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On the invitation of Great Britain an International Naval Conference assembled at London, December 4, 1908, and signed the Declaration concerning the Laws of Naval War on February 26, 1909. This Declaration was the topic for consideration of the conference of the officers at the Naval War College during the past summer.

The delegates of the United States at the London Conference were Rear-Admiral C. H. Stockton, formerly president of the Naval War College, and Prof. George Grafton Wilson, of Brown University, lecturer on international law at the Naval War College. Professor Wilson presented, as fully as time allowed, to the officers of the conference at the Naval War College the main points of the Declaration of London and the reasons for the adoption of the Declaration by the representatives of the ten naval powers sending delegates to the London Conference.

The president of the college invites suggestions from officers of the service as to cases which may arise under the provisions of the Declaration of London.

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