

ties, under the various headings of appropriations made to said departments as may be necessary.

Hereafter section 3648 of the Revised Statutes shall not apply to subscriptions for publications for the United States Veterans' Bureau and the director is authorized to pay in advance for any publications for the use of the Bureau.

Vocational rehabilitation: For carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the vocational rehabilitation and return to civil employment of disabled persons discharged from the military or naval forces of the United States, and for other purposes," approved June 27, 1918, as amended, \$89,000,000: *Provided*, That no part of the foregoing sum shall be used for the establishment, maintenance, or operation of training schools at any Army camp or cantonment acquired for use as a training center: *Provided further*, That no part of the foregoing appropriation shall be expended for construction work except necessary extensions, additions, and repairs, which may be accomplished either by contract or by hire of temporary employees and the purchase of materials: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available for the purchase and distribution of embossed literature in Revised Braille for the use of blinded ex-service men and for procurement of equipment and supplies for the production of such literature: *Provided further*, That under such regulations as the director may prescribe he is hereby authorized to sell at 90 per cent of the appraised valuation to trade, technical, and public schools and universities, and other recognized educational institutions, upon application in writing, such surplus material, supplies, and equipment acquired for the purpose of vocational training as are suitable for their use which are now owned by the United States of America and under control of the United States Veterans' Bureau and are not needed for Government purposes.

For military and naval insurance, \$88,000,000.

SEC. 2. In expending appropriations or portions of appropriations contained in this Act for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade or class thereof in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation is fixed as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, or (3) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923 and is specifically authorized by other law.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

CHAP. 293.—An Act To provide for a girls' dormitory at the Fort Lapwai Sanatorium, Lapwai, Idaho.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the Treasury of the United States the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a girls' dormitory for the housing of patients being treated for tuberculosis in the Fort Lapwai Sanatorium, said dormitory to be erected on the grounds now occupied by the sanatorium, at Lapwai, Idaho.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

Publications subscriptions.
R. S. sec. 3648, p. 718.

Vocational rehabilitation.
Expenses of, for discharged soldiers, etc.
Vol. 40, pp. 617, 1179;
Vol. 41, pp. 159, 1379.

Provisos.
Army camp restriction.

Limitation on construction work.

Embossed literature for the blind.

Sale of surplus material, supplies, etc., to schools, etc.

Military and naval insurance.
Restriction on exceeding average salaries.

Proviso.
Not applicable to clerical-mechanical service.
No reduction required.
Vol. 42, p. 1490.
Higher salary rates allowed.

June 7, 1924.
[H. R. 192.]
[Public, No. 215.]

Fort Lapwai Indian Sanatorium, Idaho.
Amount authorized for girls' dormitory.
Post, p. 1159.

June 7, 1924.
[H. R. 526.]
[Public, No. 216.]

CHAP. 294.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to enter into an arrangement, on behalf of the United States, with the Alexandria Light and Power Company, whereby civilians may obtain electric current from a Government-owned transmission line extending from Alexandria to Fort Humphreys, Virginia.

Fort Humphreys, Va.
Preamble.

Whereas the United States is the owner of a line about nine miles in length between the city of Alexandria, Virginia, and Fort Humphreys, Virginia, for the transmission of electric current which is being furnished Fort Humphreys by the Alexandria Light and Power Company; and

Whereas the volume of current transmissible over the line is greatly in excess of the needs of the fort or of the Government otherwise, and it is desirable that the civilians in the neighborhood of the fort should be permitted to receive current from said line for their own use: Now, therefore,

Be it enacted 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 enter into any agreement which he may think proper between the United States and the Alexandria Light and Power Company which will enable the latter to furnish current over the said line to civilians: *Provided, however,* That no such agreement shall interfere with the prompt supply to Fort Humphreys or otherwise to the Government of any current that may be required: *And provided further,* That any such agreement shall be without additional cost or expense to the Government in addition to that which is now incident to the maintenance and operation of the transmission line and the cost of service from the same: *Provided further,* That any such agreement shall be revocable in the discretion of the Secretary of War.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

Alexandria Light and
Power Company.

Current to civilians
allowed from line to the
fort.

Provides.
No interference with
Government supply.

No Government ex-
pense.

Discretionary revo-
cation.

June 7, 1924.
[H. R. 2821.]
[Public, No. 217.]

CHAP. 295.—An Act Authorizing the erection of a sanitary, fireproof hospital at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Santa Monica, California.

Santa Monica, Calif.
Hospital at Soldiers
Home, authorized.
Ante, p. 518.
Post, p. 1346.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers be, and it is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be erected at the Pacific branch of said home at Santa Monica, California, on land now owned by the United States, a sanitary, fireproof hospital of a capacity for five hundred beds at a total cost of not more than \$1,500,000. Such hospital shall include all the necessary buildings, with the appropriate mechanical equipment, including roads and trackage facilities leading thereto, for the accommodation of patients, and storage, laundry, and necessary furniture, equipment, and accessories as may be approved by the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Buildings, equip-
ment, etc.

Persons who may be
admitted.

Additional services
designated.

SEC. 2. That the persons who shall be entitled to the privileges of treatment in this hospital when constructed, and who may be admitted thereto upon the order of a member of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, shall be the following: Honorably discharged officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in the Regular, Volunteer, or other forces of the United States in the war with Mexico, the Civil War, the war with Spain, and the World War, or in any war in which the country has been engaged, in campaigns against hostile Indians, or who served in any of the extraterritorial possessions of the United States in foreign countries, including Mexican border service, or