

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

NORTH AFRICA.

TUNIS, JULY 22.

A telegram from Mehdia states that the insurgent tribes have come to an understanding with the inhabitants of Kairwan to resist the authority of the Bey, and they are all in a great state of excitement. Yesterday a number of cattle were carried away from a farm five miles distant from Mehdia. There is no news from Sfax.

JULY 23.

A French transport, with 1,800 troops and one battery of artillery, arrived at Goletta this morning from Toulon, and sailed in the afternoon for Sfax. It is said that in a few days 14,000 troops will arrive from France and will occupy Goletta.

A report has been spread from the Bardo that the inhabitants of Kairwan have submitted to the Bey's authority. On the other hand, reliable information has reached me to the effect that the Arab tribes are still organizing bodies of horsemen to scour the country.

About 700 soldiers have deserted from Tunis, and they have said to people whom they met on the road that they intend joining Ali Ben Halifa. Attempts have been made to collect native troops to march against the rebels, but it appears to be a very difficult matter.

JULY 24.

The French transport Sarthe arrived at Goletta during last night from Sfax with 74 Arab prisoners and 53 wounded French soldiers. She proceeded immediately for Toulon with the Arab prisoners.

I have just received the following telegram, dated Mascara this afternoon :—

“ Bou Amema has sent in two guns and a horse in token of submission. No reply has yet reached him. There is no truth as yet in the rumour of Soliman's defection. According to Arabs of Cacheron, Bou Amema predicts that he will come and die under a sacred tree in Cacheron. Everybody agrees in regarding General Cerez as responsible for the insurrection. The Spaniards are not emigrating willingly but by force. The Spanish Vice-Consul told a leading Spanish merchant that

he had received orders from the Consul who had come from Madrid to send over to Spain as many Spaniards as possible."

A telegram from Algiers states that Bou Amema's *prestige* is falling off. The Trafis have abandoned him, and his other contingents are ill-disposed towards him. The natives assert that, after an incursion into Morocco, he will return home for good.

According to a note inserted in the papers, the Government has received the most satisfactory news about the situation in Tunis. The capture of Sfax has produced an excellent moral effect. Soussa, Djerbah, Cabes, and Kairwan are perfectly calm. At Kairwan especially the insurgent tribes which had collected in that sacred town have dispersed, and complete submission has been made to the Bey. Garrisons will be placed, and are probably already installed, at Cabes and Djerbah, but as a mere measure of precaution. The news from the province of Constantine is also very satisfactory.

Last night about 300 Tunisian soldiers deserted, and among them there were several belonging to the Bey's body-guard. It is said that preparations will be commenced to-morrow to collect native troops, who will leave for the interior on Thursday under the command of Ali Bey. Altogether about 1,000 soldiers have deserted within the last few days.

Some Arab horsemen have carried away a number of cattle belonging to the Prime Minister from a farm between Mater and Biserta. Both these towns are occupied by French troops. It is also reported that attempts have been made to destroy the French railway near Ghardimeou.

The Enfida question will be advanced one step this week. Mr. Levy has returned to Tunis, and he has been cited to appear for his defence before the Maliki Tribunal next Thursday. As already stated, he merely intends protesting against the illegal transfer of the case from the Hanefi to the Maliki Court. The Société Marseillaise originally refused to appear before the Hanefi judges. They now consider that they have virtually gained the case.