

CHAP. 29.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the assistant to the Secretary of the Interior to sign official papers and documents.

March 28, 1918.
[S. J. Res. 104.]

[Pub. Res. No. 25.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the assistant to the Secretary of the Interior be, and hereby is, authorized to sign such official papers and documents as the Secretary may direct.

Secretary of the Interior.
May direct assistant to sign official papers, etc.

Approved, March 28, 1918.

CHAP. 30.—An Act To permit the use of certain refined products of petroleum as stores on steam vessels carrying passengers.

March 29, 1918.
[S. 1546.]

[Public, No. 110.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-four hundred and seventy-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following provision: "*Provided, however,* That kerosene and lubricating oils made from refined products of petroleum which will stand a fire test of not less than three hundred degrees Fahrenheit may be used as stores on board steamers carrying passengers, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Board of Supervising Inspectors with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce."

Passenger steamers. Carrying of dangerous articles on, prohibited. R. S., sec. 4472, p. 865, amended. Vol. 33, p. 1031; Vol. 34, p. 204; Vol. 37, p. 650; Vol. 38, p. 766. Kerosene, etc., allowed as stores.

Approved, March 29, 1918.

CHAP. 31.—An Act To provide for the disposition of the effects of deceased persons in the naval service.

March 29, 1918.
[S. 3129.]

[Public, No. 111.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter all moneys, articles of value, papers, keepsakes, and other similar effects belonging to deceased persons in the naval service, not claimed by their legal heirs or next of kin, shall be deposited in safe custody, and if any such moneys, articles of value, papers, keepsakes, or other similar effects so deposited have been, or shall hereafter be, unclaimed for a period of two years from the date of the death of such person, such articles and effects shall be sold and the proceeds thereof, together with the moneys above mentioned, shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the Navy pension fund: *Provided,* That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to make diligent inquiry in every instance after the death of such person to ascertain the whereabouts of his heirs or next of kin, and to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing provisions: *Provided further,* That claims may be presented hereunder at any time within five years after such moneys or proceeds have been so deposited in the Treasury, and, when supported by competent proof in any case after such deposit in the Treasury, shall be certified to Congress for consideration.

Navy. Unclaimed effects of deceased persons to be kept for two years.

Sale, etc.

Provisos. Inquiries to be made for heirs, etc.

Settlement of claims.

Approved, March 29, 1918.

CHAP. 32.—An Act To amend section fifteen hundred and seventy of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

March 29, 1918.
[S. 3130.]

[Public, No. 112.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fifteen hundred and seventy of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and it is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Navy. R. S., sec. 1570, p. 269, amended.

"SEC. 1570. Every seaman, landsman, or marine who performs the duty of a fireman on board any vessel of war shall be entitled to receive, in addition to his compensation as seaman, landsman,

Additional pay to seamen, etc., serving as firemen.