

THE NORTH AFRICAN QUARRELS.

THE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ARABS—A STATEMENT BY THE FRENCH PREMIER.

ORAN, July 15.—Col. Brunetiere overtook and attacked Chief Bou Amena's rear guard at Ain-Medissa. Bou Amena continued his flight, leaving his wounded on the field. His force is estimated at 1,500 horse and 1,200 foot. The French troops continue in pursuit.

PARIS, July 15.—The French iron-clad fleet has arrived off Sfax.

The Tunisian Premier, Mustapha, has started for Tunis.

The latest news from Tunis is to the effect that the insurgents at Sfax appear disposed to submit.

LONDON, July 15.—The remarks of Mr. Trevelyan, Secretary to the Admiralty, in the House of Commons, yesterday, in regard to the British naval strength in the Mediterranean were misreported. He said there were nine French iron-clads on the African coast, six of which are of the first class; that Admiral Seymour's iron-clads form a fleet which for fighting efficiency is quite worthy even for England to show in the Mediterranean, and that England has besides in the Channel Squadron four iron-clads and nine coast-guard ships.

LONDON, July 16.—A correspondent at Paris has had an interview with M. Barthélemy St. Hilaire, who emphatically denied that France aimed at conquering Tripoli or retaining Tunis. He said that when the Bey's Government is reorganized the French would quit Tunis. Italy, he said, was satisfied in regard to the intentions of France.

A correspondent at Tunis says the Arabs continue to march in the direction of Sfax.

A correspondent at Algiers says three columns of French troops now on the scene of operations will be so posted as to cut off Bou-Amena from the Tell and force him either to remain stationary or retreat. Gen. Saussier will not take the field at present, because trouble is apprehended in other provinces. He is therefore bound to remain in Algiers as the central point, but in September, when serious operations have begun in the South, he will take command.