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NOTE.—The French Edition of this work bears the *Nihil Obstat* of Monsignor Baudrillart, Vicar-General of Paris and Rector of the Catholic Institute of Paris, and the *Imprimatur* of Cardinal Amette.

INTRODUCTION

ONE of the nations most wrought upon by German propaganda during the present war is, undoubtedly, Spain. From the first days of the conflict, the Germans installed themselves in San Sebastian, the summer residence of the Court; in Madrid, in Barcelona, eager to win the sympathies of the Spanish people: but so coarse, so impudent, were the means employed by them that their efforts were far from being crowned with success. Certainly a large part of the conservative classes and of the high military command, educated in Germany, openly declared themselves on the side of the Germans, as did also the members of the religious orders who saw in the triumph of France and Russia a menace to Catholicism. Dr. Amigo, Bishop of Southwark, who, being of Spanish descent, knows the spirit of his people,

sounded a true note concerning the attitude of the Spanish clergy in the letter he wrote to the *Times*, on the occasion of his visit to Spain last autumn.* It is however well known that the king of Spain, as a Bourbon, and, moreover, married to an English princess, and also the two Governments, Conservative and Liberal, who have succeeded each other since the war, while remaining neutral have never concealed their sympathies for the Allies' cause.

The Carlists alone, as a political party, by some incomprehensible aberration, have ranged themselves on the side of the Germans in opposition to the ideas and sympathies of their chief, Don Jaime de Borbon, who is a Russian colonel and fought in the Russo-Japanese war; who is also a passionate lover of France and was educated there and in England. In this country, we have not wholly forgotten

* For details of this visit see *Dublin Review*, April, 1916: "Spain and the War."