after January 1, 1923, there shall be not to exceed a total of twelve thousand officers in the Army and on and after that date the authorized number in each grade shall be as prescribed in said Act or as modified and prescribed by the President in accordance with the provisions of the preceding proviso, and on that date there shall not be any promotion list officers in any grade in addition to these prescribed numbers: Provided further, That the discharge and recommission of officers in the next lower grade shall not operate to reduce the pay or allowances which they are now receiving or to deprive them of credit for service now counted for purposes of pay or retirement: And provided further, That in discharging and recommissioning officers in inverse order of standing on the promotion list any officer who is once discharged from the grade he now holds and is recommissioned in the next lower grade shall be passed over.

SEC. 2. That the retired general officers who have been called to active duty for service on the said elimination board shall be entitled from date of detail and while so serving to the active pay and allowances of their grade.

SEC. 3. That the first proviso under the heading “Arms, Uniforms, Equipment, and so forth, for field service, National Guard” in Title I of said Act is amended to read as follows: “That members of the National Guard and Officers’ Reserve Corps who have or shall become entitled for a continuous period of less than one month to Federal pay at the rates fixed for the Regular Army, whether by virtue of a call by the President, of attendance at school or maneuver, or of any other cause, and whose accounts have not yet been settled, shall receive such pay for each day of such period; and the thirty-first day of a calendar month shall not be excluded from the computation.”

SEC. 4. That all laws and parts of laws in so far as they are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, September 14, 1922.

CHAP. 308.—An Act To create the White House police force, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby created and established for the protection of the Executive Mansion and grounds in the District of Columbia a permanent police force, to be known as the White House police. Such force shall be under the sole control of the President and under the direct supervision of such officer as he may designate. The members of such force shall possess privileges and powers and perform duties similar to those of the members of the Metropolitan police of the District of Columbia, and such additional privileges, powers, and duties as the President may prescribe.

SEC. 2. (a) That the White House police force shall consist of one first sergeant with grade corresponding to that of detective sergeant (Metropolitan police), two sergeants with grade corresponding to that of sergeant (Metropolitan police), and thirty privates with grade corresponding to that of private, class three (Metropolitan police), appointed under the direction of the President from the members of the Metropolitan police force and the United States park police force from lists furnished by the officers in charge of such forces. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner.

(b) Any vacancy in the Metropolitan police force or in the United States park police force caused by appointments to the White House police force shall be filled in the manner provided by law.
Sec. 3. (a) That no person shall be appointed a member of the White House police force at a grade lower than the grade held by him as a member of the Metropolitan police force or of the United States park police force at the time of his appointment.

(b) A member of the White House police force shall receive a salary at the rate provided for the corresponding grade in the Metropolitan police force, and he shall be furnished with uniforms and other necessary equipment similar to the uniforms and equipment furnished the United States park police, and he shall be entitled to the same leave allowances as a member of the United States park police force.

(c) The President may transfer a member of the White House police force to the organization of which he was a member at the time of his appointment to such force.

Sec. 4. (a) That a member of the United States park police force appointed to the White House police force shall be included within the provisions of section 12 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes," approved September 1, 1916, as amended, upon payment into the policemen and firemen's relief fund, District of Columbia, of an amount equal to $1 per centum of the total basic salary received by him since September 1, 1916, as a member of such United States park police force and as a watchman of the United States in any public square or reservation of the District of Columbia.

(b) For the purposes of retirement under such Act service with the United States park police force and service as a watchman of the United States in any public square or reservation of the District of Columbia shall be deemed service with the White House police force.

(c) Any member of the Metropolitan police force appointed to the White House police force shall continue to be subject to the provisions of section 12 of such Act, and appointment of such member to the White House police force or transfer of such member to his former organization shall not affect any right, privilege, or duty of such member under the provisions of such section of such Act.

Sec. 5. That a member of the United States park police force appointed to the White House police force shall be paid a refund as provided for in section 11 of the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of employees in the classified civil service, and for other purposes," approved May 22, 1920, as amended, and upon transfer to the United States park police force he shall be paid a refund from the policemen and firemen's relief fund of all money paid by him as salary deductions into such fund, and he shall be reinstated and included within the provisions of such Act upon payment to the Secretary of the Treasury of an amount equal to the amount refunded to him, at the time of such appointment, under the provisions of section 11 of such Act, plus an amount equal to 2½ per centum of the total basic salary received by him during the period of his service as a member of the White House police force. For the purposes of retirement under such Act service with the White House police force shall be deemed service with the United States park police force.

Sec. 6. That the provisions of section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, and for other purposes," approved June 22, 1906, and of section 7 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, and prior fiscal years, on account of war expenses, and for other purposes," approved October 6, 1917, shall not apply to persons appointed or transferred under the provisions of this Act.
Sec. 7. That the amounts necessary for the payment of salaries and for the purchase of uniforms and other equipment of the White House police force shall be disbursed by the officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 8. That the provisions of this Act shall be in effect on and after July 1, 1922.

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CHAP. 309.—Joint Resolution To authorize the Secretary of War to grant revocable licenses for the quarrying and removal of stone from the Mariveles Military Reservation, Philippine Islands.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to grant revocable licenses for the quarrying and removal of stone from the Mariveles Military Reservation, Philippine Islands, to the Government of the Philippine Islands and to persons and corporations in the Philippine Islands upon such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Secretary of War.

Approved, September 14, 1922.

CHAP. 310.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to grant a permit to erect and maintain a hotel upon the Fort Monroe Military Reservation in Virginia.

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 is hereby, authorized to grant permission to such individuals or corporation as to him may seem proper to construct, operate, and maintain a hotel upon the Fort Monroe Military Reservation in Virginia, for a term not exceeding fifty years, upon such site, according to such plans and dimensions and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be approved by the Secretary of War: Provided, That the State of Virginia, by its general assembly and governor, shall by proper legal enactment give the consent of such State to the construction, operation, and maintenance of such hotel: Provided further, That after the expiration of the term herein authorized, or in case at any time previous thereto the building hereby authorized is destroyed by fire or other casualty then all buildings erected or other installations made on said site or the remains thereof shall be removed and the site restored at the expense of the then owner or owners of such hotel to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War, whenever he shall so direct, unless such grant shall be renewed for another term not exceeding fifty years, which renewal is hereby authorized in the discretion of the Secretary of War: And provided further, That no claim for damages against the United States shall be made by reason of the enforcement of any conditions or restrictions which have been approved by the Secretary of War or by reason of the removal of buildings and installations and restoration of the site thereof: And provided further, That the buildings so erected shall be subject to State, local, and national taxation as other property located in the county of Elizabeth City, Virginia.

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