

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.
Post, p. 101.

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.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

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

Amendment.

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.
Vol. 38, pp. 103, 410.
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.

February 15, 1916.
[S. J. Res. 76.]

[Pub. Res., No. 6.]

Confederate Veterans' Reunion, Birmingham, Ala.
Loan of tents, etc., for.

Proviso.
No expense.

Bond required.

CHAP. 25.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to loan one thousand tents and one thousand cots for the use of the encampment of the United Confederate Veterans to be held at Birmingham, Alabama, in May, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to loan, at his discretion, to the entertainment committee of the United Confederate Veterans, whose encampment is to be held at Birmingham, Alabama, in the month of May, nineteen hundred and sixteen, one thousand tents and one thousand cots: *Provided,* That no expense shall be caused the United States Government by the delivery and return of said property, the same to be delivered to said committee designated at such time prior to the holding of said encampment as may be agreed upon by the Secretary of War and the chairman of said entertainment committee: *Provided further,* That the Secretary of War, before delivering said tents and cots, shall take from said chairman of the entertainment committee a good and sufficient bond for the safe return of said property in good order and condition, and the whole without expense to the United States.

Approved, February 15, 1916.

February 15, 1916.
[H. J. Res. 95.]

[Pub. Res., No. 7.]

Carlos Hevia y Reyes Gavilan.
May be admitted to Naval Academy.

Proviso.
No expense.

Conditions.

CHAP. 26.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to receive for instruction at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis Mr. Carlos Hevia y Reyes Gavilan, a citizen of Cuba.

Resolved 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 hereby is, authorized to permit Mr. Carlos Hevia y Reyes Gavilan, a citizen of Cuba, to receive instruction at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis: *Provided,* That no expense shall be caused to the United States thereby, and that the said Carlos Hevia y Reyes Gavilan shall agree to comply with all regulations for the policy and discipline of the academy, to be studious, and to give his utmost efforts to accomplish the course in the various departments of instruction, and that the said Carlos Hevia y Reyes Gavilan shall not be admitted to the academy until he shall have passed the mental and physical examinations prescribed for candidates from the United States, and that he shall be immediately withdrawn if deficient in studies, of conduct, and so recommended by the academic board.

Approved February 15, 1916.

February 15, 1916.
[H. J. Res. 98.]

[Pub. Res., No. 8.]

Navy.
Transfer of appropriations for extending New York and Mare Island navy yards.
Vol. 38, p. 952.

CHAP. 27.—Joint Resolution Making part of the appropriation, "Construction and machinery, increase of the Navy," in the naval Act approved March third, nineteen hundred and fifteen, available for the extension of building ways and equipment at the navy yards at New York and Mare Island, California.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That of the money heretofore appropriated under the appropriation "Increase of the Navy, construction and machinery," in the Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, approved March third, nineteen hundred and fifteen, the sums of not exceeding \$100,000 for navy yard, New York, and not exceeding \$500,000 for navy yard, Mare Island, California, are hereby made available for the extension of building ways and equipment necessary for the construction of battleships or battle cruisers in those yards.

Approved, February 15, 1916.