

years. Sick leave shall be granted only upon satisfactory evidence of illness and if for more than two days the application therefor shall be accompanied by a physician's certificate.

The fifteen days' leave shall be credited at the rate of one and one-quarter days for each month of actual service.

Whenever an employee herein provided for shall have been reduced in salary for any cause, he may be restored to his former grade or advanced to an intermediate grade at the beginning of any quarter following the reduction, and a restoration to a former grade or advancement to an intermediate grade shall not be construed as a promotion within the meaning of the law prohibiting advancement of more than one grade within one year.

Hereafter when the needs of the service require the employment on Sundays or holidays of foremen, special clerks, clerks, carriers, watchmen, messengers, or laborers at first and second class post offices, or of railway postal clerks at terminal railway post offices and transfer offices, they shall be allowed compensatory time within six days next succeeding the Sunday and within thirty days next succeeding the holiday on which service is performed, and that portion of the Act approved July 2, 1918, authorizing the payment for overtime in lieu of compensatory time is hereby repealed.

All employees herein provided for in automatic grades, who have not reached the maximum grades to which they are entitled to progress automatically, shall be promoted at the beginning of the quarter following the completion of one year's satisfactory service since their last promotion, regardless of any increases in salaries granted them by the provisions of this Act.

On and after July 1, 1921, no supervisory official or employee in the Postal Service shall be promoted more than \$300 during any one year, except when appointed postmaster, inspector in charge, or Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service.

The Postmaster General may, when the interest of the service requires, transfer any clerk to the position of carrier or any carrier to the position of clerk, such transfer to be made to the corresponding grade and salary of the clerk or carrier transferred.

That the joint commission authorized under section 3 of the Act of February 28, 1919, making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department, be continued until the next regular session of Congress to prepare a detailed report of the investigation.

That section 2 of an Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, and for other purposes," approved April 24, 1920, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, except in so far as it affects the pay of employees not covered by this Act.

That the sums appropriated for salaries and compensation of postmasters and employees of the Postal Service in the Act approved April 24, 1920, shall be available for the payment of salaries and compensation of postmasters and postal employees at the rates of pay herein provided; and such additional sums as may be necessary are hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, June 5, 1920.

Monthly credit of leaves.

Restoration of reduced employee to former grade, etc.

Sundays or holidays. Compensatory time for employment on.

Overtime payments repealed. Vol. 40, p. 745, repealed.

Promotions after completing one year's satisfactory service.

Promotions of supervisory officials restricted.

Transfers of clerks and carriers permitted.

Joint postal reclassification commission continued. Ante, p. 583.

Increased pay for 1921, repealed. Ante, p. 583, repealed.

Postal service appropriations, 1921, available. Ante, p. 574.

Additional appropriation.

CHAP. 255.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue patent to R. L. Credille, mayor of the village of Bonita, Louisiana, in trust, for certain purposes.

June 5, 1920.
[S. 324.]
[Public, No. 266.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon payment to the United States of \$1.25 per acre, the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized to issue patent to R. L. Credille, mayor of the

Bonita, La.
Patent to R. L. Credille, mayor of, in trust, for lands in Louisiana.

Description.	village of Bonita, Louisiana, for the south half of the southwest quarter, section five, township twenty-two north, range eight east, Louisiana meridian, situated in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, in trust for the use and benefit of the persons, estates, firms, or corporations now claiming said lands or parts thereof under or by virtue of titles derived from or through the State of Louisiana or its grantee, L. S. Neighbours, of which said lands the present claimants and their grantors have had the actual possession as owners, by virtue of titles derived from said State and its grantee for more than thirty years:
<i>Proviso.</i> Time for application, etc.	<i>Provided</i> , That application for the purchase of the said described tract of land under this authorization shall be filed at the United States land office at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, within sixty days from the passage and approval of this Act.
Title, etc., conveyed.	The true intent of this Act is hereby declared to be to concede and abandon all right, title, and interest of the United States to those persons, estates, firms, or corporations who would be the true and lawful owners of said lands or parts thereof under the laws of Louisiana, including the laws of prescription, in the absence of said interest, title, and estate of the United States.

Approved, June 5, 1920.

June 5, 1920.
[S. 3270.]

[Public, No. 267.]

CHAP. 256.—An Act Authorizing the Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, to consider, ascertain, adjust, and determine claims for damages occasioned by acts for which said survey is responsible in certain cases.

Coast and Geodetic Survey.
Claims for damages by acts of, to be adjusted by Superintendent.

Report to Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, is hereby authorized to consider, ascertain, adjust, and determine all claims for damages, where the amount of the claim does not exceed \$500, hereafter occasioned by acts for which the Coast and Geodetic Survey shall be found to be responsible, and report the amounts so ascertained and determined to be due the claimants to Congress at each session thereof through the Treasury Department for payment as legal claims out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor.

Approved, June 5, 1920.

June 5, 1920.
[S. 3852.]

[Public, No. 268.]

CHAP. 257.—An Act For the relief of the Garden City (Kansas) Water Users' Association, and for other purposes.

Garden City irrigation project, Kansas.
Contracts for water from, canceled, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the contracts affecting lands in the Garden City project of the Reclamation Service in Finney County, Kansas, heretofore entered into between the Finney County Water Users' Association of Finney County, Kansas, or with individual landowners, and the Secretary of the Interior for the supply and use of water from the irrigation plant of the United States be, and the same are hereby, canceled and relieved; and the liens upon the lands in said county created by such contracts are hereby released and discharged.

Approved, June 5, 1920.