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SEC. 3. That said Act be, and the same is hereby, further amended by adding thereto, after said section thirty thereof, a new section to read as follows:

General appraisers. Term of office. Vol. 26, p. 142, amended.

"SEC. 31. That all of the general appraisers of merchandise heretofore or hereafter appointed under the authority of said Act shall hold their office during good behavior, but may, after due hearing, be removed by the President for the following causes, and no other: Neglect of duty, malfeasance in office, or inefficiency.

Salaries increased.

"That hereafter the salary of each of the general appraisers of merchandise shall be at the rate of nine thousand dollars per annum.

Powers of, etc.

"That the said boards of general appraisers and the members thereof shall have and possess all the powers of a circuit court of the United States in preserving order, compelling the attendance of witnesses, and the production of evidence, and in punishing for contempt."

Repeal.

SEC. 4. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Effect.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, May 27, 1908.

May 27, 1908.
[H. R. 18347.]
[Public, No. 147.]

CHAP. 206. An Act Making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nine, and for other purposes.

Postal service appropriations. Vol. 5, p. 80.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post-Office Department, in conformity with the Act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Advertising.

For advertising, five thousand dollars.

Repair shops and supplies division. Rent of building.

For rent of suitable buildings for the use of the Post-Office Department, including the mail-bag repair shop, lock repair shop, and the division of supplies, thirty-five thousand two hundred dollars. And eight hundred dollars of said sum shall be immediately available.

Power, etc.

For electric power and light, and the repair of machinery in said buildings, five thousand five hundred dollars.

Post-office inspectors. Salaries.

FOR SALARIES OF POST-OFFICE INSPECTORS: For salaries of fifteen inspectors in charge of divisions, at three thousand dollars each; ten inspectors, at two thousand four hundred dollars each; fifteen inspectors, at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars each; fifteen inspectors, at two thousand dollars each; ten inspectors, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; one hundred and thirty inspectors, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; one hundred and ten inspectors, at one thousand four hundred dollars; and fifty inspectors, at one thousand two hundred dollars; in all, five hundred and seventy-two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Per diem.

For per diem allowance of inspectors in the field while actually traveling on official business away from their home, their official domicile, and their headquarters, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster-General, not to exceed four dollars per day, three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, allow inspectors per diem while temporarily located at any place on business away from their home, or their designated domicile, for a period not exceeding twenty consecutive days at any one place, and make rules and regulations governing the foregoing provisions relating to per diem: *And provided further*, That no

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Limit.

per diem shall be paid to inspectors receiving annual salaries of two thousand dollars or more.

Clerks, etc., division headquarters.

For compensation to clerks and laborers at division headquarters, fifteen, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; nine, at one thousand four hundred dollars each; twenty-seven, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; eight, at one thousand one hundred dollars each; thirteen, at one thousand dollars each; five, at nine hundred dollars each; and two, at six hundred and sixty dollars each; in all, ninety-six thousand six hundred and twenty dollars.

Traveling, etc., expenses.

For traveling expenses of inspectors without per diem allowance, inspectors in charge, and the chief post-office inspector, and expenses incurred by inspectors not covered by per diem allowance, thirty-five thousand dollars.

Livery hire.

For livery hire incurred by inspectors not covered by their per diem allowance, including livery hire in connection with the installation and inspection of rural routes, fifty thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For necessary miscellaneous expenses at division headquarters, six thousand dollars.

Rewards, etc.

For payment of rewards for the detection, arrest, and conviction of post-office burglars, robbers, and highway mail robbers, twenty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That of the amount herein appropriated not to exceed five thousand dollars may be expended, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, for the purpose of securing information concerning violations of the postal laws, and for services and information looking toward the apprehension of criminals.

Proviso. Obtaining information.

Washington, D. C. Mechanical mail conveyors.

For the purchase and installation of mechanical conveyors and equipment for the handling of mail in the Washington city post-office, under the direction of the Postmaster-General, ten thousand dollars.

Labor-saving devices, tests.

For expenses incident to the investigation and testing of mechanical and labor-saving devices, under the direction of the Postmaster-General, for use in the postal service, ten thousand dollars.

Travel, etc.

For travel and miscellaneous expenses in the postal service, office of the Postmaster-General, one thousand dollars.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

First Assistant Postmaster-General.

