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strict and impartial neutrality in and during the said war, and to observe the laws of this Kingdom, her treaty engagements, and the law of nations in that behalf.

Given at our court at Nagara Pathom on this 6th day of August, 2457, year of our lord Buddha, and in the fifth year of our reign (August 6, 1914).

SPAIN.

*Declaration of neutrality, August 7, 1914.*¹

[Gaceta de Madrid, August 7, 1914; 155 Boletín de Legislación, 1914, 132.]

War having unfortunately been declared between Germany on the one hand and Russia, France, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland on the other, and the state of war existing in Austria-Hungary and in Belgium, it is the duty of his majesty's Government to prescribe to Spanish subjects the strictest neutrality in conformity with the laws in force and the principles of public international law.

In consequence, Spaniards residing in Spain and abroad who carry out any hostile act regarded as contrary to the strictest neutrality will lose all right to the protection of his majesty's Government and will undergo the consequences of any measures which the belligerents may establish, and that without prejudice to the penalties which they will incur according to the Spanish laws.

Agents, national or foreign, who, in Spanish territory, are employed or aiding in recruiting soldiers for any of the belligerent armies or navies, will in addition be subjected to the application of article 150 of the penal code.²

SWITZERLAND.

Ordinance forbidding the installation and utilization of radio-telegraph stations. August 2, 1914.

[Bundesgesetze und Verordnungen 1914, 30 : 351.]

The Swiss Federal Council, on the proposal of its military department, orders :

ARTICLE 1. The creation of new radio stations is forbidden on all territory of the Swiss Confederation.

¹ Similar declarations, in reference to war between Austria and Servia, July 30, 1914; Austria and Montenegro, August 14, 1914; Austria and Russia, France and Great Britain, August 16, 1914; Germany and Japan, August 26, 1914; Austria and Belgium, September 1, 1914; Turkey and Russia, France, and Great Britain, November 10, 1914; Italy and Austria, May 29, 1915; Italy and Turkey, August 25, 1915, etc.

² A decree of November 23, 1914, declared XIII Hague Convention, 1907, concerning the rights and duties of neutral powers in naval war, operative. (155 Boletín de Legislación, 1914, 75.)