

## THE WAR IN TUNIS.

A SEVERE FIGHT AT SFAX—ARAB BANDITTI  
SCOURGING THE COUNTRY.

PARIS, July 19.—A dispatch from Tunis states that there was an engagement on Saturday near Sfax. The insurgent leader, 300 natives of Sfax, and 200 Arab horsemen are reported to have been killed.

The announcement that a serious engagement had taken place near Sfax on Saturday is confirmed. Most of the leaders of the revolt were killed. The result has produced a great impression on the Arabs.

The French commander at Sfax has ordered the immediate disarmament of the natives, the delivery of hostages, and the payment of a war indemnity of 15,000,000*fr.* He also requires the inhabitants to furnish the French troops with all necessary supplies, and holds the population responsible for any act affecting the safety of the French army.

Five thousand horsemen have entered Kairouan and stopped the collection of the *octroi* duty on salt. Fifteen hundred horsemen are marching against Mater. It is rumored that Gen. Saussier will organize an expedition at Constantine to march to Kairouan, passing through the centre of Tunis from west to east. The first surveys of the route from Tebessa to Kairouan have already been made.

In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, the Viscount Blin de Bourdon made a speech in which he accused M. Albert Grévy, Governor of Algeria, of want of foresight. He wished to know the nature of the relations existing between Gov. Grévy and Gen. Saussier. Premier Ferry defended M. Grévy and declared that Gen. Saussier would have complete liberty of action in all military operations. The order of the day, pure and simple, proposed by the Government, was then agreed to by a vote of 353 to 130.

LONDON, July 19.—A dispatch from Tunis announces that a large body of Arab horsemen have audaciously carried off a number of camels belonging to the Bey from a farm close to Tunis. They also carried off cattle and other property belonging to an Italian.

A later dispatch from Tunis says: "The Arab horsemen who stole the Bey's camels are scouring the country, and have attacked a farm-house 10 miles from Tunis. The natives throughout the country are greatly excited, and disturbances are feared. The Bey is preparing to send native troops to the interior, but it is doubtful whether they will fight the Arabs."

LONDON, July 20.—A dispatch from Tunis says: "The holy city of Kairouan has revolted. Arabs from Sfax are gathering there."

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