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FEZ, July 8 (AP).—Today's French official communiqué says that 10,000 Abd-el-Krim's Riffians and tribesmen, hostile to the French, are pressing forward along the Ouergha River and seem determined to strike south for Fez.

Some of the tribes are falling back before the advance of Abd-el-Krim's forces. His leaders are attempting to turn all the tribes against the French.

The communiqué says that this Riffian offensive is menacing to one sector and that the tribes around Taza are being influenced by it. It adds that recent French successes constitute a good counter-influence.

The French have destroyed and abandoned some of their outposts north of Ouezzan.

[Presumably this is part of the consolidation of lines accompanying the French counter-movement intended to offset Abd-el-Krim's attempts to capture Taza.]