Postmasters.

For compensation to postmasters, twenty-six million two hundred and fifty-four thousand dollars.

Boston, Mass., and Philadelphia, Pa., increased.

That hereafter the compensation paid to postmasters at Boston, Massachusetts, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, shall be eight thousand dollars per annum.

Assistant postmasters.

For compensation to assistant postmasters at first and second class post-offices, four, at not exceeding four thousand dollars each; thirty, at not exceeding three thousand dollars each; six, at not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars each; six, at not exceeding two thousand dollars each; twelve, at not exceeding one thousand nine hundred dollars each; twenty-six, at not exceeding one thousand eight hundred dollars each; sixty-eight, at not exceeding one thousand seven hundred dollars each; one hundred and five, at not exceeding one thousand six hundred dollars each; one hundred and thirty-five, at not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars each; one hundred and fifteen, at not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars each; two hundred and fifty-five, at not exceeding one thousand three hundred dollars each; three hundred and eighty, at not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars each; three hundred and sixty, at not exceeding one thousand one hundred dollars each; three hundred, at not exceeding one thousand dollars each; one hundred and ten, at not exceeding nine hundred dollars each; one hundred, at not exceeding eight hundred dollars each; and sixty, at not exceeding seven hundred dollars each; in all, two million five hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*,

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Boston, Mass., and Philadelphia, Pa., increased.

That hereafter the compensation paid to assistant postmasters at Boston, Massachusetts, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, shall be four thousand dollars per annum.

Appointments, etc., restricted.

And the appointment and assignment of assistant postmasters hereunder shall be so made during the fiscal year as not to involve a greater aggregate expenditure than this sum.

Superintendents, clerks, etc.

For compensation to clerks and employees at first and second class post-offices:

At $3,200.

Superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, and superintendents of registry, sixteen, at not exceeding three thousand two hundred dollars each;

At $3,000.

Auditors, two, at not exceeding three thousand dollars each;

At $2,700.

Superintendents of delivery and superintendents of mails, nineteen, at not exceeding two thousand seven hundred dollars each;

At $2,600.

Cashiers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, nineteen, at not exceeding two thousand six hundred dollars each;

At $2,500.

Superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and superintendents of stations, six, at not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars each;

At $2,400.

Assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, bookkeepers, cashiers, finance clerks, private secretaries, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, and superintendents of registry, thirty-four, at not exceeding two thousand four hundred dollars each;

At $2,200.

Assistant superintendents of mails, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, finance clerks, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, and superintendents of stations, twenty-two, at not exceeding two thousand two hundred dollars each;

At $2,100.

Chief stamp clerks, night superintendents, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of inquiry, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, and superintendents of registry, twenty, at not exceeding two thousand one hundred dollars each;

At $2,000.

Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, bookkeepers, cashiers, examiners of stations, finance clerks, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, superintendents of second-class matter, superintendents of inquiry, and superintendents of stations, ninety-five, at not exceeding two thousand dollars each;

At $1,800.

Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, examiners of stations, finance clerks, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, sixty, at not exceeding one thousand eight hundred dollars each;

At $1,700.

Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, examiners of stations, finance clerks, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, one

hundred and eighteen, at not exceeding one thousand seven hundred dollars each;

At $1,600. Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, examiners of stations, finance clerks, foremen of crews, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, one hundred and five, at not exceeding one thousand six hundred dollars each;

At $1,500. Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, examiners of stations, finance clerks, foremen of crews, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, one hundred and twenty-two, at not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars each;

At $1,400. Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, special clerks, examiners of stations, finance clerks, foremen of crews, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, three hundred and sixty-nine, at not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars each;

At $1,300. Assistant cashiers, superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, special clerks, finance clerks, foremen of crews, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, six hundred and six, at not exceeding one thousand three hundred dollars each;

At $1,200. Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, chief stamp clerks, clerks, finance clerks, foremen of crews, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, five thousand six hundred, at not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars each;

At $1,100. Assistant superintendents of stations, clerks, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, three thousand five hundred and forty-eight, at not exceeding one thousand one hundred dollars each;

At $1,000. Assistant superintendents of stations, clerks, clerks in charge of stations, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, and superintendents of second-class matter, five thousand two hundred and twenty-seven, at not exceeding one thousand dollars each;

At $900. Clerks, clerks in charge of stations, and private secretaries, seven thousand three hundred and seventy-nine, at not exceeding nine hundred dollars each;

At $800. Clerks, and clerks in charge of stations, five thousand and fifty-one, at not exceeding eight hundred dollars each;

At $600. Clerks, and clerks in charge of stations, two thousand four hundred and eighty-five, at not exceeding six hundred dollars each;

Substitutes. Substitutes for clerks and employees absent without pay;

In all, twenty-eight million seven hundred and twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars.

