An Act Making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, namely:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.

For compensation of the President of the United States, $75,000.
For compensation of the Vice President of the United States, $6,937.50.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

Salaries: For Secretary to the President, $7,500; personal services in the office of the President in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, $86,020; in all, $93,520: Provided, That employees of the executive departments and other establishments of the executive branch of the Government may be detailed from time to time to the office of the President of the United States for such temporary assistance as may be necessary.

Contingent expenses: For contingent expenses of the Executive Office, including stationery, record books, telegrams, telephones, books for library, furniture and carpets for offices, automobiles, expenses of garage, including labor, special services, and miscellaneous items, to be expended in the discretion of the President, $37,000.
For printing and binding, $2,900.
Traveling expenses: For traveling and official entertainment expenses of the President of the United States, to be expended in his discretion and accounted for on his certificate solely, $25,000.

EXECUTIVE MANSION AND GROUNDS.

For ordinary care, repair, and refurnishing of Executive Mansion, to be expended by contract or otherwise, as the President may determine, $49,240.
For heating the Executive Mansion and greenhouses, $11,000.
For care and maintenance of greenhouses, Executive Mansion, $9,900.
For repair and reconstruction of greenhouses, Executive Mansion, $9,860.
For improvement and maintenance of Executive Mansion grounds, $10,000.
For lighting the Executive Mansion, grounds, and greenhouses, electric power, and the installation and maintenance of electric fixtures of all kinds, $8,600.

WHITE HOUSE POLICE.

Salaries: First sergeant, $2,140; two sergeants, at $1,800 each; and thirty privates, at $1,660 each; in all, $55,540.
For uniforming and equipping the White House police, including the purchase and issue of revolvers and ammunition, $3,350.
INDEPENDENT ESTABLISHMENTS.

ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN.

For expenses of the Alien Property Custodian authorized by the Act entitled "An Act to define, regulate, and punish trading with the enemy, and for other purposes," approved October 6, 1917, as amended; including personal and other services and rental of quarters in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, per diem allowances in lieu of subsistence not exceeding $4, traveling expenses, law books, books of reference and periodicals, supplies and equipment, and maintenance, repair, and operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, $224,000: Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

For all printing and binding for the Alien Property Custodian, $1,000.

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION.

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the American Battle Monuments Commission authorized by the Act entitled "An Act for the creation of an American Battle Monuments Commission to erect suitable memorials commemorating the services of the American soldier in Europe, and for other purposes," approved March 4, 1923, including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries for carrying out the purposes of the said Act without submission to the Attorney General of the United States under the provisions of section 355 of the Revised Statutes; for the employment of personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; the transportation of, mileage of, reimbursement of actual travel expenses or per diem in lieu thereof to the personnel engaged upon the work of the commission, as authorized by law; the reimbursement of actual travel expenses (not exceeding $8 per day) or per diem in lieu thereof (not exceeding $7 per day) to, and the transportation of the members of the commission, while engaged upon the work of the commission; the establishment of offices and the rent of office space in foreign countries; printing, engraving, lithographing, binding, photographing, and typewriting, $500,000, of which $50,000 shall be available only for preliminary work and plans for the improvement and beautification of American cemeteries in Europe, including every expenditure requisite for and incident thereto: Provided, That when traveling with the commission or on the business of the commission officers of the Army serving as members or as secretary of the commission shall be reimbursed as provided by law for Army officers: Provided further, That disbursements for expenditures outside of continental United States may be made by a special disbursing agent designated by the commission and under such regulations as it may prescribe.

BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.

For chief of bureau and other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923; contingent expenses, including traveling expenses; per diem in lieu of subsistence; supplies; stationery; purchase and exchange of equipment; not to exceed $100 for law books, books of reference, and periodicals; and not to exceed $150 for street-car fare; in all, $155,650.

For all printing and binding for the Bureau of Efficiency, $500.
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Salaries: For three commissioners and other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, $473,000.

Field force: For salaries of the field force, $267,000: Provided, That no person shall be employed hereunder at a rate of compensation exceeding $1,800 per annum, except two at $3,300 each, three at $3,000 each, seven at $2,500 each, one at $2,400, two at $2,200 each, and six at $2,000 each.

