[CHAPTER 168.]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy, in his discretion, to deliver to the custody of the Historical Society of Montana, for preservation and exhibition, the silver service which was in use on the gunboat, Numbered 9, Helena.

May 6, 1932. [S. 1047.]


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized, in his discretion, to loan to the Historical Society of Montana for preservation and exhibition in the city of Helena, in that State, the silver service which was in use on the gunboat, Numbered 9, Helena, until such time as he may order its return to the Navy: Provided, That no expense shall be incurred by the United States for the delivery of such silver service.

Approved, May 6, 1932.

[CHAPTER 169.]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Randolph, Missouri.

May 6, 1932. [S. 2967.]

Missouri River. Time extended for building, at Randolph, Mo.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of the bridge across the Missouri River at or near Randolph, Missouri, authorized to be built by The Kansas City Southern Railway Company, its successors and assigns, by the Act of Congress approved May 24, 1928, heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved March 1, 1929, May 14, 1930, and February 6, 1931, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from May 24, 1932.

Sec. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 6, 1932.

[CHAPTER 170.]

AN ACT

Providing for the appointment as ensigns in the line of the Navy of all midshipmen who graduate from the Naval Academy in 1932, and for other purposes.

May 6, 1932. [H. R. 5068.] [Public, No. 122.]

Naval Academy graduates of 1932. Appointment as ensigns, and 50 per cent. or more, of future classes, authorized. Vol. 49, p. 1484, amended. Post, p. 1074, added. Excess to be carried as extra numbers, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint as ensigns in the line of the Navy all midshipmen who graduate from the Naval Academy in 1932, and at least 50 per centum of all graduates in subsequent years: Provided, That the number of such officers so appointed shall, while in excess of the total number of line officers otherwise authorized by law, be considered in excess of the number of officers in the grade of ensign as determined by any computation, and shall be excluded from any computation made for the purpose of determining the authorized number of line officers in any grade on the active list above the grade of lieutenant, junior grade, until the total number of line officers shall have been reduced below the number otherwise authorized by law.

Sec. 2. That all commissions hereafter issued as ensigns in the line of the Navy, second lieutenants in the Marine Corps, and in the lowest commissioned grades of the Staff Corps of the Navy with the rank of ensign, may be revoked by the Secretary of the Navy, under

Revocation of commissions within two years, provided.
such regulations as he may prescribe, at any time during a period of two years from the dates of such commissions, and each officer whose commission is so revoked shall be discharged from the service with not more than one year's pay. The rank of such officers of the same date of commission among themselves at the end of said period shall be determined by boards of officers under such rules as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, and the recommendations of such boards shall be final when approved by him.

Approved, May 6, 1932.

[CHAPTER 171.]

AN ACT

To give war-time commissioned rank to retired warrant officers and enlisted men.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all warrant officers and enlisted men who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States during the World War or the Spanish-American War, and whose service during such war was creditable, and who have been or hereafter may be retired according to law, shall on the date of approval of this Act or upon retirement in the case of those now on the active lists of the services named herein, be advanced in rank on the retired list to the highest commissioned, warrant, or enlisted grade held by them during such war: Provided, That nothing in this Act shall entitle any of the personnel described herein, while on active duty, to any other rank than that in which they were serving at the time of retirement: And provided further, That no increase in active or retired pay or allowances shall result from the passage of this Act.

Approved, May 7, 1932.

[CHAPTER 172.]

AN ACT

To amend section 11 of the Act approved February 22, 1889 (25 Stat. 676), relating to the admission into the Union of the States of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 11 of the Act approved February 22, 1889 (25 Stat. 676), be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That all lands granted by this Act shall be disposed of only at public sale after advertising—tillable lands capable of producing agricultural crops for not less than $10 per acre and lands principally valuable for grazing purposes for not less than $5 per acre. Any of the said lands may be exchanged for other lands, public or private, of equal value and as near as may be of equal area, but if any of the said lands are exchanged with the United States such exchange shall be limited to surveyed, nonmineral, unreserved public lands of the United States within the State.

The said lands may be leased under such regulations as the legislature may prescribe; but leases for grazing and agricultural purposes shall not be for a term longer than five years; mineral leases, including leases for exploration for oil and gas and the extraction thereof, for a term not longer than twenty years; and leases for development of hydroelectric power for a term not longer than fifty years.