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PREFACE.

The joint resolution terminating the state of war between the United States and Austria and the United States and Germany was not signed till July 2, 1921.

This joint resolution was embodied in treaties of peace signed August 24 and 25, 1921, respectively. During the early part of the year 1921 the discussion upon international law at the Naval War College gave attention to relations based upon the technical state of war then existing.

The problems of the Conference on Limitation of Armaments, to which President Harding invited Great Britain, France, Italy, and Japan, on August 11, 1921, were also discussed. This Conference met on November 12, 1921, and adjourned on February 6, 1922.

It seems desirable that the results of the Conference on Limitation of Armament, so far as they relate most directly to the Navy, should be easily available to naval officers. Accordingly, the Proposal of the United States for Limitation of Naval Armament, the Minutes of the Committee on Limitation of Armament, and the Treaties and Resolutions of the Conference, with some additional material, is here brought together.

The discussions upon international law at the Naval War College have been conducted by George Grafton Wilson, LL. D., professor of international law in Harvard University, and one of the legal advisers at the Conference on Limitation of Armament.

This volume of the Naval War College Publications has been delayed in order that the work of the Conference on Limitation of Armament might be presented.

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