

to time during the fiscal years ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, respectively, to purchase at par and accrued interest with any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, from any Federal land bank, farm loan bonds issued by such bank.

Limitation.

"Such purchases shall not exceed the sum of \$100,000,000 in either of such fiscal years. Any Federal land bank may at any time repurchase at par and accrued interest for the purpose of redemption or resale any bonds so purchased from it and held in the Treasury.

Redemption after war terminates.

"The bonds of any Federal land bank so purchased by the Secretary of the Treasury, and held in the Treasury under the provisions of this amendment one year after the termination of the pending war, shall upon thirty days' notice from the Secretary of the Treasury be redeemed or repurchased by such bank at par and accrued interest.

Organization of banks continued while bonds so held, etc. Vol. 39, p. 362.

"The temporary organization of any Federal land bank as provided in section four of said Federal Farm Loan Act shall be continued so long as any farm loan bonds purchased from it under the provisions of this amendment shall be held by the Treasury, and until the subscriptions to stock in such bank by national farm loan associations shall equal the amount of stock held in such bank by the Government of the United States."

Inconsistent laws repealed, etc.

SEC. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect upon its passage. The right to amend, alter, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, January 18, 1918.

January 26, 1918.
[H. R. 6176.]

[Public, No. 96.]

CHAP. 10.—An Act Extending the time for the construction of a bridge across the Monongahela River at or near the city of Fairmont, West Virginia.

Monongahela River. Time extended for bridging, Fairmont, W. Va. Vol. 39, p. 52, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge authorized by the Act of Congress approved April seventeenth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, to be built across the Monongahela River at or near the city of Fairmont, West Virginia, by the city of Fairmont, are hereby extended to one year and three years, respectively, from the seventeenth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Amendment.

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

Approved, January 26, 1918.

January 26, 1918.
[H. R. 7697.]

[Public, No. 97.]

CHAP. 11.—An Act To authorize the calling into the service of the United States the militia and other locally created armed forces in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes.

Philippine Islands. Militia, etc., of, may be called into United States service. Post, pp. 500, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the militia and other locally created armed forces in the Philippine Islands may be called into the service of the United States, and all members thereof may be drafted into said service and organized in such manner as is or may be provided by law for calling or drafting the National Guard into said service, and shall in all respects while therein be upon the same footing with members of the National Guard so called or drafted: *Provided,* That the pay and allowances of officers and men of the Philippine Militia and other locally created armed forces in the Philippine Islands called into the service of the United States

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Pay, etc., limitation.

under the provisions of this Act when serving in the Philippine Islands shall in no case exceed the pay and allowances for corresponding grades of Philippine Scouts.

Approved, January 26, 1918.

CHAP. 12.—An Act Providing for the sale of the coal and asphalt deposits in the segregated mineral land in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, Oklahoma.

February 8, 1918.

[H. R. 195.]

[Public, No. 98.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to sell the coal and asphalt deposits, leased and unleased, in the segregated mineral area of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, in Oklahoma, in the manner hereinafter set forth.

Choctaw and Chickasaw lands, Okla. Coal and asphalt deposits. Vol. 32, p. 653.

Before offering such coal and asphalt deposits for sale the Secretary of the Interior, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, shall cause the same to be appraised. Such appraisal, both as to leased and unleased lands, shall be described in tracts to conform to the descriptions of the legal subdivisions heretofore designated by the Secretary of the Interior, and shall be completed within six months after the passage of this Act.

Appraisal of lands, etc.

SEC. 2. That the sale of such deposits shall be thoroughly advertised, and shall not later than six months from the final appraisal be offered for sale to the highest bidder at public auction in tracts to conform with such appraisal at not less than the appraised value so fixed, except that isolated tracts of less than nine hundred and sixty acres may be sold separately under like provisions: *Provided*, That twenty per centum of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, and the remainder shall be paid in four equal annual payments from the date of the sale, and all deferred payments on all deposits sold under the provisions of this Act shall bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, and shall mature and become due before the expiration of four years after the date of such sale.

Sale at auction to highest bidder, etc.

Proviso. Payment.

SEC. 3. That immediately after the expiration of one year after the coal and asphalt deposits shall have been offered for sale, or forfeited for nonpayment under the terms of the sale, the Secretary of the Interior, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by him, shall readvertise and cause to be sold to the highest bidder at public auction, in tracts to conform to the descriptions of the legal subdivisions heretofore designated by the Secretary of the Interior, and at not less than said appraised value, retaining the right to reject any or all bids, all coal and asphalt deposits remaining unsold and all coal and asphalt deposits forfeited by reason of such nonpayment of any part of the purchase price: *Provided*, That at the expiration of six months thereafter the Secretary of the Interior may again readvertise and offer the same for final sale to the highest bidder at public auction, upon such terms as he may prescribe and at such valuation, independent of the appraised value, as he may fix.

Sale of deposits undisposed of after one year.

Proviso. Final sale.

SEC. 4. That such deposits of coal or asphalt on the leased lands shall be sold subject to all rights of the lessee and that any person acquiring said deposits of coal or asphalt shall take the same subject to said rights and acquire the same under the express understanding and agreement that the Department of the Interior will cancel and withdraw all rules and regulations and relinquish all authority heretofore exercised over the operation of said mines by reason of the Indian ownership of said property and that said properties thereafter shall be operated under and in conformity with such laws as may be applicable thereto, and that advance royalty paid by any lessee and standing to the credit of said lessee shall be credited by

Deposits on leased lands subject to rights of lessees.

Indian ownership canceled.

Royalties to purchaser.