

sibility for the care and keeping of the said monument shall be and remain with the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, it being understood that the United States shall have no responsibility therefor.

Approved, March 4, 1911.

**CHAP. 264.**—An Act Authorizing proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department to reopen pay accounts of certain officers of the navy.

March 4, 1911.  
[H. R. 19010.]

[Public, No. 504.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department are hereby authorized and directed to reopen the accounts of the pay officers of the navy named below for the purpose of allowing amounts as set forth, which were paid to treasurers of officers' messes in various navy-yards on account of commuted ration money for enlisted servants, and afterwards suspended against the pay officers' accounts and by them collected from the officers who were members of the messes: Pay Inspector F. T. Arms, navy-yard, New York (account of W. L. Wilson), six hundred and fifty-four dollars and ninety cents; Paymaster Charles Conard, navy-yard, Norfolk, Virginia, two hundred and forty-six dollars and sixty cents; Paymaster R. Nicholson, navy-yard, Mare Island, California, four hundred and seventy-eight dollars and eighty cents; Passed Assistant Paymaster E. A. McMillan, naval station, Guam, two hundred and sixty-five dollars and fifty cents; total, one thousand six hundred and forty-five dollars and eighty cents.

Navy.  
Suspended ration  
money accounts re-  
opened.  
Allowances.

Approved, March 4, 1911.

**CHAP. 265.**—An Act For the establishment of marine schools, and for other purposes.

March 4, 1911.  
[H. R. 24145.]

[Public, No. 505.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy, to promote nautical education, is hereby authorized and empowered to furnish, upon the application in writing of the governor of a State, a suitable vessel of the navy, with all her apparel, charts, books, and instruments of navigation, provided the same can be spared without detriment to the naval service, to be used for the benefit of any nautical school, or school or college having a nautical branch, established at each of the following ports of the United States: Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Seattle, San Francisco, Baltimore, Detroit, Saginaw, Michigan, Norfolk, and Corpus Christi, upon the condition that there shall be maintained at such port a school or branch of a school for the instruction of youths in navigation, steamship-marine engineering, and all matters pertaining to the proper construction, equipment, and sailing of vessels or any particular branch thereof.

Marine schools.  
Loan of naval ves-  
sels, etc., for.

Ports designated.

Conditions.

Sec. 2. That a sum not exceeding the amount annually appropriated by any State or municipality for the purpose of maintaining such a marine school or schools or the nautical branch thereof is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of aiding in the maintenance and support of such school or schools: *Provided, however,* That appropriations shall be made for one school in any port heretofore named in section one and that the appropriation for any one year shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars for any one school.

Appropriation to aid  
in support.

*Proviso.*  
Limitations.

Sec. 3. That the President of the United States is hereby authorized, when in his opinion the same can be done without detriment to the public service, to detail proper officers of the navy as superintendents of or instructors in such schools: *Provided,* That if any such

Detail of officers.

*Proviso.*  
Restoration of ves-  
sel.

Not penal schools.

Conflicting laws re-  
pealed.

school shall be discontinued, or the good of the naval service shall require, such vessel shall be immediately restored to the Secretary of the Navy and the officers so detailed recalled: *And provided further, That no person shall be sentenced to or received at such schools as a punishment or commutation of punishment for crime.*

SEC. 4. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 4, 1911.

March 4, 1911.  
[H. R. 24256.]

[Public, No. 506.]

Commissions.  
Retired Army, Navy,  
and Marine Corps offi-  
cers to receive, for in-  
creased rank.  
*Ante*, p. 347.

**CHAP. 266.**—An Act To authorize commissions to issue in the cases of officers retired or advanced on the retired list with increased rank.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That commissioned officers of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps on the retired list whose rank has been or shall hereafter be advanced by operation of or in accordance with law shall be entitled to and shall receive commissions in accordance with such advanced rank.*

Approved, March 4, 1911.

March 4, 1911.  
[H. R. 24885.]

[Public, No. 507.]

Coinage.  
R. S., sec. 3536, p. 699,  
amended.

Deviation in silver  
coins permitted.

**CHAP. 267.**—An Act To amend section thirty-five hundred and thirty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the weighing of silver coins.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section thirty-five hundred and thirty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:*

“SEC. 3536. In adjusting the weight of the silver coins the following deviations shall not be exceeded in any single piece: In the dollar, the half and quarter dollar, and in the dime, one and one-half grains.”

Approved, March 4, 1911.

March 4, 1911.  
[H. R. 24886.]

[Public, No. 508.]

Coinage.  
Weights at mints.

Standard troy pound  
of Bureau of Stand-  
ards recognized as au-  
thority.

R. S., sec. 3548, p. 701,  
amended.

**CHAP. 268.**—An Act To amend sections thirty-five hundred and forty-eight and thirty-five hundred and forty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relative to the standards for coinage.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section thirty-five hundred and forty-eight of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:*

“SEC. 3548. For the purpose of securing a due conformity in weight of the coins of the United States to the provisions of the laws relating to coinage, the standard troy pound of the Bureau of Standards of the United States shall be the standard troy pound of the Mint of the United States, conformably to which the coinage thereof shall be regulated.”

SEC. 2. That section thirty-five hundred and forty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

“SEC. 3549. It shall be the duty of the Director of the Mint to procure for each mint and assay office, to be kept safely thereat, a series of standard weights corresponding to the standard troy pound of the Bureau of Standards of the United States, consisting of a one-pound weight and the requisite subdivisions and multiples thereof, from the hundredths part of a grain to twenty-five pounds. The troy weight ordinarily employed in the transactions of such mints and assay offices shall be regulated according to the above

Standard weights at  
mints and assay offices  
to conform to Bureau  
of Standards troy  
pound.

R. S., sec. 3549, p. 701,  
amended.

Inspection.