Except for one person detailed for part-time duty in the district office at New York City, no details from any executive department or independent establishment in the District of Columbia or elsewhere to the commission's central office in Washington or to any of its district offices shall be made during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925; but this shall not affect the making of details for service as members of boards of examiners outside the immediate offices of the district secretaries. The Civil Service Commission shall have power in case of emergency to transfer or detail any of its employees herein provided for to or from its office or field force.

For employment of expert examiners not in the Federal service to prepare questions and rate papers in examinations on special subjects for which examiners within the service are not available, $2,000.

To carry out the provisions of section 13 of the Act entitled “An Act for the retirement of employees in the classified civil service, and for other purposes,” approved May 22, 1920, including personal services in the District of Columbia, stationery, purchase of books, office equipment, and other supplies, $36,400.

For examination of presidential postmasters, including travel, stationery, contingent expenses, additional examiners and investigators, and other necessary expenses of examinations, $30,840.

For necessary traveling expenses, including those of examiners acting under the direction of the commission, and for expenses of examinations and investigations held elsewhere than at Washington, and including not exceeding $1,000 for expenses of attendance at meetings of public officials when specifically directed by the commission, $19,000.

For contingent and miscellaneous expenses of the Civil Service Commission, including furniture and other equipment and repairs thereto; supplies; advertising; telegraph, telephone, and laundry service; freight and express charges; street car fares not to exceed $200; stationery; purchase and exchange of law books, books of reference, directories, newspapers, and periodicals, not to exceed $1,000; charts; purchase, exchange, maintenance, and repair of motor trucks, motor cycles, and bicycles; maintenance, and repair of a motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle to be used only for official purposes; garage rent; postage stamps to prepay postage on matter addressed to Postal Union countries; special-delivery stamps; and other like miscellaneous necessary expenses not hereinbefore provided for; in all, $38,000.

For rent of building for the Civil Service Commission, $21,875, if space can not be assigned by the Public Buildings Commission in other buildings under the control of that commission.

For all printing and binding for the Civil Service Commission, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, $59,000.

COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS.

For expenses made necessary by the Act entitled “An Act establishing a Commission of Fine Arts,” approved May 17, 1910, in-
including the purchase of periodicals, maps, and books of reference, to be disbursed on vouchers approved by the commission, $5,050:

Provided, That no part of this sum shall be expended for traveling expenses other than those incurred by members of the commission for actual travel only in going to and returning from Washington to attend the meetings of the commission.

For all printing and binding for the Commission of Fine Arts, $300.

EMPLOYEES’ COMPENSATION COMMISSION.

Salaries: For three commissioners and other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, including not to exceed $1,000 for temporary experts and assistants in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, to be paid at a rate not exceeding $8 per day, $136,600.

Contingent expenses: For furniture and other equipment and repairs thereto; law books, books of reference, periodicals, stationery, and supplies; traveling expenses; medical examinations, traveling and other expenses, and loss of wages payable to employees under sections 21 and 22 of the Act of September 7, 1916, and for miscellaneous items; in all, $10,000.

For all printing and binding for the Employees’ Compensation Commission, $4,000.

Employees’ compensation fund: For the payment of compensation provided by "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," approved September 7, 1916, including medical, surgical, and hospital services, and supplies provided by section 9, and the transportation and burial expenses provided by sections 9 and 11 and advancement of costs for the enforcement of recoveries provided in sections 26 and 27 where necessary, accruing during the fiscal year 1925 or in prior fiscal years, $2,500,000: Provided, That the permanent appropriations made in private Acts numbered 75, 97, 160, and 221, Sixty-seventh Congress, are repealed after June 30, 1924, and the payments authorized by such Acts shall thereafter be made from the "Employees’ compensation fund."

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION.

For every expenditure requisite for and incident to the work of the Federal Power Commission as authorized by law, including traveling expenses; per diem in lieu of subsistence; and not exceeding $500 for press-clipping service, law books, books of reference, and periodicals, $6,500.

For all printing and binding for the Federal Power Commission, $4,500.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

For five commissioners at $10,000 each per annum, $50,000.

For all other authorized expenditures of the Federal Trade Commission in performing the duties imposed by law or in pursuance of law, including secretary to the commission and other personal services, supplies and equipment, law books, books of reference, periodicals, garage rental, traveling expenses, including actual expenses at not to exceed $3 per day or per diem in lieu of subsistence not to exceed $4, newspapers, foreign postage, and witness fees and mileage in accordance with section 9 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, $940,000.
For all printing and binding for the Federal Trade Commission, $20,000.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.

