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PRELIMINARY NOTE.

On July 8, 1921, the State Department of the United States inquired informally of Great Britain, France, Italy, and Japan whether they would participate in a conference on limitation of armament. The reply was favorable. Closely related to limitation of armament were the problems of the Pacific and Far East. These matters were also included in the agenda, and for the Pacific and Far Eastern questions the participation of Belgium, China, the Netherlands, and Portugal was also invited.

The Conference met in Washington November 12, 1921, and adjourned February 6, 1922. Seven plenary sessions were held. The Committee on Limitation of Armaments held 21 meetings. The Committee on Pacific and Far Eastern Questions held 31 meetings. In addition to the above there were many meetings of special and sub committees.

Seven treaties were signed and 13 resolutions were adopted. The French text of the treaties and resolutions has been printed on pages opposite the English texts.

Full reports of the Conference on Limitation of Armament appeared in Senate Document No. 126, Sixty-seventh Congress, second session, 935 pages. The text of this Document No. 126 is reproduced in the following pages so far as it concerns the limitation of naval armament. The text relating particularly to other matters is omitted. The paging of this volume does not coincide with that of Senate Document No. 126, but the following is approximately the parallel paging:

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After this Naval War College volume was in type the Government published a report of the conference with English and French texts upon opposite pages. The title of that report is Conference on Limitation of Armament, Washington, November 12, 1921-February 6, 1922, and that report contains 1,757 pages. That volume does not contain the report of the American delegation to the President.