

## THE FRENCH CAPTURE SFAX.

THE PLACE VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED—EXPLAINING THE TRIPOLI INCIDENT.

PARIS, July 17.—The Minister of Marine has received a dispatch from Sfax announcing that the French squadron arrived in that harbor on Thursday, bombarded the town on Friday, attacked it on Saturday in front and occupied it in spite of vigorous resistance. The French losses were 8 killed and 40 wounded. The French position being now safe, the troops which landed from the squadron will return on board on Monday. Sfax was strongly fortified by the Arabs and surrounded by deep trenches.

A dispatch from Medhia states that the fighting at Sfax took place in a plain outside the town and lasted two hours.

A dispatch from Algiers states that a detachment of French troops overtook the rear guard of the insurgents at Relizane and inflicted upon them a loss of 30 in killed.

A semi-official statement is published replying to an article in a Turkish newspaper attributing to France ambitious designs upon Tripoli. The statement says the late incident in regard to Tripoli has ended, for France never denied the rights of the Porte over Tripoli, and nobody in Europe could ever seriously attribute to her the idea of conquering that province.

ORAN, July 17.—It is rumored here that dissensions have appeared among the followers of Bou Amens, who has been forced to flee for his life.

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