

shall make it expedient and practicable to secure the same by concurrent action of the leading commercial nations of the world and at a ratio which shall insure permanence of relative value between gold and silver.

Approved, March 14, 1900.

March 16, 1900.

CHAP. 45.—An Act To grant an American register to the steamer Windward.

Steamer "Windward" granted American register.

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 and directed to cause the foreign-built steamer Windward, owned by Civil Engineer Robert E. Peary, United States Navy, to be registered as a vessel of the United States, provided that she shall not engage in the coastwise trade of this Republic.

Approved, March 16, 1900.

March 23, 1900.

CHAP. 88.—An Act Declaring Cuivre River to be not a navigable stream.

Cuivre River, Mo., declared not navigable.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Cuivre River, in the counties of Lincoln and Saint Charles, in the State of Missouri, being the dividing line, is hereby declared not to be a navigable stream, and shall be so treated by the Secretary of War and all other authorities.

Approved, March 23, 1900.

March 23, 1900.

CHAP. 89.—An Act To constitute South Manchester, Connecticut, a port of delivery.

South Manchester, Conn., made port of delivery. Immediate transportation privileges extended to. Vol. 21, p. 174.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That South Manchester, Connecticut, be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery in the customs collection district of Hartford, Connecticut, and that the privileges of the seventh section of the Act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An Act to amend the statutes in relation to the immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes," be, and they are hereby, extended to said port of South Manchester.

Approved, March 23, 1900.

March 23, 1900.

CHAP. 90.—An Act To amend section forty-four hundred and forty-five, of title fifty-two, of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the licensing of officers of steam vessels.

Steam vessels.

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 forty-five, of title fifty-two, of the Revised Statutes, be, and is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following paragraphs:

Oath of applicant for license as pilot, etc.

R. S., sec. 4445, p. 861, amended.

"Every applicant for license as either master, mate, pilot, or engineer under the provisions of this title shall make and subscribe to an oath or affirmation, before one of the inspectors referred to in this title, to the truth of all the statements set forth in his application for such license.

“Any person who shall make or subscribe to any oath or affirmation authorized in this title and knowing the same to be false shall be deemed guilty of perjury.

Penalty for false oath.

“Every licensed master, mate, pilot, or engineer who shall change, by addition, interpolation, or erasure of any kind, any certificate or license issued by any inspector or inspectors referred to in this title shall, for every such offense, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment at hard labor for a term not exceeding three years.”

—for altering certificate of inspector.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall take effect immediately.

Effect.

Approved, March 23, 1900.

CHAP. 91.—An Act Appropriating, for the benefit and government of Porto Rico, revenues collected on importations therefrom since its evacuation by Spain, and revenues hereafter collected on such importations under existing law.

March 24, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two million and ninety-five thousand four hundred and fifty-five dollars and eighty-eight cents, being the amount of customs revenue received on importations by the United States from Porto Rico since the evacuation of Porto Rico by the Spanish forces on the eighteenth of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, to the first of January, nineteen hundred, together with any further customs revenue collected on importations from Porto Rico since the first of January, nineteen hundred, or that shall hereafter be collected under existing law, shall be placed at the disposal of the President, to be used for the government now existing and which may hereafter be established in Porto Rico, and for the aid and relief of the people thereof, and for public education, public works, and other governmental and public purposes therein until otherwise provided by law; and the revenues herein referred to, already collected and to be collected under existing law, are hereby appropriated for the purposes herein specified, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Porto Rico. Customs revenue available for existing government, etc.

Approved, March 24, 1900.

CHAP. 92.—An Act To provide for necessary repairs to the steamer Thetis, for service as a revenue cutter.

March 24, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated and made immediately available, for the purposes of repairing and equipping the steamer Thetis for service as a vessel of the Revenue-Cutter Service.

Steamer “Thetis.” Equipment for Revenue-Cutter Service authorized.

Approved, March 24, 1900.

CHAP. 108.—An Act To extend the time for the completion of the incline railway on West Mountain, Hot Springs Reservation.

March 26, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for the completion of an incline railway upon the West Mountain of the Hot Springs Reservation, as provided by Act of Congress approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, is hereby extended

Time extended for completing railway on West Mountain, Hot Springs Reservation. Vol. 23, p. 22.