

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HAGUE PEACE CONFERENCES

. . . The opening volume covers the proceedings of the 26-nation, two-month conference of 1899 in three parts. Part I is devoted to the 10 plenary sessions of the conference, including presentation of the Final Act of the Conference. The other parts cover the meetings of the Commissions or committees into which the conference divided its subjects for discussion: Part II focuses on the First Commission on the limitation of armaments; Part III deals with the Second Commission on maritime warfare and the laws and customs of war; and Part IV covers the Third Commission on mediation and arbitration.

The next three volumes, subtitled *The Conference of 1907*, cover the proceedings of the 44-nation, four-month Second Hague Peace Conference, which was convened to reexamine and expand the work of 1899. Major goals of this conference included elaborating on the 1899 Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, which established the Permanent Court of Arbitration, and extending the laws of war to maritime warfare. In the volumes subtitled *The Conference of 1907*, Volume I contains the list of participating powers and delegates, the minutes of the 10 plenary sessions, reports, and the Conventions; Volume II focuses on the First Commission, which addressed arbitration; and Volume III covers the work of the three other Commissions, which dealt with the rules of war on land, the rules of war at sea, and maritime law.