

the custom-house, and had strengthened their position by erecting stone walls around the village. When we arrived the village was a mass of smoking ruins, and its late inhabi-

some sixty or a hundred families having been rendered homeless by the conflagration—in the direction of La Pucha, a Carlist outpost guarding the main road from Irun, through Be-



IRUN, FROM FRANCE.

tants were actively engaged in erecting wooden shanties on the French territory, where they had taken refuge in large numbers.

The line of wooden huts extended half a mile along the river bank—

hobie, to Vera. A ferry-boat was plying between the two banks. We entered it, and a few strokes of the oars took us over into Spain. On landing we were immediately surrounded by about a dozen Carlist