

United States.
Territory included in
term.

The words "United States" shall include the Canal Zone and all territory and waters, continental and insular, subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

Associate nation.
Meaning of words.

The words "associate nation," as used in this Act, shall be deemed to mean any nation at war with any nation with which the United States is at war.

Punishment for in-
juring, destroying, etc.,
war material, prem-
ises, or utilities.
Specified acts.

SEC. 2. That when the United States is at war, whoever, with intent to injure, interfere with, or obstruct the United States or any associate nation in preparing for or carrying on the war, or whoever, with reason to believe that his act may injure, interfere with, or obstruct the United States or any associate nation in preparing for or carrying on the war, shall willfully injure or destroy, or shall attempt to so injure or destroy, any war material, war premises, or war utilities, as herein defined, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than thirty years, or both.

Punishment for ob-
structing, etc., United
States or associate na-
tion in carrying on
the war.
Specified acts.

SEC. 3. That when the United States is at war, whoever, with intent to injure, interfere with, or obstruct the United States or any associate nation in preparing for or carrying on the war, or whoever, with reason to believe that his act may injure, interfere with, or obstruct the United States or any associate nation in preparing for or carrying on the war, shall willfully make or cause to be made in a defective manner, or attempt to make or cause to be made in a defective manner, any war material, as herein defined, or any tool, implement, machine, utensil, or receptacle used or employed in making, producing, manufacturing, or repairing any such war material, as herein defined, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than thirty years, or both.

Approved, April 20, 1918.

April 20, 1918.
[H. R. 9163.]

[Public, No. 136.]

CHAP. 60.—An Act To provide for reimbursement of actual expenses or flat per diem for enlisted men traveling on duty under competent orders.

Army.
Enlisted men reim-
bursed for travel ex-
penses, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter under such regulations and within such maximum rates as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War enlisted men may be reimbursed for actual expenses of travel, including subsistence and lodging, incurred while traveling under competent orders and not embraced in the movement of troops, or they may be paid a flat per diem therefor in lieu of such reimbursement.

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April 20, 1918.
[H. R. 9902.]

[Public, No. 137.]

CHAP. 61.—An Act To amend section eight of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the Military Establishment of the United States," approved May eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Army emergency in-
crease.
Ante, p. 81, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last sentence of section eight of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the Military Establishment of the United States," approved May eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

General officers for
emergency.
Filling resulting va-
cancies in the Army.
Vol. 39, p. 211.

"Vacancies in the grades of the Regular Army resulting from the appointment of officers thereof to higher grades in the forces other than the Regular Army herein provided for shall be filled by temporary promotions and appointments in the manner prescribed by section one hundred and fourteen of the national defense Act, approved June third, nineteen hundred and sixteen, except that such promotions and appointments may be made by the President alone

Appointments by
President alone pro-
vided.

when such vacancies are in grades not above that of colonel; and officers appointed under the provisions of this Act to higher grades in the forces other than the Regular Army herein provided for shall not vacate their permanent commissions or be prejudiced in their relative or lineal standing in the Regular Army.

Approved, April 20, 1918.

Permanent status retained.

CHAP. 62.—An Act To amend the emergency shipping fund provisions of the urgent deficiency appropriation Act approved June fifteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, so as to empower the President and his designated agents to take over certain transportation systems for the transportation of shipyard and plant employees, and for other purposes.

April 22, 1918.
[S. 3385.]

[Public, No. 133.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one of the emergency shipping fund provisions of the urgent deficiency appropriation Act of June fifteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended by adding a new provision reading as follows:

Emergency Shipping Fund.
Ante, p. 182, amended.
Additional powers conferred.

“(f) To take possession of, lease or assume control of, any street railroad, interurban railroad, or part thereof wherever operated, and all cars, appurtenances, and franchises or parts thereof commonly used in connection with the operation thereof necessary for the transfer and transportation of employees of shipyards or plants engaged or that may hereafter be engaged in the construction of ships or equipment therefor for the United States.”

Possession of street railroads, etc., to convey employees to shipyards, etc.
Post, p. 651.

SEC. 2. That paragraph (b) of section one of said Act is hereby amended by adding, after the word “material,” in the third line of said paragraph, the following words, “or take possession, lease or assume control of, any street railroad, interurban railroad, or part thereof, cars and other equipment necessary to operation.”

To modify street railroad, etc., contracts.

SEC. 3. That upon taking possession of such property, or leasing or assuming control thereof, just compensation shall be made therefor, to be determined by the President, and if the amount thereof so determined by the President is unsatisfactory to the person entitled to receive the same, such person shall be paid seventy-five per centum of the amount so determined by the President and shall be entitled to sue the United States of America to recover such further sums as added to seventy-five per centum will make up such amount as will be just compensation therefor, in the manner provided for by section twenty-four, paragraph twenty, and section one hundred and forty-five of the Judicial Code.

Compensation to be determined by the President.
Suit, etc., if amount unsatisfactory.
Procedure.

The President may exercise the power and authority hereby vested in him through the several departments of the Government, and through such agency or agencies as he shall determine from time to time.

Procedure.
Vol. 36, pp. 1093, 1136.

Execution of powers, etc.

Approved, April 22, 1918.

CHAP. 63.—An Act To conserve the gold supply of the United States; to permit the settlement in silver of trade balances adverse to the United States; to provide silver for subsidiary coinage and for commercial use; to assist foreign governments at war with the enemies of the United States; and for the above purposes to stabilize the price and encourage the production of silver.

April 23, 1918.
[S. 4292.]

[Public, No. 139.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized from time to time to melt or break up and to sell as bullion not in excess of three hundred and fifty million standard silver dollars now or hereafter held in the Treasury of the United States. Any silver certificates which may be outstanding against such standard silver dollars so melted or broken up shall be

Silver, etc.
Amount of standard dollars in Treasury to be sold as bullion.

Certificates issued therefor to be retired.