, July 14.—A Paris correspondent makes a severe attack upon Gen. Farre, the French Minister of War. The correspondent declares that the Minister's incapacity and mismanagement are solely responsible for the present situation; that the premature withdrawal of the troops from Tunis encouraged the risings.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Trevelyan, Secretary to the Admiralty, in reply to Sir John Hay, Liberal-Conservative, said there were nine French iron-clads on the African coast, six of which were of the first class; that Admiral Seymour has six iron-clads in the Mediterranean, which were quite sufficient to cope with the French nine, [cheers;] that England has besides, in the Channel squadron, four iron-clads and nine coast-guard ships.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 14.—In reply to reiterated inquiries on the part of France, Assym Pasha has explained the dispatch of Turkish troops to Tripoli to have been simply an administrative measure.

It is reported here that French emissaries have been found in Tripoli with compromising documents in their possession.

LONDON, July 15.—A correspondent at Tunis says the bombardment of Sfax has ceased, pending the landing of troops.