

THE TUNISIAN INQUIRIES.

" French Tunisia "

The Government Commissioner.

February 5, 1912.

Friday, October 20

THE TURCO-ITALIAN BOYCOTT (p.13)

Here from the Depeche Sfaxienne is the text from placards that have been posted in Sfax.

To the local Muslim population.

You know everything that is happening between the Italian authorities and the Ottomans, that Arabs are suffering around the world, how many tears they have shed, what every Arab heart must suffer and the cost to all Arabs of this piracy both in men and money.

It is our duty to cut all relations with the enemy population, in mixing with them as well as in all kinds of relationships:

It is also our duty not to buy anything at all from Italian establishments and as much as possible not to sell to them, we impose this as a duty! In the hearts of all Muslims there must be a sting against the enemy nation. These cries must have come from every Muslim heart: To the glory of God and his Prophet Mohammed!

Sunday, December 10

THESE OTTOMAN BILLS (p.29)

From Southern Tunisia and published in Sfax:

A few days ago, at about 8 o'clock in the evening, several Turks were seated on the terrace of an establishment in our city when, having spilled some coffee, one of them ventured to address a few ill-sounding epithets to the owner of the café and then taking advantage to the waiter who served him asked arrogantly if he was French or Italian. However this waiter was Greek and he told them so.

Unfortunately for these louts one of our fellow Italians was sitting at a nearby table, he in turn called the waiter and asked him to ask the bully in the *chehia* what he would have done if he had found that he, the waiter, was Italian.

The *chehia* heard, understood, paid and fled with his peers.

Ah, so! How soon are we going to get rid of this game?

(Sunday, 10 December)

NEUTRALITY (p.29/30)

Under this heading, the "Union" wrote yesterday.

"As proof, non-observance of neutrality, we can cite the following facts:

"From Sousse the yachts 'San Antonio' and 'Gesu Maria' left with loads of semolina.

"From Sfax. sailboats depart continually loaded with food destined first of all for Bibans, take the road to Ben Gardane.

"A rich Arab regularly ships from Sousse and Sfax on vessels flying the Greek or Tunisian flag."

"Many passing officers make significant acquisitions of clothing.

"Six of these officers are about to leave, with 1,200 kilos of luggage loaded onto two cars rented in Tunis.

"What more do we want?"

Wednesday, January 10

ALWAYS THE TURKISH OFFICERS (p.32)

The "Unione" learns from Sfax that on Monday, 8th of this month, a car coming from Dehibat with two Turkish officers as passengers, had an accident 82 km from Sfax.

One passenger was injured quite seriously, the other and the driver were unharmed.

The wounded man was a deputy from Salonika.

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Last Friday, says our colleague, two other travelers who said they were from Austria, left for the border, but on the way, during a long and complicated breakdown, the driver recognized them as Ottoman subjects.

Ah! this, when will we decide to obstruct the way of the Turks whose continual transit through the Regency maintains our indigenous people in the perpetual hope that the Roumis will eventually be thrown into the sea in Tripoli as well as in Tunisia ?

Thursday, January 11

THE TURKS IN TUNISIA (p.32)

Rahmy M. Bey, a deputy from Salonika, who suffered a car accident on the road to Sfax, while returning to this city, from Tripoli, has been for the last few days in Tunis, where he stayed at the "Tunis Hotel".

Fully recovered from his injuries, which were, in fact very light, Mr. Bey Rahmy is preparing to return to the Turkish side - by

way of the Tunisian border, of course.

This character was not making his first trip to Tunisia. He was here two months ago, and perhaps even at other times.

It is curious to note how easily Mr. Bey Rahmy circulates in the Regency, passes and crosses the border without being the least, disturbed. It should, it seems, in his capacity as member!

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