

cannon balls for the purpose of decorating the soldiers' monument in said place: *Provided*, That the same can be spared without detriment to the service, and that no expense is hereby incurred by the Government.

Proviso.  
Expense.

Approved, May 21, 1896.

**CHAP. 223.**—An Act Authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Navy to donate one condemned cannon and condemned cannon balls to U. S. Grant Post, Numbered Seventy-two, Grand Army of the Republic, of Washington, Indiana, Department of Indiana, and for other purposes.

May 21, 1896.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to donate one condemned cannon and condemned cannon balls for two pyramids to U. S. Grant Post, Numbered Seventy-two, Grand Army of the Republic, of Washington, Indiana, Department of Indiana; and that the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to donate two pieces of condemned cannon and four pyramids of condemned cannon balls to the Saint Boniface Union Soldiers' Monument and Memorial Association, of Chicago, Illinois, for the soldiers' monument now erected in Saint Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois; also two cannon and a pyramid of cannon balls to the Soldiers' Monument Association at Londonderry, New Hampshire: *Provided*, That in the judgment of the Secretary of the Navy such articles can be spared without detriment to the public interests: *And provided further*, That the United States shall not be subjected to any expense on account of such donation.

Condemned cannon.  
Donated Grand Army post, Washington, Ind., and monument associations, Chicago, Ill., and Londonderry, N. H.

Provisos.  
Condition.  
Expense.

Approved, May 21, 1896.

**CHAP. 224.**—An Act To establish a railroad bridge across the Illinois River near Grafton, Illinois.

May 21, 1896.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Saint Louis, Perry and Chicago Railroad, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to erect, construct, establish, and maintain a railway bridge, and approaches thereto, across the Illinois River, in the State of Illinois, between a point to be selected by said railroad, or its successors or assigns, within five miles from and above the upper limits of Grafton, in the county of Jersey in said State, and a point in Calhoun County in said State, to be selected by said railroad, or its successors or assigns, opposite or nearly opposite the point so selected as aforesaid in said Jersey County: *Provided*, That the location selected shall be suitable to the interests of navigation.

St. Louis, Perry and Chicago Railroad may bridge Illinois River, Grafton, Ill.

Railway bridge.

Proviso.  
Location.

Drawbridge.

**SEC. 2.** That the bridge authorized by and constructed under this Act shall be a pivot drawbridge, the drawspan on the Jersey side to commence at the abutment of the approach on that side of the river, which abutment on the Jersey side shall be within the low-water mark, and the bridge shall have a draw over the main channel of the river at an accessible and navigable point, with two equal drawspans, one on each side of the central or pivot pier, each giving a clear width of waterway of not less than one hundred and sixty feet; and the span next the drawspan on the Calhoun side of the river shall not be less than two hundred feet in length, and the remaining span of such length as shall be necessary to reach the approach on that side of the river, which will be beyond low water on the Calhoun side. All spans to have a clear headroom of ten feet above high water; and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel with the current of the river when said bridge shall be erected.

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**SEC. 3.** That any bridge constructed under this Act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known and

Lawful structure and post route.

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| Postal telegraph.                       | recognized as a post route, and the same is hereby declared to be a post route, and it shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as other post roads in the United States, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for their transportation over the railroads leading to said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge.   |
| Use by other companies.                 | <b>SEC. 4.</b> 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 railroad trains over the same and the approaches thereto, and in the use of the machinery and fixtures thereof, upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use, and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the railroad companies, or any of them, desiring such use, shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid as such compensation, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, or either of said matters, then all matters in dispute or at issue between them or any of them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.   |
| Compensation.                           | <b>SEC. 5.</b> That the structure herein authorized shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of 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 said bridge and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, the location of any other bridge or bridges, 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 the bridge shall not be commenced or built, and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the process of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and the said bridge shall be at all times so managed and kept as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under said structure; and such aids to the passage of the draw, in the form of pile or erib guides, as the Secretary of War may deem necessary, shall be constructed by the said company; and to secure the safe passage of vessels at night there shall be maintained on said bridge, at the expense of the owners thereof, from the hour of sunset to that of sunrise, such lights as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board, and the said structure shall be changed, at the cost and expense of the owners thereof, from time to time, as the Secretary of War may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river. |
| Secretary of War to approve plans, etc. | <b>SEC. 6.</b> That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.   |
| Changes.                                | <b>SEC. 7.</b> That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.  |
| Aids to navigation.                     | Approved, May 21, 1896.  |
| Lights, etc.                            |  |
| Commencement and completion.            |  |
| Amendment, etc.                         |  |

May 21, 1896.

**CHAP. 225.**—An Act Donating condemned cannon and cannon balls.

Condemned cannon.  
Donated to Grand  
Army posts, Sparta,  
Ill., Morenci, Mich.,  
Enid, Okla., North-  
ville, Mich.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to deliver to Grand Army of the Republic post of Sparta, Illinois, one condemned cannon and five cannon balls for the purpose of decorating the soldiers' monument in said place, and two condemned cannon and five cannon balls for the