Salaries: Comptroller General, $10,000; Assistant Comptroller General, $7,500; and for other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, $3,382,-112; in all $3,399,612.

Contingent expenses: For traveling expenses, materials, supplies, equipment, and services; rent of buildings and equipment; purchase and exchange of books, tabulating cards, typewriters, calculating machines, and other office appliances, including their development, repairs and maintenance, including motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles; and miscellaneous items, $300,000.

For all printing and binding for the General Accounting Office, including monthly and annual editions of selected decisions of the Comptroller General, $25,000.

HOUSING CORPORATION.

Salaries: For officers, clerks, and other employees in the District of Columbia necessary to collect and account for the receipts from the sale of properties and the receipts from the operation of unsold properties of the United States Housing Corporation, the Bureau of Industrial Housing and Transportation, property commandeered by the United States through the Secretary of Labor, and to collect the amounts advanced to transportation facilities and others, $50,650: Provided, That no person shall be employed hereunder at a rate of compensation exceeding $5,000 per annum and only one person may be employed at that rate.

Contingent expenses: For contingent and miscellaneous expenses of the offices at Washington, District of Columbia, including purchase of blank books, maps, stationery, file cases, towels, ice, brooms, soap, freight and express charges; telegraph and telephone service; and all other miscellaneous items and necessary expenses not included in the foregoing, and necessary to collect moneys and loans due the corporation, $6,000.

For all printing and binding for the United States Housing Corporation, including all its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, $1,450.

Appraisal: For the cost of appraisal under contract loans made to expedite transportation facilities, $5,000.

Collections: For the collection of money due from the sale of real and other property under the provision of the Act approved July 19, 1919, the collection of rentals from unsold properties, including necessary office and travel expenses outside of the District of Columbia, $33,000.

Washington, District of Columbia, Government hotel for Government workers: For maintenance, operation, and management of the hotel and restaurants therein, including replacement of equipment, and personal services, $700,000: Provided, That no person shall be employed hereunder at a rate of compensation exceeding $5,000 per annum, and only one person may be employed at that rate.

Maintenance, unsold property: To maintain and repair houses, buildings, and improvements, which are unsold, $4,000.

Miscellaneous expenses account of property sold: To pay taxes, special assessments, and other utility, municipal, State, and county charges or assessments unpaid by purchasers and which have been assessed against property in which the United States Housing Corporation has an interest, and to defray expenses incident to foreclo
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ing mortgages, conducting sales under deeds of trust, or reacquiring title or possession of real property under default proceeding, including attorney fees, witness fees, court costs, charges, and other miscellaneous expenses, $8,000: Provided, That the United States Housing Corporation is hereby authorized to allow as an offset any equitable claim in any collection made against any State or any political subdivision thereof.

No part of the appropriations heretofore made and available for expenditure by the United States Housing Corporation shall be expended for the purposes for which appropriations are made herein.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

For eleven commissioners, at $12,000 each; secretary, $7,500; in all, $139,500.

For all other authorized expenditures necessary in the execution of laws to regulate commerce, including one chief counsel, one director of finance, and one director of traffic at $10,000 each per annum, and per diem in lieu of subsistence when allowed pursuant to section 13 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act approved August 1, 1924, $2,148,000, of which sum there may be expended not exceeding $50,000 in the employment of counsel; not exceeding $3,000 for necessary books, reports, and periodicals; not exceeding $100 in the open market for the purchase of office furniture similar in class or kind to that listed in the general supply schedule; and not exceeding $75,000 for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia: Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce compliance with section 20 and other sections of the Act to regulate commerce as amended by the Act approved June 29, 1906, and as amended by the Transportation Act, 1920, including the employment of necessary special accounting agents or examiners, and including per diem in lieu of subsistence when allowed pursuant to section 13 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act approved August 1, 1914, $375,524.

To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to keep informed regarding and to enforce compliance with Acts to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads; the Act requiring common carriers to make reports of accidents and authorizing investigations thereof; and to enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate and test block-signal and train-control systems and appliances intended to promote the safety of railway operation, as authorized by the joint resolution approved June 30, 1906, and the provision of the Sundry Civil Act approved May 27, 1908, including the employment of inspectors, and per diem in lieu of subsistence when allowed pursuant to section 13 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act approved August 1, 1914, $375,000.

