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Missouri, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, January 28, 1916.

February 7, 1916.
[H. R. 8235.]
[Public, No. 15.]

CHAP. 20.—An Act To provide for the maintenance of the United States Section of the International High Commission.

International High
Commission.
Appointment of
United States Section,
approved.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the appointment of the nine delegates by the Secretary of the Treasury to represent the United States in the proceedings of the International High Commission to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, during the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, in accordance with the action of the First Pan American Financial Conference held in Washington during the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, pursuant to the provisions of an Act of Congress, approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Diplomatic and Consular Service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and sixteen," be, and the same is hereby, approved and confirmed; such delegates shall be known as the United States Section of the International High Commission and shall cooperate with the other sections of the commission in taking action upon the recommendations of the First Pan American Financial Conference; and the President is authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in the United States Section of said International Commission.

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Duties, etc.

Appropriation for
expenses.

For the purpose of meeting such actual and necessary expenses on the part of the United States Section of the Commission as may arise from its work and investigations, or as may be incidental to its attendance at the meeting of the said International High Commission, the sum of \$40,000 is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to be immediately available, and to remain available until expended.

Approved, February 7, 1916.

February 15, 1916.
[S. 900.]
[Public, No. 16.]

CHAP. 22.—An Act Amending sections four hundred and seventy-six, four hundred and seventy-seven, and four hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Patent Office.

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

Officers and em-
ployees.
R. S., sec. 476, p. 80,
amended.

Duties of assistant
commissioners.

"SEC. 476. There shall be in the Patent Office a Commissioner of Patents, one first assistant commissioner, one assistant commissioner, and five examiners in chief, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The first assistant commissioner and the assistant commissioner shall perform such duties pertaining to the office of commissioner as may be assigned to them, respectively, from time to time by the Commissioner of Patents. All other officers, clerks, and employees authorized by law for the office shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior upon the nomination of the Commissioner of Patents, in accordance with existing law."

SEC. 2. That section four hundred and seventy-seven of the Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 477. The salaries of the officers mentioned in the preceding section shall be as follows:

"The Commissioner of Patents, \$5,000 a year.

"The First Assistant Commissioner of Patents, \$4,500 a year.

"The Assistant Commissioner of Patents, \$3,500 a year.

"Five examiners in chief, \$3,500 a year each."

SEC. 3. That so much of section four hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes as follows the words "In the Patent Office," and refers to said office only, be amended to read as follows:

"One chief clerk, who shall be qualified to act as a principal examiner.

"One librarian, who shall be qualified to act as an assistant examiner.

"Five law examiners.

"One examiner of classification.

"One examiner of interferences.

"One examiner of trade-marks and designs.

"One first assistant examiner of tradé-marks and designs.

"Six assistant examiners of trade-marks and designs.

"Forty-three principal examiners.

"Eighty-six first assistant examiners.

"Eighty-six second assistant examiners.

"Eighty-six third assistant examiners.

"Eighty-six fourth assistant examiners; and such other examiners and assistant examiners in the various grades as the Congress shall from time to time provide for."

Approved, February 15, 1916.

Salaries of officers increased.
R. S., sec. 477, p. 80, amended.

Chief clerk and examiners.
R. S., sec. 440, p. 75, amended.
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CHAP. 23.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Republic Iron and Steel Company to construct a bridge across the Mahoning River, in the State of Ohio.

February 15, 1916.
[H. R. 8253.]

[Public, No. 17.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Republic Iron and Steel Company, and its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mahoning River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near the city of Youngstown, in the county of Mahoning, in the State of Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Mahoning River.
Republic Iron and Steel Company may bridge, at Youngstown, Ohio.

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Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 15, 1916.

CHAP. 24.—An Act Providing for an increase in number of midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy.

February 15, 1916.
[H. R. 9224.]

[Public, No. 18.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter there shall be allowed at the United States Naval Academy three midshipmen for each Senator, Representative, and Delegate in Congress, one for Porto Rico, two for the District of Columbia, ten appointed each year at large, and fifteen appointed annually from enlisted men of the Navy as now authorized by law.

Naval Academy.
Allowance of midshipmen increased.
R. S., sec. 1513, p. 260, amended.
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Post, pp. 576, 1182.

SEC. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

Approved, February 15, 1916.