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LATEST INTELLIGENCE

FRANCE AND THE NEW HEBRIDES

SYDNEY, JUNE 17.

Information has been received here from Noumea of the return to that place of the French transport DIVES from the New Hebrides. The troops landed on the islands and hoisted the French flag at Sandwich and Malacolo. The establishment of military posts has been notified to the Resident at each place irrespective of nationality.

The Press of Noumea congratulate the French authorities on having accomplished the annexation of the New Hebrides in defiance of England and her colonies.

Confirmation of the above intelligence has been received by the New South Wales Government from the British Consul at Noumea, who has strongly protested against the proceedings of the French.

PARIS, June 17.

With regard to the New Hebrides question, the *Temps* this evening again asserts that the French Government have ordered no act which could give rise to the belief that France had taken possession of the islands. They have only, it says, ordered provisional measures to be taken for the protection of French subjects.