CHAP. 1127.—An Act To set apart certain lands in the State of South Dakota, to be known as the Battle Mountain Sanitarium Reserve.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there are hereby reserved from settlement, entry, sale, or other disposal all those certain tracts, pieces, or parcels of land lying and being situate in the State of South Dakota and within the boundaries particularly described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of section eighteen, township seven south, range six east, Black Hills meridian; thence east to the southeast corner of said section eighteen; thence south to the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of section twenty; thence east to the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of section twenty-one; thence north to the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section nine; thence west to the center of section seven; thence south to the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of section seven; thence west to the northwest corner of section eighteen; thence south to the place of beginning, all in township seven south, range six east, Black Hills meridian, in Fall River County, South Dakota: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect any valid rights acquired in connection with any of the lands embraced within the limits of said reserve.

SEC. 2. That said reserve shall be known as the Battle Mountain Sanitarium Reserve, and shall be under the exclusive control of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in connection with the Battle Mountain Sanitarium at Hot Springs, South Dakota, whose duty it shall be to prescribe such rules and regulations and establish such service as they may deem necessary for the care and management of the same.

SEC. 3. That in all cases of unperfected bona fide claims lying within the said boundaries of said reserve, which claims have been properly initiated prior to September second, nineteen hundred and two, said claims may be perfected upon compliance with the requirements of the laws respecting settlement, residence, improvements, and so forth, in the same manner in all respects as claims are perfected to other Government lands: Provided, That to the extent that the lands within said reserve are held in private ownership the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized in his discretion to exchange therefor public lands of like area and value, which are surveyed, vacant, unappropriated, not mineral, not timbered, and not required for reservoir sites or other public uses or purposes. The private owners must, at their expense and by appropriate instruments of conveyance, surrender to the Government a full and unencumbered right and title to the private lands included in any exchange for or any rights attached to the public lands included therein, and no charge of any kind shall be made for issuing such patents. Upon completion of any exchange the lands surrendered to the Government shall become a part of said reserve in a like manner as if they had been public lands at the time of the establishment of said reserve. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the issuance of any land scrip, and the State of South Dakota is granted the privilege of selecting from the public lands in said State an equal quantity of land in lieu of such portions of section sixteen included within said reserve as have not been sold or disposed of by said State and are not covered by an unperfected bona fide claim as above mentioned.

SEC. 4. That all persons who shall unlawfully intrude upon said reserve, or who shall without permission appropriate any object therein or commit unauthorized injury or waste in any form whatever upon the lands or other public property therein, or who shall violate any of the rules and regulations prescribed hereunder, shall, upon conviction,
be fined in a sum not more than one thousand dollars, or be imprisoned for a period not more than twelve months, or shall suffer both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Approved, March 22, 1906.

CHAP. 1128.—An Act Extending the time for the construction of the dam across the Mississippi River authorized by the Act of Congress approved March twelfth, nineteen hundred and four.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subject to all the other provisions contained in the Act of Congress entitled “An Act permitting the building of a dam across the Mississippi River between the counties of Wright and Sherburne, in the State of Minnesota,” approved March twelfth, nineteen hundred and four, the time limitations for the construction and completion of the dam authorized by said Act are hereby extended until December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and eight.

Approved, March 22, 1906.

CHAP. 1129.—An Act To amend section thirty-six hundred and forty-six, Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by Act of February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section thirty-six hundred and forty-six, Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by Act of February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, be amended so as to read as follows:

“Sec. 3646. Whenever any original check or warrant is lost, stolen, or destroyed, the Secretary of the Treasury may authorize the officer issuing the same, after the expiration of six months and within three years from the date of such check or warrant, to issue a duplicate thereof upon the execution of such bond to indemnify the United States as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe: Provided, That when such original check or warrant does not exceed in amount the sum of fifty dollars the Secretary of the Treasury may authorize the issuance of a duplicate at any time after the expiration of thirty days and within three years from the date of such check or warrant.”

Approved, March 23, 1906.

CHAP. 1130.—An Act To regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when, hereafter, authority is granted by Congress to any persons to construct and maintain a bridge across or over any of the navigable waters of the United States, such bridge shall not be built or commenced until the plans and specifications for its construction, together with such drawings of the proposed construction and such map of the proposed location as may be required for a full understanding of the subject, have been submitted to the Secretary of War and Chief of Engineers for their approval, nor until they shall have approved such plans and specifications and the location of such bridge and accessory works; and when the plans for any bridge to be constructed under the provisions of this Act have been approved