Artificial limbs. Money commutation for, increased. R. S., sec. 4788, p. 930, increased.

February 11, 1927.
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SEC. 2. That section 4788 of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended to read as follows: Every person entitled to the benefits of the preceding section may, if he so elects, receive, instead of such limb or apparatus, the money value thereof at the following rates, namely: For artificial legs, $125; for arms, $100; for feet, $100; for apparatus for resection, $100.

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CHAP. 106.—An Act To amend the provision contained in the Act approved March 3, 1915, providing that the Chief of Naval Operations, during the temporary absence of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Navy, shall be next in succession to act as Secretary of the Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision contained in the Act of March 3, 1915 (volume 38, Statutes at Large, page 929), providing that the Chief of Naval Operations, during the temporary absence of the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, shall be next in succession to act as Secretary of the Navy, is hereby amended to read as follows: “During the temporary absence of the Secretary and the Assistant Secretaries of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations shall be next in succession to act as Secretary of the Navy.”

Approved, February 11, 1927.

CHAP. 107.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to loan certain French guns which belong to the United States and are now in the city park at Walla Walla, Washington, to the city of Walla Walla, and for other purposes.

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 and directed to loan the four French one hundred and fifty-five millimeter guns with their carriages and all appurtenances thereto which are now in the city park at Walla Walla, Washington, to the city of Walla Walla without bond until such time as said guns may be needed for national defense.

Approved, February 11, 1927.

CHAP. 110.—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes,” approved September 7, 1916, and Acts in amendment thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes,” approved September 7, 1916, and Acts in amendment thereof, is amended to read as follows: “Sec. 6. That the monthly compensation for total disability shall not be more than $116.66, nor less than $58.33, unless the employee’s monthly pay is less than $58.33, in which case his monthly compensation shall be the full amount of his monthly pay. The monthly compensation for partial disability shall not be more than $116.66.

In the case of persons who at the time of the injury were minors or employed in a learner’s capacity and who were not physically or mentally defective the commission shall, on any review after the
time when the monthly wage-earning capacity of such persons would probably, but for the injury, have increased, award compensation based on such probable monthly wage-earning capacity. The commission may, on any review after the time when the monthly wage-earning capacity of the disabled employee would probably, irrespective of the injury, have decreased on account of old age, award compensation based on such probable monthly wage-earning capacity."

Sec. 2. That subdivision H of section 10 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," is amended to read as follows:

"(H) As used in this section, the term 'child' includes stepchildren, adopted children, and posthumous children, but does not include married children. The terms 'brother' and 'sister' include stepbrothers and stepsisters, half brothers and half sisters, and brothers and sisters by adoption, but do not include married brothers or married sisters. All of the above terms and the term 'grandchild' include only persons who at the time of the death of the deceased employee are under eighteen years of age or over that age and incapable of self-support. The term 'parent' includes stepparents and parents by adoption. The term 'widow' includes only the decedent's wife living with or dependent for support upon him at time of his death or living apart for reasonable cause or by reason of his desertion."

Sec. 3. That subdivision K of section 10 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," is amended to read as follows:

"(K) In computing compensation under this section the monthly pay shall be considered not to be more than $175 nor less than $87.50, but the total monthly compensation shall not exceed the monthly pay computed as provided in section 12."

Sec. 4. That section 11 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 11. That if death results from the injury within six years the United States shall pay to the personal representative of the deceased employee funeral and burial expenses not to exceed $200, in the discretion of the commission. In the case of an employee whose home is within the United States, if his death occurs away from his home office or outside of the United States, and if so desired by his relatives, the body shall, in the discretion of the commission, be embalmed and transported in a hermetically sealed casket to the home of the employee. Such funeral and burial expenses shall not be paid and such transportation shall not be furnished where the death takes place more than one year after the cessation of disability resulting from such injury or, if there has been no disability preceding death, more than one year after the injury."

Approved, February 12, 1927.