

filled, hoisting a neutral flag on board a British vessel can not possibly endanger neutral shipping and the British Government hold that if loss to neutrals is caused by disregard of this obligation it is upon the enemy vessel disregarding it and upon the government giving orders that it should be disregarded that the sole responsibility for injury to neutrals ought to rest.

#### POSTPONEMENT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The Executive Committee on March 13, 1915, held a meeting at No. 2 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C., to consider the program of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Society, which had been referred to it because it was found to be inconvenient for a sufficient number of members of the Committee on the Ninth Annual Meeting to assemble for that purpose. There were present at the meeting the following members:

HONORABLE JOHN W. FOSTER, *Chairman*  
HONORABLE CHANDLER P. ANDERSON,  
MR. CHARLES HENRY BUTLER,  
MR. JACKSON H. RALSTON,  
MR. JAMES BROWN SCOTT.

Communications were received from the following members:

HONORABLE GEORGE GRAY,  
HONORABLE ROBERT LANSING,  
HONORABLE ELIHU ROOT,  
PROFESSOR GEORGE G. WILSON.

At the meeting an invitation from the Chairman of the Section on International Law of the Second Pan-American Scientific Congress was laid before the Committee, inviting the Society to participate in the meeting of that Congress to be held in Washington from December 27, 1915, to January 8, 1916. The preliminary program of the Congress which has been sent to each member of the Society, enumerates the subjects to be discussed in the Section on International Law.

It will be noted from the program that it is expected that the first session of the American Institute of International Law will also be held in connection with the Congress. This newly organized Institute is made up of representatives of national societies of international law formed in the different Pan-American countries, of which a number are already in existence. It will be recalled that at the last meeting of the

Society it was voted to affiliate and co-operate with this Institute. (Proceedings for 1914, pp. 231-232.)

In view of the invitation to participate in the Congress, which is officially convened and supported by the Government of the United States and which will awaken interest in all the other American countries, the Executive Committee deemed it desirable and advisable that the Society should take part in the proceedings of the Congress and accordingly decided to postpone the Ninth Annual Meeting until that time so that it may be held in conjunction with the meeting of the Congress. It is expected not only that the members of the Society will take part in the meetings of the Section on International Law of the Congress, but that the Society itself will hold its regular meeting to discuss its own program, which will be arranged with the dates of meeting and sent out in due course, and hold its annual banquet as usual.

#### THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER POWERS CONCERNING THE WAR

The JOURNAL has supplied its readers in recent SUPPLEMENTS with the diplomatic correspondence published by the different belligerents relating to the outbreak of the war in Europe. This correspondence has been published in a number of other places in pamphlet or fugitive form, but it has been thought advisable to print it in the SUPPLEMENT to the JOURNAL so that its readers may have it in form suitable for permanent preservation and ready reference.

The voluminous proportions of these documents has, however, made it impracticable to include in the SUPPLEMENT the text of the correspondence which has taken place between the United States and belligerent countries relating to questions arising from the war regarding neutral and belligerent rights. Important portions of these documents have been and will be summarized from time to time in our editorial columns, but the full text of the correspondence is equally as interesting and valuable for permanent preservation as the diplomatic correspondence of the European governments relating to the war.

The JOURNAL is happy to announce that it has arranged to issue a special SUPPLEMENT to accompany the July number which will contain a complete collection of the diplomatic correspondence of the United States with other countries concerning the questions above mentioned which will cover the period from the outbreak of the war, namely Au-