Restriction. And the appointment and assignment of clerks hereunder shall be so made during the fiscal year as not to involve a greater aggregate expenditure than this sum, and the assignment of the several grades of compensation to the various offices shall be made, so far as practicable, in proportion to the amount of business transacted through such offices and the respective divisions thereof.

Printers, mechanics, etc. Printers, mechanics, and skilled laborers, ten, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; four, at one thousand one hundred dollars each; three, at one thousand dollars each; and six, at nine hundred dollars each; in all, twenty-four thousand eight hundred dollars.

Watchmen, messengers, etc. Watchmen, messengers, and laborers, six hundred and sixty, at seven hundred dollars each; three hundred and twenty-five, at six hundred dollars each; and one hundred and twenty-five, at five hundred dollars each; in all, seven hundred and eleven thousand dollars.

Contract station clerks. Clerks in charge of contract stations, at a rate of compensation above three hundred dollars each, and not to exceed one thousand dollars each, two hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.

Clerks in charge of contract stations, at a rate of compensation not to exceed three hundred dollars each, five hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Substitutes for clerks on leave. For compensation to substitutes for clerks and employees at first and second class post-offices on vacation, one hundred and ten thousand dollars.

Temporary and auxiliary clerks. For temporary and auxiliary clerk hire at first and second class post-offices, and temporary and auxiliary clerk hire at summer and winter resort post-offices, two hundred and forty thousand dollars.

Separating mails. For separating mails at third and fourth class post-offices, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Unusual conditions. For unusual conditions at post-offices, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Clerks, third-class offices. For allowance to third-class post-offices to cover the cost of clerical services in offices where the salaries of the postmasters range from one thousand dollars to one thousand five hundred dollars, five hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no allowance in excess of two hundred dollars shall be made where the salary of the postmaster is one thousand dollars, one thousand one hundred dollars, or one thousand two hundred dollars; nor in excess of three hundred dollars where the salary of the postmaster is one thousand three hundred dollars, one thousand four hundred dollars, or one thousand five hundred dollars.

Proviso. Allotments not exceeding $300.

For allowance to third-class post-offices to cover the cost of clerical services in offices where the salaries of the postmasters range from one thousand six hundred dollars to one thousand nine hundred dollars, six hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no allowance in excess of four hundred dollars shall be made where the salary of the postmaster is one thousand six hundred dollars, or one thousand seven hundred dollars; nor in excess of five hundred dollars where the salary of the postmaster is one thousand eight hundred dollars or one thousand nine hundred dollars.

Proviso. Allotments not exceeding $500.

Rent, light, and fuel. For rent, light, and fuel for first, second, and third class post-offices, three million five hundred thousand dollars, of which sum twenty-nine thousand dollars shall be immediately available: *Provided*, That there shall not be allowed for the use of any third-class post-office for rent

Provisos. Limit.

a sum in excess of five hundred dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars for fuel and light in any one year: *And provided further*, That the Postmaster-General may, in the disbursement of this appropriation, apply a part thereof to the purpose of leasing premises for the use of post-offices of the first, second, and third classes, at a reasonable annual rental, to be paid quarterly, for a term not exceeding ten years.

Ten-year leases.

To provide for the rent, equipment, and maintenance of Station H of the New York City post-office in the terminal building of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, including expenses incident to moving the station from the present quarters, ninety thousand dollars.

Station H, New York Central Terminal. Equipment, etc.

For miscellaneous items necessary and incidental to post-offices of the first and second class, two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For rental or purchase of canceling machines, including cost of power in rented buildings, motors, repairs to motors, and miscellaneous expenses of installation and operation, three hundred thousand dollars.

