

railroad company or companies within ninety days from the rendition of bills for the same, the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to prevent the operation of said cars by the exercise of their police authority until such time as said bills are paid.

SEC. 7. That no car shall be operated upon said bridge by steam power, nor shall any company operating steam cars within such distance from the south end of the said bridge as to interfere with vehicle traffic thereon be permitted to operate electric street cars upon said bridge.

Steam power prohibited.

SEC. 8. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to permit the cars of said railroad company or companies using said track across said bridge and in M and Thirty-sixth streets to be operated by the underground electric system or by overhead trolley, as they may deem desirable; and in case the overhead trolley is used each car shall be equipped with a double trolley, and a return wire shall be provided for the electric current equal in capacity to the feed system upon this portion of the line and similarly situated, and no pole of any dynamo furnishing power for the operation of said cars shall be in any manner connected with the earth.

Underground or overhead trolley optional.

Restrictions.

SEC. 9. That the operation of the cars upon the track herein authorized shall be under the direction and control of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who are hereby authorized to make such regulations in regard to speed, character, and weight of cars, time of operation, and fare to be charged as they may deem necessary or desirable; and any company violating any regulations of said Commissioners made under the authority of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars for each and every offense, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction at the suit of said Commissioners, and in default of the payment of such fine the Commissioners are hereby authorized to exercise their police authority to prevent the operation of the cars of the company so defaulting.

Regulations.

Penalty.

SEC. 10. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Amendment.

Approved, January 29, 1903.

CHAP. 334.—An Act To promote the efficiency of the Philippine constabulary, to establish the rank and pay of its commanding officers, and for other purposes.

January 30, 1903.

[Public, No. 37.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That officers of the Army of the United States may be detailed for service as chief and assistant chiefs, the said assistant chiefs not to exceed in number four, of the Philippine constabulary, and that during the continuance of such details the officer serving as chief shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of brigadier-general, and the officers serving as assistant chiefs shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of colonel: *Provided,* That the difference between the pay and allowances of brigadier-general and colonel, as herein provided, and the pay and allowances of the officers so detailed in the grades from which they are detailed shall be paid out of the Philippine treasury.

Philippine constabulary. Detail of Army officers for.

Rank, etc.

Proviso. Philippine treasury to pay difference in allowance, etc.

SEC. 2. That any companies of Philippine scouts ordered to assist the Philippine constabulary in the maintenance of order in the Philippine Islands may be placed under the command of officers serving as chief or assistant chiefs of the Philippine constabulary, as herein provided: *Provided,* That when the Philippine scouts shall be ordered to assist the Philippine constabulary, said scouts shall not at any time be placed under the command of inspectors or other officers of the constabulary below the grade of assistant chief of constabulary.

Assistance of Philippine scouts.

Proviso. Rank of commanding officers.

Approved, January 30, 1903.