For all authorized expenditures under the provisions of the Act of February 17, 1911, "To promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads by compelling common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to equip their locomotives with safe and suitable boilers and appurtenances thereto," and amendment of March 4, 1915, extending "the same powers and duties with respect to all parts and appurtenances of the locomotive and tender," including such stenographic and clerical help to the chief inspector and his two assistants as the Interstate Commerce Commission may deem necessary, and for per diem in lieu of subsistence when allowed pursuant to section 13 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act approved August 1, 1914, $300,000.
Valuation of property of carriers: To enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to carry out the objects of the Act entitled “An Act to amend an Act entitled ‘An Act to regulate commerce,’ approved February 4, 1887, and all Acts amendatory thereof,” by providing for a valuation of the several classes of property of carriers subject thereto and securing information concerning their stocks, bonds, and other securities, approved March 1, 1913, including one director of valuation, one supervisor of land appraisals, one supervising engineer, and one supervisor of accounts, at $9,000 each per annum, and per diem in lieu of subsistence when allowed pursuant to section 13 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act approved August 1, 1914, $647,260: Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

For all printing and binding for the Interstate Commerce Commission, including not to exceed $10,000 to print and furnish to the States at cost report-form blanks, $125,000.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS.

For scientific research, technical investigations, and special reports in the field of aeronautics, including the necessary laboratory and technical assistants; traveling expenses of members and employees; office supplies and other miscellaneous expenses, including technical periodicals and books of reference; equipment, maintenance, and operation of a research laboratory, known as the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory; maintenance, operation and exchange of one motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle; personal services in the field and in the District of Columbia; in all, $427,000.

For all printing and binding for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, including all of its offices, laboratories, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere; $13,000.

PERRY'S VICTORY MEMORIAL COMMISSION.

For improvement of the grounds and approaches to the memorial, parking, retaining walls, facing the upper and lower plazas with tile or other suitable material, and so forth, $99,155: Provided, That after the commission has accumulated from the net revenues from operation of the memorial, a surplus fund of not to exceed $20,000 to provide against depreciation of machinery in the light, power, and elevator plant of the memorial, the net revenues from operation, after deducting necessary costs of maintenance and repairs, shall be covered into the United States Treasury by the commission on the first Monday in December of each year.

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD.

For nine members of the board, at $10,000 each; secretary, $5,000; in all, $95,000.

For all other authorized expenditures of the Railroad Labor Board in performing the duties imposed by law, including personal and other services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, supplies and equipment, law books and books of reference, periodicals, travel expenses, per diem in lieu of subsistence, rent of quarters in the District of Columbia, if space is not provided by the Public Buildings Commission, rent of quarters outside of the District of Columbia, witness fees, and mileage, $215,200.
Printing and binding.

Smithsonian Institution.

International exchanges.

American ethnology.

International Catalogue of Scientific Literature.

Astrophysical Observatory.

Additional Assistant Secretary.

Additional fire protection.

National Museum.

Furniture, etc.

Heating, lighting, etc.

Preserving collections, etc.

Employees, etc.

Repairs, etc.

Books, etc.

Postage.

National Gallery of Art.

Administration expenses.

For all printing and binding for the Railroad Labor Board, including all its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, $12,000.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

International exchanges: For the system of international exchanges between the United States and foreign countries, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including necessary employees and purchase of necessary books and periodicals, $49,550.

American ethnology: For continuing ethnological researches among the American Indians and the natives of Hawaii, including the excavation and preservation of archeologic remains under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including necessary employees and the purchase of necessary books and periodicals, $57,160.

International Catalogue of Scientific Literature: For the cooperation of the United States in the work of the International Catalogue of Scientific Literature, including the preparation of a classified index catalogue of American scientific publications for incorporation in the International Catalogue, clerk hire, purchase of necessary books and periodicals, and other necessary incidental expenses, $8,861.66.

Astrophysical Observatory: For maintenance of the Astrophysical Observatory, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including assistants, purchase of necessary books and periodicals, apparatus, making necessary observations in high altitudes, repairs and alterations of buildings, and miscellaneous expenses, $21,580.

