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have previously been submitted to and received the approval of the Chief of Engineers and of the Secretary of War, and any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time order in the interest of navigation shall be promptly made by said company at its own expense.

Litigation

SEC. 2. That in case any litigation arises from the building of said bridge or from the obstruction of said river by said bridge, cases may be tried in the proper courts, as now provided for that purpose in the State of Minnesota, and in the courts of the United States: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers, or to exempt said bridge from the operation of same.

Proviso.
Existing laws not affected.

Use by other roads.

SEC. 3. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same and over the approaches thereto upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case of disagreement between the parties in regard to the compensation to be paid or the conditions to be observed all matters at issue shall be determined by the Secretary of War.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 4. That any bridge built under this Act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which no higher charge shall be made for the transmission of mails and the troops and munitions of war of the United States over the same than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or approaches leading to the said bridge; and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States, and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal telegraph and telephone purposes.

Telegraph, etc., rights.

Time of construction.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be null and void unless the bridge herein authorized be commenced within one year and completed within two years from the date of approval of this Act.

Amendment.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, April 11, 1904.

April 11, 1904.
[S. 3118.]
[Public, No. 99.]

CHAP. 1140.—An Act To amend the Act approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to amend the laws relative to shipping commissioners,' approved August nineteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and for other purposes."

Merchant seamen.
Clothing of, exempt from attachment.
Vol. 28, p. 667, amended.
Vol. 26, p. 320.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the Act approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to amend the laws relative to shipping commissioners,' approved August nineteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and for other purposes" as reads "shall be liable to a penalty of not exceeding one hundred dollars" is hereby amended to read "shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be imprisoned not more than six months or fined not more than five hundred dollars, or both."

Penalty increased.

Approved, April 11, 1904.