

**CHAP. 880.**—An Act To provide American registers for the steamers Marie and Success.

February 7, 1907.

[H. R. 7014.]

[Public, No. 67.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed to cause the foreign-built steamers Marie and Success, wrecked in the waters of Cuba and the Isthmus of Panama, respectively, and purchased and wholly owned by the Merritt and Chapman Derrick and Wrecking Company, of New York City, incorporated under the laws of the State of West Virginia, to be registered as vessels of the United States whenever it shall be shown to the Commissioner of Navigation that the repairs on each of the said vessels amount to three-times the actual cost of each of the said wrecks to the owner.

Steamers "Marie" and "Success." American registry granted.

Approved, February 7, 1907.

**CHAP. 892.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend section forty-four hundred and five of the Revised Statutes of the United States," approved March third, nineteen hundred and five.

February 8, 1907.

[H. R. 17624.]

[Public, No. 68.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That an Act entitled "An Act to amend section forty-four hundred and five of the Revised Statutes of the United States," approved March third, nineteen hundred and five, be, and the same is hereby, amended by inserting after the word "title" and before the word "and" the words "including regulations governing the use of whistles as signals by steam vessels and prohibiting useless and unnecessary whistling," so that the same shall read as follows:

Steamboat-Inspection Service. Vol. 33, p. 1022.

"SEC. 4405. The supervising inspectors and the Supervising Inspector-General shall assemble as a board once in each year at the city of Washington, District of Columbia, on the third Wednesday in January, and at such other times as the Secretary of Commerce and Labor shall prescribe, for joint consultation, and shall assign to each of the supervising inspectors the limits of territory within which he shall perform his duties. The board shall establish all necessary regulations required to carry out in the most effective manner the provisions of this title and also regulations, prohibiting useless and unnecessary whistling, and such regulations, when approved by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, shall have the force of law. The supervising inspector for the district embracing the Pacific coast shall not be under obligation to attend the meetings of the board oftener than once in two years; but when he does not attend such meeting he shall make his communications thereto, in the way of a report, in such manner as the board shall prescribe: *Provided,* That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor may at any time call in session, after reasonable public notice, a meeting of an executive committee, to be composed of the Supervising Inspector-General and any two supervising inspectors, which committee, with the approval of the said Secretary, shall have power to alter, amend, add to, or repeal any of the rules and regulations made, with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, by the board of supervising inspectors, either by virtue of this section or under any power granted by this title, or any amendments thereof, such alteration, amendment, addition, or repeal, when approved by the said Secretary, to have the force of law and to continue in effect until thirty days after the adjournment of the next meeting of the board of supervising inspectors. The foregoing powers of such executive com-

Meetings of board, assignment of districts. Vol. 33, p. 1022, amended.

Regulations.

Whistling restricted added.

Proviso. Executive committee authorized.

Amendment, etc., of regulations.