Canceling machines.

For compensation to eleven assistant superintendents salary and allowance division, at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum each, and for their per diem allowance when actually traveling on business of the Post-Office Department, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster-General not to exceed four dollars per day, and for other necessary official expenses, thirty-seven thousand four hundred dollars.

Assistant superintendents.

For pay of letter carriers at offices already established, including substitutes for carriers absent without pay, city delivery service, twenty-seven million eight hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars.

City delivery. Letter carriers.

For pay of substitutes for letter carriers absent with pay, and of auxiliary and temporary letter carriers at offices already established, one million three hundred thousand dollars.

Substitutes, etc.

For pay of letter carriers, substitute and auxiliary letter carriers at new offices entitled to city delivery service under existing law, seventy-five thousand dollars.

New offices.

For horse-hire allowance and the rental of vehicles, eight hundred thousand dollars.

Horse hire, etc.

For car fare and bicycle allowance, four hundred thousand dollars.

Car fare and bicycles.

For street car collection service, ten thousand nine hundred dollars.

Street car collections.

For compensation to twenty-two mechanics, at not exceeding nine hundred dollars each, nineteen thousand eight hundred dollars.

Mechanics.

For marine postal service, Detroit, Michigan, four thousand five hundred dollars.

Detroit, marine service.

For incidental expenses of the city delivery service, including freight and drayage on equipment, furniture, and supplies, and erecting, painting, and repairing letter and package boxes and posts, repairing clocks and other equipment, and for maps, forty-five thousand dollars.

Incidentals.

For car fare for special-delivery messengers in emergency cases, twelve thousand dollars.

Special delivery. Car fare.

For fees to special-delivery messengers, one million two hundred thousand dollars.

Fees.

For travel and miscellaneous expenses in the postal service, office of the First Assistant Postmaster-General, one thousand dollars.

Travel.

Hereafter the provisions of section thirty-four hundred and seventy-seven of the Revised Statutes shall not apply to payments for rent of post-office quarters made by postmasters to duly authorized agents of the lessors.

Payment of rents to agents. R. S., 3477, p. 689.

Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Transportation. Star routes.

For inland transportation by star routes, including temporary service to newly established offices, seven million two hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended for continuance of any star-route service the patronage of which shall be served entirely by the extension of rural delivery service, nor shall any of said sum be expended for the establishment of new star-route service for a patronage which is already entirely served by rural delivery service: *Provided*, That out of this appropriation the Postmaster-General is authorized to provide difficult or emergency mail service in Alaska, including the establishment and equipment of relay stations, in such manner as he may think advisable without advertising therefor.

Provisos. Discontinuance if served by rural delivery.

Alaska service.

Steamboat routes.

For inland transportation by steamboat, or other power-boat routes, eight hundred thousand dollars.

Messenger service.

For mail messenger service, one million five hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

Pneumatic tubes.

Contracts.

For the transmission of mail by pneumatic tubes or other similar devices, one million dollars; and the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to enter into contracts not exceeding, in the aggregate, one million three hundred and eighty-eight thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine dollars, under the provisions of the law, for a period not exceeding ten years.

Report on owning pneumatic tube equipment by the Government.

And the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized and directed to investigate and report to Congress not later than January first, nineteen hundred and nine, the feasibility and desirability of the Government purchasing or installing the equipment for pneumatic tube service, and thereafter operating the same in the cities where such service is now in operation, and also ascertain and report the approximate cost of purchase and likewise of installation and the cost of maintenance and operation.

Wagon service.

Proviso. Chicago service.

For regulation, screen, or other wagon service, one million seven hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to contract, for a term not exceeding four years from July first, nineteen hundred and eight, by either screen-wagon or underground electric car service in the city of Chicago, Illinois.

Mail bags, etc.

Proviso. Equipments for Alaska and island service.

For mail bags, cord fasteners, label cases, and labor and material necessary for manufacture and repairing equipment, and for incidental expenses pertaining thereto, five hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That out of this appropriation the Postmaster-General is authorized to use so much of the sum not exceeding four thousand five hundred dollars as may be deemed necessary for the purchase of material, and the manufacture of such small quantities of distinctive equipment as may be required by other Executive Departments and for service in Alaska, Porto Rico, Philippine Islands, Hawaii, or other island possessions, and for such special equipment for testing and for other purposes in connection with the reduction in weight of mail pouches and sacks.

