

AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN LANDS

THE HOSTILITY TO THE FRENCH IN NORTH AFRICA.

A PROPOSAL TO APPROACH STILL NEARER
TO TRIPOLI—AN ALLEGED MOSLEM
CONSPIRACY DISCOVERED.

PARIS, July 31.—An official dispatch from Admiral Conrad reports that a battalion of infantry and a detachment of artillery are expected from Sfax to replace the marines who, it was announced on the 28th inst., had occupied the capital of the Island of Djerba. The island is to the southward of Sfax, and considerably nearer the Tripoli frontier. Admiral Conrad thinks the appearance of the squadron before Zarzish will be necessary in order to form a correct opinion of the state of affairs on this part of the seaboard, the inhabitants of which seem very hostile. This will bring the French still nearer Tripoli.

A letter from Constantinople to the *République Française* says the French Consul at Constantinople has arrested Sheik Mahmoud, whose father was a Mufti in Algiers at the time of the conquest, and upon him was discovered documents showing the existence of a vast Moslem conspiracy against the French in Africa.

MADRID, July 31.—The Spanish Government has addressed an energetic remonstrance to France concerning the alleged plundering of the Spanish Vice-Consulate on the occasion of the capture of Sfax.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—A dispatch from Paris says M. Constans, Minister of the Interior, has issued a circular to the Prefects enjoining them to preserve the strictest neutrality during the coming elections.

A Paris dispatch says the news from various parts of Algeria leads to the supposition that the marauders have retired into the interior.