other necessary expenses incurred in collecting the latest information for pilot charts, and for other purposes for which the offices were established, $10,340.

For services of necessary employees at branch offices, $43,200.

CONTINGENT AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, NAVAL OBSERVATORY

For professional and scientific books, books of reference, periodicals, engravings, photographs, and fixtures for the library; for apparatus and instruments, and for repairs of the same; for repairs to buildings (including quarters), fixtures, and fences; for cleaning, repair, and upkeep of grounds and roads; furniture and furnishings for offices and quarters, gas, chemicals, paints, and stationery, including transmission of public documents through the Smithsonian exchange, foreign postage; plants, seeds, and fertilizers; for fuel, oil, grease, pipe, wire, and other materials needed for the maintenance and repair of boilers, engines, heating apparatus, electric lighting and power, and water supply; purchase and maintenance of teams; maintenance, repair, and operation of motor trucks and passenger automobiles, and of horse-drawn vehicles; telegraph and telephone service; and other absolutely necessary expenses, $33,700.

Approved, June 11, 1930.

CHAP. 469.—An Act Authorising the establishment of a migratory bird refuge in the Cheyenne Bottoms, Barton County, Kansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture be, and he is hereby, authorized to acquire by purchase, gift, or lease not to exceed twenty thousand acres of land in what is known as the Cheyenne Bottoms, in Barton County, Kansas, or, in lieu of purchase, to compensate any owner for any damage sustained by reason of submergence of his lands.

Sec. 2. That such lands, when acquired in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall constitute the Cheyenne Bottoms Migratory Bird Refuge, and shall be maintained as a refuge and breeding place for migratory birds included in the terms of the convention between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds concluded August 16, 1916.

Sec. 3. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum of $250,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to purchase or otherwise acquire the land described in section 1 of this Act.

Sec. 4. That the Secretary of Agriculture may do all things and make all expenditures necessary to secure the safe title in the United States to the areas which may be acquired under this Act, including purchase of options when deemed necessary by the Secretary of Agriculture, and expenses incident to the location, examination, and survey of such areas and the acquisition of title thereto, but no payment shall be made for any such areas until the title thereto shall be satisfactory to the Attorney General. That the acquisition of such areas by the United States shall in no case be defeated because of rights of way, easements, and reservations which from their nature will in the opinion of the Secretary of Agriculture in no manner interfere with the use of the areas so encumbered for the purpose of this Act.

Sec. 5. Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 15 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, approved February 18, 1929, are hereby made
applicable for the purposes of this Act in the same manner and to the same extent as though they were enacted as a part of this Act. Approved, June 12, 1930.

CHAP. 470.—An Act Providing that subscription charges for newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals, for official use may be paid for in advance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subscription charges for newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals for official use of any office under the Government of the United States or the municipal government of the District of Columbia may be paid in advance from appropriations available therefor, notwithstanding the provisions of section 3648 of the Revised Statutes (United States Code, title 31, section 529).

Approved, June 12, 1930.

CHAP. 471.—Joint Resolution To amend a joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution giving to discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines a preferred right of homestead entry," approved February 14, 1920, as amended January 21, 1922, and as extended December 28, 1922.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution giving to discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines a preferred right of homestead entry," approved February 14, 1920, as amended by a joint resolution approved January 21, 1922, and as extended by joint resolution approved December 28, 1922, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That hereafter, for the period of ten years following February 14, 1930, on the opening of public or Indian lands to entry, or the restoration to entry of public lands therefore withdrawn from entry, such opening or restoration shall, in the order therefor, provide for a period of not less than ninety days before the general opening of such lands to disposal in which officers, soldiers, sailors, or marines who have served in the Army or Navy of the United States in any war, military occupation, or military expedition and been honorably separated or discharged therefrom or placed in the Regular Army or Naval Reserve shall have a preferred right of entry under the homestead or desert land laws, if qualified thereunder, except as against prior existing valid settlement rights and as against preference rights conferred by existing laws or equitable claims subject to allowance and confirmation: Provided, That for the purposes of this resolution, the war with Spain shall be considered to include the period from April 21, 1898, to July 4, 1902: Provided further, That the same preference rights are hereby extended to apply to those citizens of the United States who served with the allied armies during the World War and who were honorably discharged, upon their resumption of citizenship in the United States, provided the service with the allied armies shall be similar to the service with the Army of the United States for which recognition is granted in this joint resolution: Provided further, That the rights and benefits conferred by this joint resolution shall not extend to any person who, having been drafted for service under the provisions of the Selective Service Act, shall have refused to render such service or to wear the uniform of such service of the United States."

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to make any and all regulations necessary to carry into full force and effect the provisions hereof.

Approved, June 12, 1930.