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CHAP. 899.—An act to amend the pension laws by increasing the pensions of soldiers and sailors who have lost an arm or leg in the service.

Pensions, increased.

Loss of hand or foot.

Loss of arm at or above elbow; leg at or above knee.

Loss of arm at shoulder; leg at hip.

Proviso.
R. S., sec. 4699, p. 915, not repealed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act all persons on the pension-rolls, and all persons hereafter granted a pension, who, while in the military or naval service of the United States and in line of duty, shall have lost one hand or one foot, or been totally disabled in the same, shall receive a pension of thirty dollars a month; that all persons now on the pension-rolls, and all persons hereafter granted a pension, who in like manner shall have lost either an arm at or above the elbow or a leg at or above the knee, or been totally disabled in the same, shall receive a pension of thirty-six dollars per month; and that all persons now on the pension-rolls, and all persons, hereafter granted a pension who in like manner shall have lost either an arm at the shoulder-joint or a leg at the hip-joint, or so near the joint as to prevent the use of an artificial limb, shall receive a pension at the rate of forty-five dollars per month: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this act shall be construed to repeal section forty-six hundred and ninety-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States, or to change the rate of eighteen dollars per month therein mentioned to be proportionately divided for any degree of disability established for which section forty-six hundred and ninety-five makes no provision.

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CHAP. 900.—An act to authorize the Postmaster-General to allow compensation to railroad companies in certain cases for apartment service heretofore furnished pursuant to agreement.

Postal service.
Compensation for apartments in cars on certain railroads.

Allowance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to allow compensation to such railroad companies as had furnished apartments in cars for use as railway post-offices of less than forty feet in length, in cases where such apartments had been furnished in pursuance of an agreement or understanding with the Postmaster-General, the Second Assistant Postmaster-General, or the Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service that special compensation should be allowed therefor; such allowances to be proportioned to the length of the apartments furnished, and not exceeding a pro rata of the price allowed for a forty-foot car, and for the time unpaid for up to the date when the company was notified by the Department that such payment could not be made because not warranted by the present law.

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CHAP. 901.—An act to extend the system for the immediate delivery of letters, and amendatory of sections three, four, and five of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, and for other purposes."

Immediate delivery extended to all mailable matter.
Vol. 23, p. 388.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every article of mailable matter upon which the special stamp provided for by section three of the act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, and for other purposes," shall be duly affixed, shall be entitled to immediate delivery, according to said act, within