

own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

“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.

Telephone and telegraph 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.

Railroads.
—to have equal rights to use.
—disagreement 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 constructing, etc., bridge.

Approved, July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 576.—An Act To protect the harbor defenses and fortifications constructed or used by the United States from malicious injury, and for other purposes.

July 7, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who shall willfully, wantonly, or maliciously trespass upon, injure, or destroy any of the works or property or material of any submarine mine or torpedo, or fortification or harbor-defense system owned or constructed or in process of construction by the United States, or shall willfully or maliciously interfere with the operation or use of any such submarine mine, torpedo, fortification, or harbor-defense system, or shall knowingly, willfully or wantonly violate any regulation of the War Department that has been made for the protection of such mine, torpedo, fortification or harbor-defense system shall be punished, on conviction thereof in a district court of the United States for the district in which the offense is committed, by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five thousand dollars, or with imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or with both, in the discretion of the court.

Army.
Protection of harbor defenses and fortifications.

—penalty for injury to.

SEC. 2. That when any offense is committed in any place, jurisdiction over which has been retained by the United States or ceded to it by a State, or which has been purchased with the consent of a State for the erection of a fort, magazine, arsenal, dockyard, or other needful building or structure, the punishment for which offense is not provided for by any law of the United States, the person committing such offense shall, upon conviction in a circuit or district court of the United States for the district in which the offense was committed, be liable to and receive the same punishment as the laws of the State in which such place is situated now provide for the like offense when committed within the jurisdiction of such State, and the said courts are hereby vested with jurisdiction for such purpose; and no subsequent repeal of any such State law shall affect any such prosecution.

Offenses committed in places under Federal jurisdiction.

—where no penalty provided by Federal law.

—United States courts to have jurisdiction.

—penalty, etc.

Approved, July 7, 1898.

July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 577.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge over Tombigbee River, in the State of Mississippi.

Monroe County,
Miss., may bridge
Tombigbee River.

Location.

Transit.

Not to obstruct nav-
igation.

Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

Proviso.
—approval to precede
construction, etc.
—changes.

Aids to navigation.

Lights.

Lawful structure.

Amendment.

Commencement and
completion.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Monroe, in the State of Mississippi, is hereby authorized to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto over the Tombigbee River, at or near a point three hundred yards north of where the railroad bridge of the main line of the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham Railroad crosses said river. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, and for foot passengers.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under the provisions of this Act shall be built and constructed without material interference with the security and convenience of navigation, such as is had or practicable to be had on said river, and in order to secure a compliance with this condition the board of supervisors of the said county and State shall submit to the Secretary of War a plan of the bridge provided for in this Act, with such other information as may be required by the Secretary of War for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed, upon receiving such plan and other information, and being satisfied that the bridge built upon such plan will conform to prescribed conditions of this Act, to immediately notify the board of supervisors for said county, in said State, that he approves the same, and upon receiving such notification the said county may proceed to the erection of said bridge: *Provided,* That until the Secretary of War shall approve the location and plan of the said bridge the same shall not be commenced or built, and any change in the location or plan before or after completion of the bridge shall be subject to his approval: *Provided further,* That the said bridge shall be so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of boats through or under said structure, and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge, at the expense of the owners thereof, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe.

SEC. 3. That any bridge constructed under this Act and according to these provisions and conditions shall be a lawful structure, over which may be transmitted the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States free of charge, and the United States shall have the right of way for postal telegraph purposes across said bridge.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

SEC. 5. 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.

Approved, July 7, 1898.

July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 578.—An Act To amend section forty-seven hundred and forty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Pensions.
Penalty for false
affidavit and post-
dating vouchers.
R. S., sec. 4746, p. 924,
amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-seven hundred and forty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended to read as follows:

“That every person who knowingly or willfully makes or aids, or assists in the making, or in any wise procures the making or presentation of any false or fraudulent affidavit, declaration, certificate, voucher, or paper or writing purporting to be such, concerning any claim for pension or payment thereof, or pertaining to any other matter within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Pensions or of the Secretary of the Interior, or who knowingly or willfully makes or causes to be made, or aids or assists in the making, or presents or causes to be pre-