

Prise de Sfax
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Taking of Sfax

At midday today the government today received the official news of the occupation of Sfax, which happened yesterday morning. Separately, we receive confirmation of this news by a dispatch of our private correspondent, coming this morning from Mehdia:

Mehdia, July 17, 8 o'clock, morning.
The unloading was carried out yesterday beginning at six o'clock in the morning. The troops forced the doors of the Arab city at seven o'clock. At eight o'clock, the occupation of Sfax was assured. It was necessary to fight in the open plain a combat which lasted approximately two hours. We had some negligible losses. The command of Sfax is entrusted to colonel Jamais, who took all the precautionary measures.