

time of war, except for the performance of duties such as required by his license; and while performing such duties in the service of the United States every such master, mate, pilot, or engineer shall be entitled to the highest rate of wages paid in the merchant marine of the United States for similar services; and if killed or wounded while performing such duties under the United States, they, or their heirs, or their legal representatives, shall be entitled to all the privileges accorded to soldiers and sailors serving in the Army or Navy, under the pension laws of the United States."

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[H. R. 16296.]  
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**CHAP. 335.**—An Act To provide for issuing of patents for public lands claimed under the homestead laws by deserted wives.

Public lands.  
Homestead entries  
may be completed by  
deserted wife.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in any case in which persons have regularly initiated claims to public lands as settlers thereon under the provisions of the homestead laws, and the wife of such homestead settler or entryman, while residing upon the homestead claim and prior to submission of final proof of residence, cultivation, and improvement as prescribed by law, has been abandoned and deserted by her husband for a period of more than one year, the deserted wife shall, upon establishing the fact of such abandonment or desertion to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior, be entitled to submit proof upon such claim and obtain patent therefor in her name in the form, manner, and subject to the conditions prescribed in section twenty-two hundred and ninety-one of the Revised Statutes of the United States and Acts supplemental thereto and amendatory thereof: *Provided,* That in such cases the wife shall be required to show residence upon, cultivation, and improvement of the homestead by herself for such time as when, added to the time during which her husband prior to desertion had complied with the law, would aggregate the full amount of residence, improvement, and cultivation required by law: *And provided further,* That the published and posted notices of intention to submit final proof in such cases shall recite the fact that the proof is to be offered and patent sought by applicant as a deserted wife, and, prior to its submission, notice thereof shall be served upon the husband of the applicant in such a manner and under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe.

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[H. R. 14377.]  
[Public, No. 222.]

**CHAP. 336.**—An Act To amend section forty-four hundred and seventy-two of the Revised Statutes.

Steam vessels.  
Carrying dangerous  
articles on, prohibited.  
R. S., sec. 4472, p.  
865, amended.  
Vol. 33, p. 1031; Vol.  
34, p. 204; Vol. 37, p. 650.  
Gasoline for lighting  
and wireless systems  
permitted.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section forty-four hundred and seventy-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following provision:

Regulations to be  
prescribed.

"*Provided, however,* That nothing in the foregoing or following sections of this Act shall prohibit the transportation and use by vessels carrying passengers or freight for hire of gasoline or any of the products of petroleum for the operation of engines to supply an auxiliary lighting and wireless system independent of the vessel's main power plant: *Provided further,* That the transportation or use of such gasoline or any of the products of petroleum shall be under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the board of supervising inspectors, with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce."

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