

CHAP. 29.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the assistant to the Secretary of the Interior to sign official papers and documents.

March 28, 1918.
[S. J. Res. 104.]
[Pub. Res. No. 25.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the assistant to the Secretary of the Interior be, and hereby is, authorized to sign such official papers and documents as the Secretary may direct.

Secretary of the Interior.
May direct assistant to sign official papers, etc.

Approved, March 28, 1918.

CHAP. 30.—An Act To permit the use of certain refined products of petroleum as stores on steam vessels carrying passengers.

March 29, 1918.
[S. 1546.]
[Public, No. 110.]

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 seventy-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following provision: "*Provided, however,* That kerosene and lubricating oils made from refined products of petroleum which will stand a fire test of not less than three hundred degrees Fahrenheit may be used as stores on board steamers carrying passengers, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Board of Supervising Inspectors with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce."

Passenger steamers. Carrying of dangerous articles on, prohibited. R. S., sec. 4472, p. 865, amended. Vol. 33, p. 1031; Vol. 34, p. 204; Vol. 37, p. 650; Vol. 38, p. 766. Kerosene, etc., allowed as stores.

Approved, March 29, 1918.

CHAP. 31.—An Act To provide for the disposition of the effects of deceased persons in the naval service.

March 29, 1918.
[S. 3129.]
[Public, No. 111.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter all moneys, articles of value, papers, keepsakes, and other similar effects belonging to deceased persons in the naval service, not claimed by their legal heirs or next of kin, shall be deposited in safe custody, and if any such moneys, articles of value, papers, keepsakes, or other similar effects so deposited have been, or shall hereafter be, unclaimed for a period of two years from the date of the death of such person, such articles and effects shall be sold and the proceeds thereof, together with the moneys above mentioned, shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the Navy pension fund: *Provided,* That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to make diligent inquiry in every instance after the death of such person to ascertain the whereabouts of his heirs or next of kin, and to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing provisions: *Provided further,* That claims may be presented hereunder at any time within five years after such moneys or proceeds have been so deposited in the Treasury, and, when supported by competent proof in any case after such deposit in the Treasury, shall be certified to Congress for consideration.

Navy. Unclaimed effects of deceased persons to be kept for two years.

Sale, etc.

Provisos. Inquiries to be made for heirs, etc.

Settlement of claims.

Approved, March 29, 1918.

CHAP. 32.—An Act To amend section fifteen hundred and seventy of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

March 29, 1918.
[S. 3130.]
[Public, No. 112.]

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

Navy. R. S., sec. 1570, p. 269, amended.

"SEC. 1570. Every seaman, landsman, or marine who performs the duty of a fireman on board any vessel of war shall be entitled to receive, in addition to his compensation as seaman, landsman,

Additional pay to seamen, etc., serving as firemen.

or marine, a compensation at the rate of 33 cents a day for the time he is employed as fireman."

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[S. 3445.]

[Public, No. 113.]

CHAP. 33.—An Act To authorize the payment of gun pointers and gun captains while temporarily absent from their regular stations, and for other purposes.

Navy and Marine
Corps.
Gun pointers, etc.,
pay continued during
temporary absence.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during the period of the present war any enlisted man of the Navy or Marine Corps who has qualified, or who may hereafter qualify, as a gun pointer or gun captain, and who has been, or may hereafter be, detailed as gun pointer or gun captain for a gun of the class for which qualified, shall be entitled to the additional pay now or hereafter provided for such qualification and detail while temporarily absent by proper authority from the place where ordinarily required to perform duty under such detail, or while performing temporary duty which is not connected with such detail as gun pointer or gun captain.

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[H. J. Res. 154.]

[Pub. Res., No. 26.]

CHAP. 34.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the erection of a memorial in Washington to the memory and in honor of the members of the various orders of sisters who gave their services as nurses on battle fields, in hospitals, and on floating hospitals during the Civil War.

District of Columbia.
Memorial to religious
sisters serving as nurses
in the Civil War may
be erected in.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to grant permission to the Ladies' Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, for the erection on public grounds of the United States of America in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, other than those of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, and the White House, of a memorial to the members of the various orders of sisters who gave their services as nurses on battle fields, in hospitals, and on floating hospitals during the Civil War: *Provided,* That the site chosen and the design of the memorial shall be approved by the Commission of Fine Arts, and that the United States shall be put to no expense in or by the erection of the said memorial.

Approved, March 29, 1918.

Proviso.
Approval by Com-
mission of Fine Arts,
etc.

March 30, 1918.
[H. R. 9571.]

[Public, No. 114.]

CHAP. 36.—An Act To authorize the appointment of officers of the Philippine Scouts as officers in the militia or other locally created armed forces of the Philippine Islands drafted into the service of the United States, and for other purposes.

Philippine Scouts.
Officers may serve in
militia, etc., without
vacating commission.
Ante, p. 432.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That officers of the Philippine Scouts be, and they hereby are, made eligible to appointment as officers in the militia or other locally created armed forces in the Philippine Islands which have been or shall hereafter be drafted into the service of the United States; and any such officer of the Philippine Scouts so appointed as an officer in said drafted forces shall not thereby vacate his commission in the Philippine Scouts, and in case his commission in said Philippine Scouts shall terminate while holding a commission in said drafted forces as aforesaid, he shall thereupon be eligible to reappointment as an officer of said Philippine Scouts notwithstanding his retention of a commission in said drafted forces.

Reappointment.