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## PREFACE

**T**HE following statements are chiefly based on short notes, which were made immediately or soon after the events. They make no claim to be a history of the periods dealt with, their object is far more to throw light on a few details which still need some explanation. At the same time it has been necessary, for the sake of continuity, to relate much that is well known. Their publication has been delayed, partly in order to give precedence to those who had statements of more importance to make, and partly because it seemed better not to contribute anything further towards the elucidation of vexed questions which are still disputed, until the excitement should have subsided sufficiently to enable people to form a dispassionate opinion.

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BERCHTESGADEN.

*In the spring of 1921.*



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