For an additional Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, $6,000.

For additional fire protection for the Smithsonian Institution and National Museum Buildings, including the laying of the necessary 8-inch water main and the erection of four fire hydrants in the Smithsonian grounds, $8,500.

NATIONAL MUSEUM.

For cases, furniture, fixtures, and appliances required for the exhibition and safe-keeping of collections, including necessary employees, $21,800.

For heating, lighting, electrical, telegraphic, and telephonic service, $77,560.

For continuing preservation, exhibition, and increase of collections from the surveying and exploring expeditions of the Government, and from other sources, including necessary employees, all other necessary expenses, and not exceeding $5,500 for drawings and illustrations for publications, $434,482.

For repairs of buildings, shops, and sheds, including all necessary labor and material, $11,000.

For purchase of books, pamphlets, and periodicals for reference, $2,000.

For postage stamps and foreign postal cards, $450.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART.

For the administration of the National Gallery of Art by the Smithsonian Institution, including compensation of necessary employees, purchase of necessary books of reference and periodicals, and necessary incidental expenses, $20,158.
For all printing and binding for the Smithsonian Institution, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, including $7,000 for the annual report of the American Historical Association, $90,000: Provided, That the expenditure of this sum shall not be restricted to a pro rata amount in any period of the fiscal year.

STATE, WAR, AND NAVY DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS.

For deputy superintendent and other personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, $1,636,215.

For fuel, lights, repairs, ground rent, miscellaneous items, and city directories, including maintenance, repair, exchange, and operation of one motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle to be used for official purposes only, $667,250.

Of the unexpended balances of the appropriations provided for in the Executive and Independent Offices Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1924, approved February 13, 1923, for salaries and for fuel, lights, and miscellaneous items for the office of the Superintendent, State, War, and Navy Department Buildings, there shall be immediately available and remain available during the fiscal year 1925 a sum from said appropriations not exceeding $125,000, for the erection of a temporary boiler plant for the heating of the Navy and Munitions Buildings and other Government buildings in the vicinity thereof, including all expenses incident to the setting of boilers, the procurement of all necessary equipment, laying of steam lines, and so forth.

For all printing and binding for the State, War, and Navy Department Buildings, $2,750.

TARIFF COMMISSION.

For salaries and expenses of the United States Tariff Commission, including purchase and exchange of labor-saving devices, the purchase of professional and scientific books, law books, books of reference, newspapers and periodicals as may be necessary, as authorized under Title VII of the Act entitled “An Act to increase the revenue, and for other purposes,” approved September 8, 1916, and under sections 315, 316, 317, and 318 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide revenue, to regulate commerce with foreign countries, to encourage the industries of the United States, and for other purposes,” approved September 21, 1922, $671,980: Provided, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay the salary of any member of the United States Tariff Commission who shall hereafter participate in any proceedings under said sections 315, 316, 317, and 318 of said Act, approved September 21, 1922, wherein he or any member of his family has any special, direct, and pecuniary interest, or in respect to the subject matter of which he has acted as attorney, legislative agent, or special representative.

For all printing and binding for the Tariff Commission, $10,000.

UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD.

For stationery and printing and binding, $1,000.

UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD.

For seven commissioners at $12,000 each per annum, $84,000.

For all other expenditures authorized by the Act approved September 7, 1916, as amended, and by the Act approved June 5, 1920,
including the compensation of a secretary to the board, attorneys, officers, naval architects, special experts, examiners, and clerks, including one admiralty counsel at $10,000 per annum, and one special expert at $8,000 per annum, and other employees in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; and for all other expenses of the board, including the rental of quarters outside the District of Columbia, law books, books of reference, periodicals, and actual and necessary expenses of members of the board, its special experts, and other employees, or per diem in lieu of subsistence when allowed pursuant to section 13 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act approved August 1, 1914, while upon official business away from their designated posts of duty, and including the investigation of foreign discrimination against vessels and shippers of the United States and for the investigation of transportation of immigrants in vessels of the United States Shipping Board, $255,000.

For all printing and binding for the United States Shipping Board, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, $5,000.