Chicago, Ill. Equipment shop.

For rent, light, fuel, electric power, transportation of machinery, installation of plant, and incidental expenses pertaining to the establishment and maintenance of a subworkshop for the repair of mail equipment at Chicago, Illinois, five thousand dollars.

Locks, keys, etc.

For mail locks and keys, chains, tools, and machinery, and labor and material necessary for manufacturing and repairing same, and incidental expenses pertaining thereto, forty-five thousand dollars.

Railroad routes.

For inland transportation by railroad routes, forty-four million dollars.

Freight on postal cards, etc.

For pay of freight or expressage on postal cards, stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and empty mail bags, three hundred thousand dollars. And the Postmaster-General shall require, when in freightable lots and whenever practicable, the withdrawal from the mails of

Withdrawals from mails at weighing periods.

all postal cards, stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, empty mail bags, furniture, equipment, and other supplies for the postal service, except postage stamps, in the respective weighing divisions of the country, immediately preceding the weighing period in said divisions, and thereafter such postal cards, stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, empty mail bags, furniture, equipment, and other supplies for the postal service, except postage stamps, shall be transmitted by either freight or express.

Post-office car service.

For railway post-office car service, four million eight hundred thousand dollars.

Railway mail service.
Division officers, etc.

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE: For eleven division superintendents, at three thousand dollars each; eleven assistant division superintendents, at two thousand dollars each; five assistant superintendents, at two thousand dollars each; nineteen assistant superintendents, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; one hundred and thirty-one chief clerks, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; two hundred and seventy-one clerks, class six, at not exceeding one thousand six hundred dollars each; one thousand two hundred and seventy-four clerks, class five, at not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars each; five hundred and thirty clerks, class five, at not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars each; two thousand one hundred clerks, class four, at not exceeding one thousand three hundred dollars each; two thousand two hundred and twenty-five clerks, class four, at not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars each; five thousand eight hundred clerks, class three, at not exceeding one thousand one hundred dollars each; two thousand one hundred clerks, class two, at not exceeding one thousand dollars each; eight hundred and ten clerks, class one, at not exceeding nine hundred dollars each; eight hundred clerks, class one, at not exceeding eight hundred dollars each; in all, eighteen million five hundred and eighty-eight thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, under such regulations as he may provide, allow a clerk who is sick leave of absence with pay, his duties to be performed without expense to the Government during the period for which he is granted leave, not exceeding thirty days in any fiscal year.

Proviso.
Sick leave.

Additional division at New Orleans, La.

That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to create an additional division of the railway mail service with headquarters at New Orleans, Louisiana, and to assign to duty one division superintendent, in addition to those heretofore appointed, and who shall be paid a salary of three thousand dollars per annum; and one additional assistant division superintendent at two thousand dollars per annum, and to defray the expenses of said headquarters the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated.

Entrance and advancement of clerks.

That hereafter railway postal clerks on entering the service shall receive the salary of the lowest grade, and no clerk shall be advanced more than two grades in any period of one year's service.

Appointments limited.

And the appointment and assignment of clerks hereunder shall be so made during the fiscal year as not to involve a greater aggregate expenditure than this sum.

Emergency service.

For temporary clerk hire in classes one and two for emergency service, fifty-five thousand dollars.

Substitutes.
Proviso.
Annual vacation.

For substitutes for clerks on vacation, fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may allow railway postal clerks whose duties require them to work six days or more per week, fifty-two weeks per year, an annual vacation of fifteen days with pay.

Construction.

That hereafter the leave of absence authorized by law to postal employees shall be construed exclusive of Sundays and holidays.

Acting clerks.

For acting clerks, in place of clerks or substitutes injured while on duty, and to enable the Postmaster-General to pay the sum of one thousand dollars, which shall be exempt from payment of debts of the

Allowance in case of death.

deceased, to the legal representatives of any railway postal clerk or substitute railway postal clerk who shall be killed while on duty, or who, being injured while on duty, shall die within one year thereafter as the result of such injury, one hundred thousand dollars.

Traveling expenses.

