

the waters thereof. Terms of the district court for said district shall be held at New York City on the first Tuesday in each month. The district courts of the southern and eastern districts shall have concurrent jurisdiction over the waters within the counties of New York, Kings, Queens, Nassau, Richmond, and Suffolk, and over all seizures made and all matters done in such waters; all processes or orders issued within either of said courts or by any judge thereof shall run and be executed in any part of said waters. The western district shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of July, 1910, in the counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates, with the waters thereof. Terms of the district court for said district shall be held at Elmira on the second Tuesday in January; at Buffalo on the second Tuesdays in March and November; at Rochester on the second Tuesday in May; at Jamestown on the second Tuesday in July; at Lockport on the second Tuesday in October; and at Canandaigua on the second Tuesday in September. The regular sessions of the district court for the western district for the hearing of motions, and for proceedings in bankruptcy and the trial of causes in admiralty, shall be held at Buffalo at least two weeks in each month of the year, except August, unless the business is sooner disposed of. The times for holding the same and such other special sessions as the court shall deem necessary shall be fixed by rules of the court. All process in admiralty causes and proceedings shall be made returnable at Buffalo. The judge of any district in the State of New York may perform the duties of the judge of any other district in such State upon the request of any resident judge entered in the minutes of his court; and in such cases such judge shall have the same powers as are vested in the resident judge."

Terms.  
Concurrent jurisdiction of eastern and southern districts.  
R. S., sec. 542, p. 91.

Western district.

Terms.

Bankruptcy and admiralty proceedings, etc., at Buffalo.

Interchange of judges.

Approved, July 1, 1922.

**CHAP. 261.**—An Act To legalize a bridge across the south arm of Pokegama Lake in Itasca County, State of Minnesota.

July 1, 1922.

[H. R. 10770.]

[Public, No. 286.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the highway bridge built by the authorities of Itasca County, Minnesota, across the south arm of Pokegama Lake in section seventeen, township fifty-four, range twenty-five in said county and State, is hereby legalized and the consent of Congress is hereby given to its maintenance by said county for the use of the general public: Provided, That any changes in said bridge, which the Secretary of War may deem necessary and order in the interest of navigation, shall be promptly made by the said county.*

Pokegama Lake. Bridge across, by Itasca County, Minn., legalized.

Proviso. Changes.

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

Amendment.

Approved, July 1, 1922.

**CHAP. 262.**—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge over the Rio Grande between the cities of Del Rio, Texas, and Las Vacas, Mexico.

July 1, 1922.

[H. R. 11128.]

[Public, No. 267.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Del Rio and Las Vacas Bridge Company, a copartnership organized and entered into under the laws of the State of Texas, be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto over the Rio Grande between the cities of Del*

Rio Grande. Del Rio and Las Vacas Bridge Company may bridge, between Del Rio, Tex. and Las Vacas, Mexico. Vol. 41, p. 1202. Post, p. 1501.

Construction.  
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Consent of Mexico  
required.

Amendment.

Rio, Texas, and Las Vacas, Mexico, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

SEC. 2. That the consent of the proper authorities of the Republic of Mexico shall have been obtained before said bridge shall be built or commenced.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, July 1, 1922.

July 1, 1922.  
[H. R. 11214.]  
[Public, No. 268.]

**CHAP. 263.**—An Act Authorizing the President to scrap certain vessels in conformity with the provisions of the treaty limiting naval armament, and for other purposes.

Navy.  
Capital ships of, to be  
scrapped under treaty  
limiting naval arma-  
ment.

*Ante*, p. 774.  
*Post*, p. 1544.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions in the treaty limiting naval armament, concluded February 6, 1922, between the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy, and Japan, the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to demolish or otherwise make such disposition in accordance therewith as in his judgment may be proper of the capital ships of the Navy built or building which are not to be retained by the terms of the said treaty.

Discontinuing, etc.,  
construction of battle-  
ships and battle cruis-  
ers.

Vol. 39, p. 616.

SEC. 2. That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to discontinue the construction of and to cancel or modify any contract entered into for and on behalf of the United States for the construction of seven first-class battleships and six battle cruisers authorized in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes," approved August 29, 1916, and for the machinery, materials, equipment, armor, armament, and ordnance equipment therefor: *Provided*, That whenever any such contract is canceled or modified settlement of claims arising therefrom shall be made by the President upon a fair and equitable basis, as he may determine, out of any funds hereafter to be appropriated for that purpose: *Provided*, That if the terms of such settlement are unsatisfactory to any claimant such claimant shall be paid 75 per centum of the amount awarded by the President and shall be entitled to sue the United States to recover such further sums as added to the said 75 per centum shall make up such amount as will be just compensation for such claims, in the manner provided by section 24, paragraph 20, and section 145 of the Judicial Code.

*Proviso.*  
Compensation for  
canceled contracts.

*Ante*, p. 811.

Part payment if  
terms unsatisfactory,  
and suit for balance.

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Airplane carriers.  
Battle cruisers  
"Lexington" and  
"Saratoga" to be con-  
verted into.

Vol. 39, p. 616.  
*Ante*, p. 811.

SEC. 3. That of the battle cruisers authorized in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes," approved August 29, 1916, the President of the United States is hereby authorized to undertake the conversion of the Lexington and Saratoga into airplane carriers, within the limits of cost heretofore authorized for said battle cruisers.

Limit of cost increas-  
ed of specified vessels.

SEC. 4. The limits of cost of the vessels heretofore authorized and hereinbelow enumerated are increased as follows: Battleships West Virginia and Colorado, from \$15,000,000 to \$17,000,000; scout cruisers, Numbered Four to Ten, inclusive, from \$7,500,000 to \$8,250,000.

Approved, July 1, 1922.