

successors and assigns to construct, maintain, and operate, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mahoning River, near the city of Warren, in the county of Trumbull, in the State of Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

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

Amendment.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

CHAP. 91.—An Act To authorize the issuance of Reserve Corps and National Army commissions in the lower grades of staff corps and to remove the fixed age limits requiring the discharge of Reserve Corps officers.

October 6, 1917.
[H. R. 6350.]

[Public, No. 76.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during the existing emergency the President is authorized, in addition to the grades now authorized, to appoint in the Officers' Reserve Corps and the National Army in the grades of second and first lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps; second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps and Signal Corps; second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and captain in The Adjutant General's Department, such citizens as shall be found physically, mentally, and morally qualified for appointment.

Army.
Additional appointments in lower grades of Officers' Reserve Corps and National Guard staff corps during the war.

During the existing emergency no member of the Officers' Reserve Corps shall be discharged by reason of reaching the age limits provided in section thirty-seven of the national defense Act approved June third, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Officers' Reserve Corps.
Age limit for discharge suspended.
Vol. 39, p. 190.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

CHAP. 92.—An Act To promote the efficiency of the United States Navy.

October 6, 1917.
[H. R. 6362.]

[Public, No. 77.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in construing the provisions of sections twelve and thirteen of the selective-draft Act approved May eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, the word "Army" shall extend to and include "Navy"; the word "military" shall include "naval"; "Article of War" shall include "Articles for the Government of the Navy"; the words "camps, station, cantonment, camp, fort, post, officers' or enlisted men's club," in section twelve, and "camp, station, fort, post, cantonment, training, or mobilization place," in section thirteen, shall include such places under naval jurisdiction as the President may prescribe, and the powers therein conferred upon the Secretary of War with regard to the military service are hereby conferred upon the Secretary of the Navy with regard to the naval service.

Navy.
Prohibitions on intoxicants, bawdy houses, etc., extended to places under naval jurisdiction.
Ante, pp. 82, 83.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

CHAP. 93.—An Act To provide for the service of officers of auxiliary naval forces on naval courts.

October 6, 1917.
[H. R. 6363.]

[Public, No. 78.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when actively serving under the Navy Department in time of war or during the existence of an emergency, pursuant to law, as a part of the naval forces of the United States, commissioned officers of the Naval Reserve Force, Marine Corps Reserve, National Naval Volunteers, Naval Militia,

Naval courts martial, etc.
Officers of auxiliary forces to serve on, in time of war, etc.

Coast Guard, Lighthouse Service, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service are hereby empowered to serve on naval courts-martial and deck courts under such regulations necessary for the proper administration of justice and in the interests of the services involved, as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy: *Provided*, That so much of the Act approved August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen (Thirty-ninth Statutes, page five hundred and fifty-six), as reads as follows:

Provisos.
Laws repealed.

Naval Volunteers.
Service of officers on
courts martial.
Vol. 39, p. 597, re-
pealed.

"That when serving under the call of the President, officers of said Volunteers may serve on courts-martial for the trial of officers and men of the United States Naval or Naval Militia service, or of said Volunteers, but in the cases of courts-martial convened for the trial of officers or enlisted men of the United States Navy or Marine Corps, the majority of the members shall be officers of the Regular Naval service, and officers and enlisted men of the said Volunteers may be tried by courts-martial, the members of which are members of the Regular Naval service, or of said Volunteers, or any or all of the same," is hereby repealed.

Naval Militia.

Provided further, That so much of the Naval Militia Act of February sixteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen (Thirty-eighth Statutes, page two hundred and eighty-three), as reads as follows:

Service of officers on
courts martial.
Vol. 38, p. 285, re-
pealed.

"That when in the service of the United States officers of the Naval Militia may serve on courts-martial for the trial of officers and men of the Regular or Naval Militia service, but in the cases of courts-martial convened for the trial of officers of the Regular service, the majority of the members shall be officers of the Regular service; and officers and men of the Naval Militia may be tried by courts-martial the members of which are officers of the Regular or Naval Militia service, or both," is hereby repealed.

Conflicting laws re-
pealed.

And provided further, That any Act or parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

October 6, 1917.
[S. 2527.]

[Public, No. 79.]

CHAP. 94.—An Act Authorizing appointment of chaplains at large for the United States Army.

Army.
Chaplains at large.
Number increased
during the war.
Vol. 39, p. 176.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President may appoint for service during the present emergency not exceeding twenty chaplains at large for the United States Army representing religious sects not recognized in the apportionment of chaplains now recognized by law: *Provided*, That no person shall be eligible to such appointment unless he be at the time of his appointment a citizen of the United States.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

October 6, 1917.
[S. 2531.]

[Public, No. 80.]

CHAP. 95.—An Act To prevent the publication of inventions by the grant of patents that might be detrimental to the public safety or convey useful information to the enemy, to stimulate invention, and provide adequate protection to owners of patents, and for other purposes.

Patents.
Withheld during war
if disclosure of inven-
tion detrimental, etc.
Post, p. 422.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever during a time when the United States is at war the publication of an invention by the granting of a patent might, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Patents, be detrimental to the public safety or defense or might assist the enemy or endanger the successful prosecution of the war he may order that the invention be kept secret and withhold the grant of a patent until the termination of the war: *Provided*, That the invention disclosed in the application for said patent may be

Proviso.
Held to be aban-
doned if published, etc.