For actual and necessary expenses of division superintendents, assistant division superintendents, and chief clerks, railway mail service, and railway postal clerks, while actually traveling on business of the Post-Office Department and away from their several designated headquarters, twenty thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.
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For rent, light, fuel, telegraph, and miscellaneous office expenses, schedules of mail trains, telephone service, and badges for railway mail clerks, sixty-five thousand dollars.

Per diem, etc., assistant superintendents.

For per diem allowance of assistant superintendents while actually traveling on official business away from their home, their official domicile, and their headquarters, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster-General, not to exceed four dollars per day, thirty thousand dollars; and for their necessary official expenses not covered by their per diem allowance, not exceeding three thousand dollars; in all, thirty-three thousand dollars.

Electric and cable car service.
Provisos.
Compensation.

For inland transportation of mail by electric and cable cars, seven hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the rate of compensation to be paid per mile shall not exceed the rate now paid to companies performing such service, except that the Postmaster-General, in cases where the quantity of mail is large and the number of exchange points numerous, may, in his discretion, authorize payment for closed-pouch service at a rate per mile not to exceed one-third above the rate per mile now paid for closed-pouch service; and for mail cars and apartments carrying the mails, not to exceed the rate of one cent per linear foot per car mile of travel: *Provided further*, That the

Outside of cities.

rates for electric-car service on routes over twenty-five miles in length outside of cities shall not exceed the rates paid for service on steam railroads: *Provided, however*, That not to exceed thirty thousand dol-

Unusual conditions, etc.

lars of the amount hereby appropriated may be expended, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, where unusual conditions exist or where such service will be more expeditious and efficient and at no greater cost than otherwise.

Foreign mails.
Provisos.
Clerks on steamships.

For transportation of foreign mails, three million five hundred and eight thousand eight hundred and sixty-two dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General shall be authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, to cover one-half of the cost of transportation, compensation, and expenses of clerks to be employed in assorting and pouching mails in transit on steamships between the United States and other

Pier transfers, New York and San Francisco.

postal administrations in the International Postal Union, and not exceeding forty thousand dollars for transferring the foreign mail from incoming steamships in New York Bay to the steamship and railway piers, and for transferring the foreign mail from incoming steam-

Payment for carrying liquors, etc., forbidden.

ships in San Francisco Bay to the piers: *Provided*, That no part of said sum shall be used to pay for the carrying in the mails any malt, vinous or spirituous liquors, or intoxicating liquors of any kind, or any cocaine or any derivative thereof.

Assistant superintendent.

For assistant superintendent, division of foreign mails, with headquarters in New York, New York, two thousand five hundred dollars.

Balances due foreign countries.

For balances due foreign countries, one hundred and seventy-nine thousand dollars.

Travel, etc.

For travel and miscellaneous expenses in the postal service, office of the Second Assistant Postmaster-General, one thousand dollars.

Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Stamps.

For manufacture of adhesive postage stamps, special-delivery stamps, and books of stamps, five hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars.

Stamped envelopes and wrappers.

For manufacture of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, one million four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Distribution and inspection.

For pay of agent and assistants to examine and distribute stamped and official envelopes and newspaper wrappers, and expenses of agency at Dayton, Ohio, including expenses attendent on inspection of manufacture of official envelopes at Cincinnati, Ohio, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Postal cards.

For manufacture of postal cards, two hundred and eleven thousand dollars.

Distribution, etc.

For pay of agent and assistants to examine and distribute postal cards, and expenses of agency, six thousand five hundred dollars.

Ship, etc., letters.

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, five hundred dollars.

Indemnity, lost registered mail.

Deposits of money recovered, etc.

For payment of limited indemnity for the loss of pieces of first-class domestic registered matter, twenty-five thousand dollars. That hereafter all moneys recovered or collected on account of loss of first-class domestic registered matter which in the course of adjustment are not restored to the original owners, shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States.

International registered articles.

For payment of limited indemnity for the loss of registered articles in the international mails, ten thousand dollars.

Travel, etc.

For travel and miscellaneous expenses in the postal service, office of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, one thousand dollars.

Special counsel, second-class mail privilege suits.

