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Ante, p. 261.
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numerary enlisted men; and nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as authorizing a permanent increase of the commissioned or enlisted force of the Regular Army beyond that now provided by the law in force prior to the passage of this Act, except as to the increase of twenty-five majors provided for in section one hereof.

Approved, April 26, 1898.

April 29, 1898.

CHAP. 226.—An Act Extending the time for the completion of bridge across Saint Lawrence River.

St. Lawrence River.
Time extended for
bridging.
Vol. 27, p. 440.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section four of the Act approved February ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, authorizing the Saint Lawrence Railway Company, of the State of New York, to build and maintain a bridge across the Saint Lawrence River at some point in Saint Lawrence County, State of New York, as amended by the Act approved February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be, and is hereby, further amended by extending the time for the completion of said bridge to February ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Vol. 29, p. 7.

Approved, April 29, 1898.

April 29, 1898.

CHAP. 227.—An Act Providing for the construction of a bridge across the Yalobusha River, between Leflore and Carroll counties, in the State of Mississippi.

Yazoo and Missis-
sippi Valley Railroad
may bridge Yalobusha
River, Mississippi.
Post, p. 716.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Mississippi, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a railway bridge across the Yalobusha River, at or near the railroad station known as Dodds Ferry, in Carroll County, Mississippi, the said bridge to be so constructed as not to unreasonably interfere with the navigation of said river and to be provided with a suitable draw: *Provided,* That a bridge constructed under this Act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known and recognized as a post route, and the same is hereby declared to be a post route; and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge

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Secretary of War to
prescribe regulations.

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etc.

SEC. 2. That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War for his examination and approval a design and drawings of the proposed bridge and a map of the location giving, for the space of two miles above and two miles below the proposed location, the high and low water lines upon the banks of the river, the direction and strength of the currents at all stages of the water, with the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream and the location of any other bridge or bridges, such map to be sufficiently in detail to enable the Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject, and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War no work upon the bridge shall be commenced; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

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Amendment.
Interference with
navigation.

SEC. 3. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act at any time; and if at any time navigation of the said river shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by the said bridge, the

Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require the said bridge company to alter and change the said bridge, at its own expense, in such manner as may be proper to secure the reasonably free and unobstructed navigation of said river. —alterations.

SEC. 4. That said company shall be permitted to charge and take such rates of toll for crossing said bridge as may be reasonable, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War. Toll.

SEC. 5. That the draw provided for the bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passing of boats, and said company or corporation shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board shall prescribe. Draw. Lights.

SEC. 6. That all telephone and telegraph companies shall be granted equal rights and privileges in the construction and operation of their lines across said bridge; and if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized shall not be commenced on or before the first day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and be completed by the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, the rights and privileges hereby granted shall cease and be determined. Telegraph and telephone companies. Commencement and completion.

SEC. 7. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same and over the approaches thereto upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the several railroad companies, or any one of them desiring such use, shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties. Rights of railroads. Disagreements with owner of bridge.

SEC. 8. That the said company may associate or join with themselves in the construction, maintenance, and operation of said bridge the Illinois Central Railroad Company, or any other railway company duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Mississippi. Cooperation of other railroads in operating, etc., bridge.

Approved, April 29, 1898.

CHAP. 228.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Yazoo River at or near the city of Greenwood, in Leflore County, in the State of Mississippi." April 29, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Yazoo River at or near the city of Greenwood, in Leflore County, in the State of Mississippi," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, be, and the same is, so amended that the actual construction of the bridge therein authorized to be constructed shall be commenced within one year after the date of the approval of this Act, and shall be completed within three years after said date; and the provisions of the Act hereby amended shall remain in full force and effect, to all intents and purposes, just as though the construction of said bridge had been commenced and the same had been completed within the dates prescribed in said Act. Yazoo River, Mississippi. Time extended for bridging. Vol. 29, p. 628.

Approved, April 29, 1898.

CHAP. 229.—An Act To approve a compromise and settlement between the United States and the State of Arkansas. April 29, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the compromise and settlement effected February twenty-third, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, between the United States and the State of Arkansas by John G. Compromise with the State of Arkansas as to certain bonds, land grants, etc., approved.