

March 3, 1885.

CHAP. 345.—An act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, and for the armament thereof for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six 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 sums of money herein provided for be, and the same are hereby, appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, namely:

Fortifications.
Appropriations.

For protection,
preservation, and
repairs.

Appointment of
Board to examine
and report as to
location and char-
acter of defenses
needed.

Report to be
transmitted to
Congress.

Submarine mov-
able torpedoes.

Improvement,
test, and purchase
of motors for tor-
pedoes.

S u b m a r i n e
mines.

Torpedo experi-
ments.

Instruction of
engineer troops.

Machine guns.

Armaments of
sea-coast fortifica-
tions.

Experiments in
the use of dyna-
mite, etc.

No gun to be
purchased until
tested.

For the protection, preservation, and repair of fortifications and other works of defense for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, one hundred thousand dollars the same to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War.

And the President of the United States shall appoint a Board of which the Secretary of War shall be a member and president, to be composed of two officers of the Engineer Corps, two from the Ordnance Corps, two officers of the line of the Navy, and two civilians, which Board shall examine and report at what ports fortifications or other defenses are most urgently required, the character and kind of defenses best adapted for each, with reference to armament, the utilization of torpedoes, mines, or other defensive appliances, and for the necessary and proper expenses of said Board and for the compensation of the two civilians at ten dollars per day while so employed in the discharge of said duty the sum of forty thousand dollars to be immediately available is hereby appropriated; and the report of said Board shall be transmitted to Congress by the Secretary of War.

For the purchase of movable submarine torpedoes propelled and controlled by power operated and transmitted from shore stations as may be recommended by the Board of Engineers of the Army of the United States, and approved by the Secretary of War, fifty thousand dollars.

For improvements, competitive test, and purchase of motors for movable torpedoes, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For purchase of appliances for submarine mines for harbor defense ten thousand dollars.

For continuation of torpedo experiments and for practical instruction of engineer troops in the details of the service twenty thousand dollars.

For the purchase of machine guns of the latest improvement thirty thousand dollars.

For the armament of sea-coast fortifications, including the manufacture of heavy guns and carriages for the constructing and testing experimental gun carriages; for the purchase or manufacture of a multi-charge gun and testing same; for projectiles, gun-loaders, fuses, powder, and implements, their trial and proof, and all necessary expenses incident thereto, including compensation of draughtsman on gun construction while employed in the Ordnance Bureau, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars thereof may be used for the expenses of experiments in the use of dynamite or other high explosive projectiles.

And no type of gun shall be purchased until thoroughly tested and found to conform to the requirements of this act.

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CHAP. 346.—An act to authorize an additional appointment on the retired-list of the Army.

President of the
United States to
appoint on the re-
tired list of the
Army one General,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint on the retired-list of the Army of the United States, from among those who have been Generals com-

manding the armies of the United States or General-in-Chief of said Army, one person with the rank and full pay of such General, or General-in-Chief, as the case may be; and the total number now allowed by law to compose said retired-list shall be, on such appointment, increased accordingly.

or General-in-Chief, from among those who have served as such.

Rank and pay.
Number now allowed by law increased accordingly.

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CHAP. 347.—An act to empower the Secretary of War to permit the establishment, under certain conditions, of a horse-railway upon and over the island of Rock Island, and the bridges erected by the United States connecting the cities of Davenport and Rock Island therewith.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to permit the location, building, and keeping in repair upon the island of Rock Island, in the State of Illinois, and upon the arsenal bridges connecting said island with the cities of Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island, Illinois, in such manner as he, the Secretary of War, may deem fit, and so as to interfere as little as may be with the use of said island by the United States for a national armory and arsenal, a continuous line of double track railway, at the expense of the Davenport and Rock Island Street Railway Company which company shall have the privilege of running their cars on and over the said railway, at their own expense, under such regulations and restrictions as to times and manner of running the cars and rates of fare as the Secretary of War shall from time to time prescribe: *Provided*, That the rate of fare for employees of the United States at the Rock Island Arsenal from Rock Island and Moline, in Illinois, and from Davenport, in Iowa to the arsenal shall not exceed two and one-half cents for one passenger for one way: *Provided, further*, That the rate of fare shall not exceed two and one-half cents for one passenger for one way during the hours from six until seven o'clock in the morning and from five until seven o'clock in the evening. The Secretary of War is empowered to suspend or revoke this privilege, and to remove said railway at any time in his discretion.

Right of way granted Davenport and Rock Island Street Railway Company over island of Rock Island and bridges connecting with Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island, Ill.

Regulations, etc., to be made by Secretary of War.

Proviso.
Rate of fare as to employees of United States.

Proviso as to other passengers.

Secretary of War may remove, etc., at his discretion.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War is empowered to establish and enforce such rules and regulations as he may deem fit for collecting from said railway company and for holding, expending, and accounting to said Davenport and Rock Island Street Railway Company for the moneys required for and expended in carrying out the provisions of section one of this act; and the decision of the Secretary of War as to the amount of moneys required therefor shall be final and binding on said railway company.

Regulations for collecting and accounting for moneys of the company to be made by Secretary of War; his decision to be final.

SEC. 3. That if any person or persons shall wilfully and unnecessarily obstruct or impede the passage on or over said railway, or any part thereof, or shall injure or destroy the cars or any property belonging to said company, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such offense the sum of twenty dollars to said Davenport and Rock Island Street Railway Company, and shall remain liable, in addition to said penalty, for any loss or damage occasioned by his, her, or their acts as aforesaid; and that the suits therefor may be had in the courts of the United States having jurisdiction: *Provided*, That this clause and penalty shall not apply to or restrict or affect in any way the officers or employees of the United States Government on said island in any act of theirs for the maintenance of good order on and for enforcing the rules and regulations pertaining to said bridges and island, and for enforcing the regulations of the Secretary of War for the government of said railway thereon.

Injury, etc., to any property or obstructing passage on road a misdemeanor.

Penalty.

Proviso.

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