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FOREWORD

The systematic collection of decisions of international claims commissions contemplated in the foreword to volume IV of the present series of Reports of International Arbitral Awards and already embracing the decisions of the so-called Mexican Claims Commissions, as far as available (vol. IV: General and Special Claims Commissions Mexico-United States; vol. V: Claims Commissions Great Britain-Mexico, France-Mexico and Germany-Mexico), is continued with the present volume devoted to the decisions of the Arbitral Tribunal United States-Great Britain constituted under the Special Agreement of August 18, 1910, the Tripartite Claims Commission United States. Austria and Hungary constituted under the Agreement of November 26, 1924, and the General Claims Commission United States-Panama constituted under the Claims Convention of July 28, 1926, modified by the Convention of December 17, 1932.

The mode of presentation followed in this volume is the same as that used in volumes IV-V. Each award is captioned under the name of the individual claimant, together with identification of the espousing and the respondent governments. Notation is made of the date of the award, any separate concurring or dissenting opinions rendered by the commissioners, and the original report from which the decision was drawn. A head note or digest is offered in each case to facilitate its use in research by practitioners and students of international law. The index found at the end of this volume is based upon such head notes. In view of the fact that the head notes offered in this volume, like those preceding the decisions included in volumes IV-V, are more elaborate than the head notes offered in volumes I-III, the index to the present volume, unlike the one placed at the end of volume III and covering the first three volumes of the series, contains no indications regarding actual decisions given on particular points. It is trusted, however, that through the increased head notes to which the index refers the reader consulting the index will be able to inform himself as quickly as under the system adopted for volumes I-III.

It will be observed that historical notes of the establishment and work of each tribunal, bibliographies relating to each tribunal, and, finally, bibliographical references to discussions of particular cases are included. In addition, if any case has been published in any source other than that from which the instant publication is made, reference has been given to such source or sources.

Since the appreciation of each decision depends not only upon its contents but also upon the terms of the particular compromis and the law laid down by it to be applied by the tribunal, the texts of the treaty or treaties under which each tribunal functioned are included.

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