No part of the moneys appropriated or made available by this Act for the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation shall, unless the President shall otherwise direct, be used or expended for the repair or reconditioning of any vessel owned or controlled by the Government, if the expense of such repair or reconditioning is in excess of $50,000, until a reasonable opportunity has been given to the available Government navy yards to estimate upon the cost of such repair or reconditioning if performed by such navy yards within the limit of time within which the work is to be done: Provided, That this limitation shall only apply to vessels while in the harbors of the United States, and all expenditures in connection with such work are to be considered in estimating the cost.

For expenses of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, for administrative purposes, miscellaneous adjustments, losses due to the maintenance and operation of ships, for the repair of ships, and for carrying out the provisions of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, (a) the amount on hand July 1, 1924, but not in excess of the sums sufficient to cover all obligations incurred prior to July 1, 1924, and then unpaid; (b) $30,000,000; (c) the amount received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, from the operation of ships: Provided, That no part of these sums shall be used for the payment of claims other than those resulting from current operation and maintenance; (d) so much of the total proceeds of all sales pertaining to liquidation received during the fiscal year 1925, but not exceeding $6,000,000, as is necessary to meet the expenses of liquidation, including also the cost of tie-up and the salaries and expenses of the personnel directly engaged in liquidation: Provided, That no part of this sum shall be used for the payment of claims.

No part of the funds appropriated or made available in this Act for the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation shall be expended for the preparation, printing, publication, or distribution of any newspapers, magazines, journals, or other periodicals, or for services in connection therewith, not including, however, the preparation and printing of documents and reports authorized and required to be issued by law.
No part of the sums appropriated in this Act shall be used to pay the compensation of any attorney, regular or special, for the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation unless the contract of employment has been approved by the Attorney General of the United States.

No officer or employee of the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation shall be paid a salary or compensation at a rate per annum in excess of $10,000 except the following: One at not to exceed $25,000 and five at not to exceed $18,000 each.

No part of the sums appropriated in this Act shall be available for the payment of certified public accountants, their agents or employees, and all auditing of every nature requiring the services of outside auditors shall be furnished through the Bureau of Efficiency: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall limit the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation from employing outside auditors to audit claims in litigation for or against the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation.

No part of the sums appropriated in this Act shall be used for actual expenses of subsistence exceeding $5 a day or per diem in lieu of subsistence exceeding $4 for any officer or employee of the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation.

No part of the funds of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation shall be available for the rent of buildings in the District of Columbia during the fiscal year 1925 if suitable space is provided for said corporation by the Public Buildings Commission.

No part of the sums appropriated in this Act shall be used to pay any claims of the United States Navy Department against the United States Shipping Board or the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation arising prior to July 1, 1921.

UNITED STATES VETERANS' BUREAU.

For carrying out the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a Veterans' Bureau and to improve the facilities and service of such bureau and to further amend and modify the War Risk Insurance Act approved August 9, 1921," including salaries and expenses of the central office at Washington, District of Columbia, and regional offices and suboffices, and including salaries, stationery and minor office supplies, furniture, equipment and supplies, rentals and alterations, heat, light, and water, miscellaneous expenses, including telephones, telegrams, freight, express, law books, books of reference, periodicals, ambulance service, towel service, laundry service, repairs to equipment, storage, ice, taxi service, car fare, stamps and box rent, traveling and subsistence, salaries and expenses of employees engaged in field investigation, passenger-carrying and other motor vehicles, including purchase, maintenance, repairs, and operation of same, salaries and operating expenses of the Arlington Building and annex, including repairs and mechanical equipment, fuel, electric current, ice, ash removal, and miscellaneous items; and including the salaries and allowances, where applicable, wages, travel and subsistence of civil employees at the United States veterans' hospitals, supply depots, dispensaries, clinics, and vocational schools, $46,790,000: Provided, That on the first day of each regular session of Congress the Director of the Veterans' Bureau shall transmit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a statement giving in detail (a) the total number of posi-
tions at a rate of $2,000 or more per annum, (b) the rate of salary attached to each position, (c) the number of positions at each rate in the central office and in each district office or suboffice, and (d) a brief statement of the duties of each position.

Such portion of this appropriation as may be necessary shall be allotted from time to time by the United States Veterans' Bureau to the Public Health Service and shall be available for expenditure by the Public Health Service for necessary personnel, the pay and allowances, and travel of commissioned officers of the Public Health Service detailed to the United States Veterans' Bureau for duty.

