

SEC. 9. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved. Amendment.

Approved, April 2, 1906.

CHAP. 1362.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge or bridges across the Yellowstone River in Montana.

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[S. 5204.]

[Public, No. 81.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chicago, Milwaukee and Saint Paul Railway Company, of Montana, its successors and assigns, be, and are hereby, authorized to construct and maintain such railroad bridge or bridges and approaches thereto, across the Yellowstone River, at such convenient and practicable point or points within the limits of the State of Montana as said company may deem necessary, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War and the Chief of Engineers of the Army.

Yellowstone River,
Mont.
Chicago, Milwaukee
and Saint Paul Rail-
way Company may
bridge.
Location.

SEC. 2. That any bridge herein authorized shall be located and constructed under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and said company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his approval, a plan of any such bridge and a map of its location, showing for one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current, soundings showing the bed of the stream, the location of any other bridge in that vicinity, and such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until said plan and location are approved by the Secretary of War such bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in the plan of any bridge during the progress of construction or after completion such change shall also be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

SEC. 3. That any bridge and its accessories constructed in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be a lawful structure, and the same is hereby declared to be a post route, and no higher charge shall be made for the transportation of the mails and the troops and munitions of war of the United States over the same than the rate per mile paid for their transportation over the railroads leading to such bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way across the same and its approaches for postal, telegraph, and telephone purposes; and equal privileges in the use thereof shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Changes.

Lawful structure
and post route.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring to use such bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges in the passage of railroad trains over same and the approaches thereto, under and upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War, upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties in case they shall not agree.

Telegraph, etc.,
rights.

Use by other roads.

SEC. 5. That in case of any litigation arising by reason of the construction and maintenance of any such bridge the same may be tried in the circuit or district court of the United States for the district of Montana in whose jurisdiction said bridge is located.

Litigation.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall be null and void if the actual construction of any bridge herein authorized shall not be commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date this Act takes effect.

Time of construc-
tion.

SEC. 7. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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