

ing laws, or whose claims are pending in the Bureau of Pensions, may, by application to the Commissioner of Pensions, in such form as he may prescribe, showing themselves entitled thereto, receive the benefits of this Act; and nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent any pensioner thereunder from prosecuting his claim and receiving his pension under any other general or special Act: *Provided, however,* That no person shall receive more than one pension for the same period: *And provided further,* That rank in the service shall not be considered in applications filed under this Act.

Pensioners under existing acts, etc., not barred.

One pension for same period. Service rank not considered.

“SEC. 3. That if any officer or enlisted man who served ninety days or more in the Army or Navy of the United States during the late war of the rebellion, and who was honorably discharged has died, or shall hereafter die, leaving a widow without means of support other than her daily labor, and an actual net income not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars per year, or minor children under the age of sixteen years, such widow shall, upon due proof of her husband's death, without proving his death to be the result of his army service, be placed on the pension roll from the date of the application therefor under this Act, at the rate of eight dollars per month during her widowhood, and shall also be paid two dollars per month for each child of such officer or enlisted man under sixteen years of age; and in case of the death or remarriage of the widow, leaving a child or children of such officer or enlisted man under the age of sixteen years, such pension shall be paid such child or children until the age of sixteen: *Provided,* That in case a minor child is insane, idiotic, or otherwise physically or mentally helpless, the pension shall continue during the life of said child, or during the period of such disability; and this proviso shall apply to all pensions heretofore granted or hereafter to be granted under this or any former statute; and such pensions shall commence from the date of application therefor after the passage of this Act: *And provided further,* That said widow shall have married said soldier prior to the passage of the said Act of June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety.”

Dependent widows and minor children.

Widow's pension.

—children.

Provisos.
—continuing pension to minor child during permanent disability; application to all pensions, etc.

Limit as to time of marriage.

Approved, May 9, 1900.

CHAP. 386.—An Act To amend the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, for the allowance of certain claims for stores and supplies reported by the Court of Claims under the provisions of the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and commonly known as the Bowman Act, and for other purposes.

May 9, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the Act for the allowance of certain claims for stores and supplies reported by the Court of Claims under the provisions of the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and commonly known as the Bowman Act, and for other purposes, approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, as authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the legal representatives of Jacob S. Engleman, deceased, late of Augusta County, Virginia, five hundred and ten dollars be repealed. And in lieu thereof there is appropriated to Jacob S. Engleman, administrator of John Engleman, deceased, late of Augusta County, Virginia, the sum of five hundred and ten dollars, and the same is directed to be paid him by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Jacob S. Engleman, administrator of John Engleman, deceased. Payment to. Vol. 30, p. 1188, amended.

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CHAP. 387.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to make regulations governing the running of loose logs, steamboats, and rafts on certain rivers and streams.

Navigation.
Exemption from
prohibition against
floating sack rafts
in streams navigated
by steamboats.
Vol. 30, p. 1152.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the prohibition contained in section fifteen of the river and harbor Act, approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, against floating loose timber and logs, or sack rafts, so called, of timber and logs in streams or channels actually navigated by steamboats, shall not apply to any navigable river or waterway of the United States or any part thereof whereon the floating of loose timber and logs and sack rafts of timber and logs is the principal method of navigation. But such method of navigation on such river or waterway or part thereof shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War as hereinafter provided.

Secretary of War to
make regulations for
floating logs, rafts, etc.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War shall have power, and he is hereby authorized and directed, within the shortest practicable time after the passage hereof, to prescribe rules and regulations, which he may at any time modify, to govern and regulate the floating of loose timber and logs, and sack rafts, (so called) of timber and logs and other methods of navigation on the streams and waterways, or any thereof, of the character, as to navigation, in section one hereof described. The said rules and regulations shall be so framed as to equitably adjust conflicting interests between the different methods or forms of navigation; and the said rules and regulations shall be published at least once in such newspaper or newspapers of general circulation as in the opinion of the Secretary of War shall be best adapted to give notice of said rules and regulations to persons affected thereby and locally interested therein. And all modifications of said rules and regulations shall be similarly published. And such rules and regulations when so prescribed and published as to any such stream or waterway shall have the force of law, and any violation thereof shall be a misdemeanor, and every person convicted of such violation shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars nor less than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment (in case of a natural person) for not less than thirty days nor more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court: *Provided,* That the proper action to enforce the provisions of this section may be commenced before any commissioner, judge, or court of the United States, and such commissioner, judge or court shall proceed in respect thereto as authorized by law in the case of crimes or misdemeanors committed against the United States.

—publication.

—force.

—penalty.

Proviso.
Procedure.

Amendment.

Pending actions un-
affected.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act at any time is hereby reserved.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall not, nor shall any rules or regulations prescribed thereunder, in any manner affect any civil action or actions heretofore commenced and now pending to recover damages claimed to have been sustained by reason of the violation of any of the terms of said section fifteen, as originally enacted, or in violation of any other law.

Approved, May 9, 1900.

May 10, 1900.

CHAP. 388.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Back Bay, at Biloxi, Mississippi.

Biloxi, Miss., may
bridge Back Bay, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the mayor and board of aldermen of the town of Biloxi, in the State of Mississippi, be, and hereby are, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge and