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P R E F A C E .

As in 1915, 1916, and 1917, so in 1918 it is not possible to offer final opinions in matters relating to the conduct of the war which has been going on since July, 1914.

On April 6, 1917, the United States declared war against Germany and on December 7, 1917, declared war against Austria-Hungary. On November 3, 1918, an armistice was signed with Austria-Hungary. On November 11, 1918, an armistice was signed with the German Empire.

The discussions upon international law at the Naval War College during 1918, conducted by George Grafton Wilson, LL. D., professor of international law in Harvard University, had given special attention to the conduct of the war.

Official and other documents relating particularly to hostilities and to relations arising in consequence thereof have been under consideration. The documents in this volume are among those discussed. Many of these documents are translated from foreign languages. In such cases the language of issue of the documents is usually the only official text. While some of these documents are easily accessible, they are usually scattered, others have been published locally and have not yet appeared in any collection. The arrangement is usually chronological under the name of the State issuing the document. Since some of the documents relate to several subjects, the index has been made unusually complete in order that the volume may be easily serviceable.

As in previous years, the Naval War College desires to receive such questions as officers may deem worthy of consideration, and for such questions the documents herewith published may furnish many suggestions.

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