

of the entrymen to make any annual or final proof falling due upon any such entry prior to said date. The requirements of law as to annual assessments and final proof shall become operative from said date as though no suspension had been had. If the said entrymen are unable to procure water to irrigate the said lands above described through no fault of theirs, after using due diligence, or the legal questions as to their right to divert or impound water for the irrigation of said lands are still pending and undetermined by said May first, nineteen hundred and nineteen, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to grant a further extension for an additional period of not exceeding two years.

Approved, April 11, 1916.

April 11, 1916.
[H. R. 13769.]

[Public, No. 50.]

CHAP. 70.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of War to supply tents for temporary use of the sufferers from the recent conflagration in Paris, Texas, and for other purposes.

Paris, Tex.
Tents, etc., allowed
fire sufferers at.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is authorized to supply for temporary use, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, a sufficient number of tents to afford shelter for the sufferers from the recent conflagration in Paris, Texas, who are in need of the same, and to furnish such cots, blankets, and supplies as in his judgment are necessary to relieve the destitute persons who may require assistance in said conflagration district.

Approved, April 11, 1916.

April 11, 1916.
[S. J. Res. 80.]

[Pub. Res., No. 13.]

CHAP. 71.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to receive for instruction at the United States Military Academy, at West Point, René W. Pintó y Wentworth, a citizen of Cuba.

René W. Pintó y
Wentworth.
May be admitted to
Military Academy.
Provision.
No expense.
Conditions.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, authorized to permit René W. Pintó y Wentworth, a citizen of Cuba, to receive instruction at the United States Military Academy at West Point: *Provided,* That no expense shall be caused to the United States thereby, and that the said René W. Pintó y Wentworth shall agree to comply with all regulations for the police and discipline of the academy, to be studious, and to give his utmost efforts to accomplish the course in the various departments of instruction, and that the said René W. Pintó y Wentworth shall not be admitted to the academy until he shall have passed the mental and physical examinations prescribed for candidates from the United States and that he shall be immediately withdrawn if deficient in studies or conduct and so recommended by the academic board: *And provided further,* That in the case of the said René W. Pintó y Wentworth the provisions of sections thirteen hundred and twenty and thirteen hundred and twenty-one of the Revised Statutes shall be suspended.

Approved, April 11, 1916.

Oath and service.
R. S., secs. 1320,
1321, p. 227.

April 13, 1916.
[S. 5016.]

[Public, No. 51.]

CHAP. 75.—An Act To authorize the reconstruction of an existing bridge across the Wabash River at Silverwood, in the State of Indiana.

Wabash River.
Toledo, Saint Louis
and Western Railroad
Company, etc., may
reconstruct bridge,
at Silverwood, Ind.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Toledo, Saint Louis and Western Railroad Company, and Walter L. Ross, its receiver, their successors or assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to reconstruct the bridge of said company and operate the same

across the Wabash River at or near Silverwood, Indiana, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, on the line of the existing bridge of said company, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, April 13, 1916.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

CHAP. 77.—An Act Incorporating the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

April 17, 1916.
[S. 1424.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That William Dean Howells, of Maine; Henry Adams, of the District of Columbia; Theodore Roosevelt, of New York; John Singer Sargent, of Massachusetts; Daniel Chester French, of New York; John Burroughs, of New York; James Ford Rhodes, of Massachusetts; Horatio William Parker, of Connecticut; William Milligan Sloane, of New Jersey; Robert Underwood Johnson, of New York; George Washington Cable, of Massachusetts; Andrew Dickson White, of New York; Henry van Dyke, of New Jersey; William Crary Brownell, of New York; Basil Lanneau Guildersleeve, of Maryland; Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey; Arthur Twining Hadley, of Connecticut; Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts; Edwin Howland Blashfield, of New York; William Merritt Chase, of New York; Thomas Hastings, of New York; Hamilton Wright Mabie, of New Jersey; Brander Matthews, of New York; Thomas Nelson Page, of the District of Columbia; Elihu Vedder, of Massachusetts; George Edward Woodberry, of Massachusetts; Kenyon Cox, of New York; George Whitefield Chadwick, of Massachusetts; Abbott Handerson Thayer, of New Hampshire; Henry Mills Alden, of New Jersey; George de Forest Brush, of New Hampshire; William Rutherford Mead, of New York; Bliss Perry, of Massachusetts; Abbott Lawrence Lowell, of Massachusetts; James Whitcomb Riley, of Indiana; Nicholas Murray Butler, of New York; Paul Wayland Bartlett, of New York; Owen Wister, of Pennsylvania; Herbert Adams, of New Hampshire; Augustus Thomas, of New York; Timothy Cole, of New York; Cass Gilbert, of New York; William Roscoe Thayer, of Massachusetts; Robert Grant, of Massachusetts; Frederick Macmonnies, of New York; Julian Alden Weir, of Connecticut; William Gillette, of Connecticut; Paul Elmer More, of New Jersey; George Lockhart Rives, of New York, and their successors, duly chosen, are hereby incorporated, constituted, and declared to be a body corporate of the District of Columbia, by the name of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

[Public, No. 52.]
District of Columbia,
American Academy
of Arts and Letters
incorporated.
Incorporators.

SEC. 2. That the purposes of this corporation are and shall be the furtherance of the interests of literature and the fine arts.

Purposes.

SEC. 3. That the American Academy of Arts and Letters shall consist of not more than fifty regular members, and the said corporation hereby constituted shall have power to make by-laws and rules and regulations; to fill all vacancies created by death, resignation, or otherwise; to provide for the election of foreign, domestic, or honorary associate members, and the division of such members into classes, and to do all other matters needful or usual in such institutions.

Corporate powers.

SEC. 4. That the American Academy of Arts and Letters shall hold an annual meeting at such place in the United States as may be designated and shall make an annual report to the Congress, to be filed with the Librarian of Congress.

Annual meeting and report.