

Amended contracts with irrigation districts, extending time for paying first construction charges.

Charge per acre.

Payments continued until total paid.

Existing contracts continued except as herein modified.

into amended contracts with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, of New Mexico, and El Paso County Water Improvement District Numbered 1, of Texas, whereby, after the payment of the first four annual installments, as now provided for in existing contracts, upon the construction charge under the Rio Grande Federal irrigation project, New Mexico-Texas, the remaining unpaid construction charge per irrigable acre shall be payable annually in installments of \$3.60.

SEC. 2. These annual payments shall continue until the total construction charge against said districts is paid.

SEC. 3. The existing contracts between the United States and Elephant Butte Irrigation District, of New Mexico, and between the United States and El Paso County Water Improvement District Numbered 1 shall remain unaltered except as herein otherwise directed.

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**CHAP. 816.—An Act To amend the National Defense Act.**

Rifle practice. Vol. 44, p. 1095, amended. Vol. 39, p. 211.

Annual national matches to be held.

Rifle and pistol matches for national trophy, etc.

Competing organizations.

Sum authorized annually as part of appropriation for national defense.

Provisions. Limitation on commutation of rations, etc.

Travel pay to civilian competitors.

National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice.

Sum authorized annually for incidental expenses of.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled "An Act for the promotion of rifle practice throughout the United States," approved February 14, 1927 (Forty-fourth Statutes, page 1095), which adds an additional paragraph to section 113 of the National Defense Act, is hereby amended to read as follows: "That there shall be held an annual competition, known as the national matches, for the purpose of competing for a national trophy, medals, and other prizes to be provided, together with a small-arms firing school, which competition and school shall be held annually under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War."

SEC. 2. The national matches contemplated in this Act shall consist of rifle and pistol matches for the national trophy, medals, and other prizes mentioned in section 1 above, to be open to the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, National Guard, or Organized Militia of the several States, Territories, and District of Columbia, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and the citizens' military training camps, rifle clubs, and civilians, together with a small-arms firing school to be connected therewith and competitions for which trophies and medals are provided by the National Rifle Association of America; and for the cost and expenditures required for and incident to the conduct of the same, including the personal expenses of the members of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, the sum necessary for the above-named purposes is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually as a part of the total sum appropriated for national defense: *Provided*, That no competitor shall be entitled to commutation of rations in excess of \$1.50 per day, and when meals are furnished no greater expenses than that sum per man per day for the period the contest is in progress: *Provided further*, That in lieu of traveling expense and commutation of rations while traveling the sum of 5 cents per mile may be paid to civilian competitors, and such travel pay for the return trip may be paid in advance of the performance of the travel.

SEC. 3. For the incidental expenses of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, including books, pamphlets, badges, trophies, prizes, and medals to be expended for such purposes, the sum of not more than \$7,500 is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually.

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