For the employment of special counsel to be appointed by the Attorney-General, when requested by the Postmaster-General, and at compensation to be fixed by the Attorney-General not exceeding this temporary appropriation, to prosecute and defend, on behalf of the Post-Office Department, all suits now pending or which may hereafter arise affecting the second-class mailing privilege, ten thousand dollars.

Amend section thirty-eight hundred and forty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States to read as follows:

Postal funds.

Deposits in national or State banks.

R. S. sec. 3847, p. 752, amended.

Restriction modified.

"Any postmaster, having public money belonging to the Government, at an office within a city or town where there is no Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of the United States, or designated depositary, may deposit the same temporarily, at his own risk and in his official capacity, in any national or State bank in the State in which the said postmaster resides, or in which his office is located, or within a reasonable radius of his post-office in an adjacent State, but no authority or permission is or shall be given for the payment to or receipt by a postmaster or any other person, of interest, directly or indirectly, on any deposit made as herein described."

Vol. 34, p. 301.

Amend sections thirty-six hundred and forty-six and thirty-six hundred and forty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States (as amended by Act of June nineteenth, nineteen hundred and six) to read as follows:

Lost, etc., postal checks or warrants.

Issue of duplicates.

R. S. secs. 3646, 3647, pp. 717, 718, amended.

Post, p. 644.

"Whenever any original check or warrant of the Post-Office Department has been lost, stolen or destroyed, the Postmaster-General may authorize the issuance of a duplicate thereof within three years from the date of such original check or warrant, upon the execution by the owner thereof of such bond of indemnity as the Postmaster-General may prescribe: *Provided*, That when such original check or warrant does not exceed in amount the sum of fifty dollars, and the payee is, at the date of the application, an officer or employee in the service of the Post-Office Department, whether by contract, designation or appointment, the Postmaster-General may, in lieu of an indemnity bond, authorize the issuance of a duplicate check or warrant upon such an affidavit as he may prescribe, to be made before any postmaster by the payee of an original check or warrant.

Proviso.
Small amounts to officials.

Money order statements, etc.

Destruction after three years.

Vol. 29, p. 648, amended.

The Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster-General shall cause to be destroyed, in such manner as they may deem best, all money-order statements rendered by postmasters and all paid money orders accompanying the same, as well as all descriptive lists of inter-

national money orders certified to or by the exchange offices designated for conducting money-order transactions with foreign countries, and all coupons of issued international money orders now filed in the office of the Auditor for the Post-Office Department, or which may hereafter be filed therein, after three years shall have elapsed from the expiration of the period covered by such statements and lists: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General, upon evidence satisfactory to him, and under such special regulations as he shall prescribe, may cause payment to be made in the manner prescribed in sections four and eleven of the Act approved January twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, of the amount of any domestic money order remaining unpaid after the lapse of three years from the date of its issue. And it shall hereafter be the duty of the Auditor for the Post-Office Department to maintain a complete and permanent record of all unpaid money orders issued by postmasters in the United States, or such of its insular possessions as are amenable to the authority of the Postmaster-General for payment within its own territory, such record to serve as a basis for adjudicating claims for payment by warrant of the amounts of said orders.

Proviso.
Payment of orders after three years.
Vol. 28, pp. 32, 33.

Record of unpaid orders.

Matter excluded from mails.
R. S. sec. 3893, p. 758, amended.

That section thirty-eight hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following:

"Indecent" to include matter inciting murder, etc.

"And the term 'indecent' within the intendment of this section shall include matter of a character tending to incite arson, murder, or assassination."

OFFICE OF THE FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General.

Stationery.

For stationery, including all money-order offices, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Official and registry envelopes.

For official and registry envelopes, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Distribution of registry envelopes.

For pay of agent and assistants to examine and distribute registry envelopes, agent, two thousand five hundred dollars; chief clerk, one thousand dollars; one clerk, at nine hundred dollars; and one laborer, at six hundred and sixty dollars; in all, five thousand and sixty dollars.

Money-order blanks, etc.

For blanks, blank books, printed and engraved matter, binding and carbon paper for the money-order service, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Registry blanks, etc.

For blanks, books, and printed matter of urgent or special character, including the preparation, publication, and free distribution by postmasters to the public of a pamphlet containing general postal information, intaglio seals, and other miscellaneous items of immediate necessity for the registry system, five thousand dollars.