For printing and binding for the United States Veterans' Bureau, including all of its bureaus, offices, institutions, and services located in Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, $275,000.

Compensation: For the payment of military and naval compensation accruing during the fiscal year 1925 or in prior fiscal years for death or disability provided by the Act approved October 6, 1917, as amended, $83,000,000; and the appropriations heretofore made for military and naval compensation shall cease to be available for expenditure after June 30, 1925.

Medical and hospital services: For medical, surgical, dental, dispensary, and hospital services and facilities, convalescent care, necessary and reasonable after care, welfare of, nursing, prosthetic appliances, medical examinations, funeral and other incidental expenses (including transportation of remains), traveling expenses, and supplies, and not exceeding $100,000 for library books, magazines, and papers for beneficiaries of the United States Veterans' Bureau, including court costs and other expenses incident to proceedings here-tofore or hereafter taken for commitment of mentally incompetent persons to hospitals for the care and treatment of the insane, $42,000,000.

This appropriation shall be disbursed by the United States Veterans' Bureau, and such portion thereof as may be necessary shall be allotted from time to time to the Public Health Service, and the War, Navy, and Interior Departments, and transferred to their credit for disbursement by them for the purposes set forth in the foregoing paragraph; and allotted and transferred to the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the purposes set forth in the foregoing paragraph, and such sums as are allotted to the Board of Managers shall be covered into the surplus fund of the Treasury.

No part of this appropriation shall be expended for the purchase of any site for a new hospital, or for toward the construction of any new hospital, or for the purchase of any hospital; and not more than $2,666,050 of this appropriation may be used to alter, improve, or provide facilities in the several hospitals under the jurisdiction of the United States Veterans' Bureau so as to furnish adequate accommodations for its beneficiaries either by contract or by the hire of temporary employees and the purchase of materials.

The unexpended balance of the sum of $3,781,000, made available under the appropriation "Medical and Hospital Services, Veterans' Bureau, 1924," to alter, improve, or provide facilities in the several hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Bureau, is continued and made available during the fiscal year 1925 for the same purposes, either by contract or by the hire of temporary employees and the purchase of materials, including the purchase of land contiguous to Government-owned hospital sites.

The allotments made to the Public Health Service, War, Navy, and Interior Departments shall be available for expenditure for care and treatment of beneficiaries of the United States Veterans' Bureau, and for necessary minor repairs and improvements of existing facili-
ties, under the various headings of appropriations made to said departments as may be necessary.

Hereafter section 3648 of the Revised Statutes shall not apply to subscriptions for publications for the United States Veterans' Bureau and the director is authorized to pay in advance for any publications for the use of the Bureau.

Vocational rehabilitation: For carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the vocational rehabilitation and return to civil employment of disabled persons discharged from the military or naval forces of the United States, and for other purposes," approved June 27, 1918, as amended, $89,000,000: Provided, That no part of the foregoing sum shall be used for the establishment, maintenance, or operation of training schools at any Army camp or cantonment acquired for use as a training center: Provided further, That no part of the foregoing appropriation shall be expended for construction work except necessary extensions, additions, and repairs, which may be accomplished either by contract or by hire of temporary employees and the purchase of materials: Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available for the purchase and distribution of embossed literature in Revised Braille for the use of blinded ex-service men and for procurement of equipment and supplies for the production of such literature: Provided further, That under such regulations as the director may prescribe he is hereby authorized to sell at 90 per cent of the appraised valuation to trade, technical, and public schools and universities, and other recognized educational institutions, upon application in writing, such surplus material, supplies, and equipment acquired for the purpose of vocational training as are suitable for their use which are now owned by the United States of America and under control of the United States Veterans' Bureau and are not needed for Government purposes.

For military and naval insurance, $88,000,000.

Sec. 2. In expending appropriations or portions of appropriations contained in this Act for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade or class thereof in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act: Provided, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation is fixed as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, or (3) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923 and is specifically authorized by other law.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

CHAP. 293.—An Act To provide for a girls' dormitory at the Fort Lapwai Sanatorium, Lapwai, Idaho.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the Treasury of the United States the sum of $50,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a girls' dormitory for the housing of patients being treated for tuberculosis in the Fort Lapwai Sanatorium, said dormitory to be erected on the grounds now occupied by the sanatorium, at Lapwai, Idaho.

Approved, June 7, 1924.