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CHAP. LXXVI.--An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for carrying the Mails from the United States to foreign Ports, and for other Purposes," approved March twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the operation of the fourth section of an act to provide for carrying the mails of the United States to foreign ports, and for other purposes, approved March twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall cease and determine on and after the thirtieth day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

APPROVED, June 25, 1868.

CHAP. LXXVII.--An Act relative to filing Reports of Railroad Companies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the reports required to be made to the Secretary of the Treasury on or before the first day of July of each year, by the corporations created by or entitled to subsidies under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and the acts supplemental to and amendatory thereof, shall hereafter be made to the Secretary of the Interior, on or before the first day of October of each year. Said reports shall furnish full and specific information upon the several points mentioned in the twentieth section of the said act of eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and shall be verified as therein prescribed, and on failure to make the same as herein required, the issue of bonds or patents to the company in default shall be suspended until the requirements of this act shall be complied with by such company. And the reports hitherto made to the Secretary of the Treasury under the said act of July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, shall be transferred and delivered by him to the Secretary of the Interior to be filed by him.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the corporations created by the provisions of the acts of Congress approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and known as the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company, and the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, shall make reports to the Secretary of the Interior on or before the first of October of each year, as are required to be made by the Union Pacific railroad and branches, under the provisions of the first section of this act, and on failure so to do, shall be subject to the like suspension.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the reports required from the commissioners appointed to examine and report in relation to the road of any of the corporations wheroeto reference is made in this act, shall be addressed to and filed in the Department of the Interior; and all such reports heretofore made shall be transferred to and filed in said Department of the Interior; and so much of any and all acts as requires any reports from such companies, or any officers thereof, to be made to the Secretary of the Treasury, is hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That, in addition to the eight subjects referred to in section twenty of the act of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to be reported upon, there shall also be furnished annually to the Secretary of the Interior all reports of engineers, superintendents, or other officers who make annual reports to any of said railroad companies.

APPROVED, June 25, 1868.