

RIFFIANS BOMBARD FRENCH POSITIONS

Native Cannon Fire Becomes
More Accurate—New At-
tacks on Bibane.

SPANIARDS TO LAND SOON

Opening of Major Operation at
Alhuucemas Is Expected in Ten
or Fifteen Days.

gion of Rihana were driven back toward the north. Concentration of enemy forces in this region nevertheless continues and the menace is not entirely eliminated. The French, however, believe security of this part of the front is practically assured.

French intelligence officers in an attempt to ferret out promoters of the Moroccan agitation have interested themselves in the activity of a mysterious youth, 25 years old, who appears to have been one of Abd-el-Krim's leading agents. He is believed to be of German nationality. He came to Fez in October last, posing as the nephew of Ab-del-Krim and an ardent Francophile. Suddenly he disappeared and in April turned up a Casablanca, where he conferred with Spanish Communists. Now he is believed to be in Hamburg seeking support of a material nature for Abd-el-Krim's campaign.

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PARIS, June 1.—With a demonstration of considerable progress in the use of cannon, the Riff forces appear engaged in a movement for concentration in the region of Bibane. The French post there was subjected to a severe attack on the nights of May 30 and 31. The Riffians were repulsed, but occupation of the region by enemy forces constitutes an increasing menace to the loyal natives, whose supplies are in constant danger of being cut off from the north.

Toward the centre there is scattered fighting. The French yesterday successfully cleaned up the region of Bab Mizab and Koudia Segrate. North of Mountain Senadja, however, the Riffians, supported by a force of insurgents, are evidently assembling for an attack. They are believed to have 2,500 rifles at their disposal in the region of Moulay Ain Djenane.

What is worrying the French command most, however, is the increasing skill which the enemy is showing in the use of cannon. During the Bibane operations the Riffians executed a bombardment with Spanish 75s which, while not particularly destructive, revealed marked improvement over former performances from the viewpoint of accuracy of aim. In other sections in the same region the Riffians established a fortified front and strong entrenchments.

While the situation in the east remains calm, agitation and enemy propaganda proceeds at an unrelenting pace toward Loukhos and Rihana in the west. In the west insurgent forces which attempted a coup in the re-