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LES ACTUALITES FRANCAISES.

BOU ZAFJAR :

The little port of Bou Zafjar used to be a pleasant little seaside resort. Now it is a desolated area.

Bou Zafjar was attacked on May 9/10. The town was ransacked and set on fire by the Algerian rebels and the well-known Casino burned to the ground by means of petrol-filled bottles. The same happened to the horse-hair factory of a M. Martineau, whose private house was likewise set on fire by an outlaw who had been his neighbour for the past ten years. All the European residents of Bou Zafjar have now left and those remaining are a few French Moslems who go in fear of being killed at night by the rebels. These men belong to the 29th. Infantry Division - an army formation consisting of men recalled for active service. Their job is to patrol the vicinity of the port.

Then came another attack. This time it happened on May 12/13. The St. Paul farm was attacked by a strong force of rebels who set fire to the farm buildings and strangled the French Moslems guarding it. They strangled cattle in the fields and ransacked the barrels of wine in a storehouse. Security Forces which were sent to the spot had a field day. They searched a number of small native settlements, arrested local suspects and found arms and equipment of foreign origin.