City-delivery supplies.

Supplies for the city-delivery service, including letter boxes, letter-box fasteners, package boxes, posts, furniture, satchels, straps, baskets, time cards, time-card frames, time-recorder supplies, maps, transfer designs, and stencils, ninety thousand dollars.

Postmarking, etc., stamps.

For steel and rubber postmarking, rating, and money-order stamps and repairs to same, metal, rubber, and combination type, dates and figures, type holders, ink and pads for canceling and stamping purposes, forty thousand dollars.

Scales, etc.

For letter balances, scales, test weights, repairs to same, and for tape measures, ten thousand dollars.

Wrapping paper.

For wrapping paper, fifteen thousand dollars.

Twine, etc.

For wrapping twine and tying devices, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Facing slips, etc.

For facing slips, plain and printed, including the furnishing of paper for same; and for card slide labels, blanks, and books of an urgent nature, sixty thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous supplies.

For the purchase, exchange, and repair of typewriting machines, envelope-opening machines, and computing machines, and for the pur-

chase of copying presses, numbering machines, and miscellaneous articles purchased and furnished directly to the postal service, one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.

Street Directory of Cities.

To defray the cost of printing a new edition of "Street Directory of the Principal Cities of the United States," twelve thousand dollars.

Rural-delivery supplies.

Supplies for the rural-delivery service, including collection boxes, furniture, satchels, badges, straps, map supplies, repairing satchels and furniture, repairing, erecting, and painting collection boxes in the rural-delivery service, seventy-five thousand dollars.

Shipping supplies.

To defray expenses incident to the shipment of supplies, including hardware, boxing, packing, cartage, freight, and the pay of one carpenter and three laborers for assignment in connection therewith, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Supply-division equipment.

To cover cost of installing shelving, files, and conveyors in the building occupied by the division of supplies in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, three thousand dollars.

Rural delivery. Carriers, etc.

For pay of letter carriers, substitutes for carriers on annual leave, clerks in charge of substations, and tolls and ferriage, rural-delivery service, thirty-five million five hundred and seventy-three thousand dollars: *Provided*, That not to exceed twelve thousand dollars of the amount hereby appropriated may be used for compensation of clerks in charge of substations: *Provided further*, That in the discretion of the Postmaster-General the pay of any carrier on a water route who furnishes his own power boat and is employed during the summer months may be fixed at an amount not exceeding nine hundred dollars in any one calendar year.

Provisos.
Substation clerks.

Power boats.

Travel, etc.

For travel and miscellaneous expenses in the postal service, office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, one thousand dollars.

Edward Rosewater and N. M. Brooks. Settlement of accounts.

That the accounts of Edward Rosewater, deceased, and of N. M. Brooks, late delegates to the Universal Postal Congress at Rome, Italy, be settled, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, within the amounts allotted to each by the Postmaster-General as salary and expenses out of the five thousand dollars appropriated for the salary and expenses of delegates to that congress without the further filing of vouchers.

No payment to permanently incapacitated persons.

That the appropriations herein made for the officers, clerks, and persons employed in the postal service shall not be available for the compensation of any persons permanently incapacitated for performing such service. The establishment of a civil-pension roll or an honorable-service roll, or the exemption of any of the officers, clerks, and persons in the postal service from the existing laws respecting employment in such service is hereby prohibited.

Pension roll, etc., prohibited.

Joint commission on business system continued.
Vol. 34, p. 1216.

That the term and authority of the joint commission authorized under the Act approved March second, nineteen hundred and seven, to investigate the business system of the Post-Office Department and the postal service, and the time for the filing of the report of said commission, are hereby extended until as soon as practicable after the beginning of the second session of the Sixtieth Congress. And said commission is authorized to codify the postal laws of the United States and to incur any necessary expense in connection with said work.

To codify postal laws.

Appropriation for expenses.

And the unexpended balance appropriated for the expenses of said commission is hereby reappropriated, together with the further sum of ten thousand dollars, to be paid out on the audit and order of the chairman or vice-chairman of the said commission under the method authorized in said Act approved March second, nineteen hundred and seven, said appropriation to be immediately available.

Naval vessels. Enlisted men to be designated as mail clerks. Duties.

That enlisted men of the United States Navy may, upon selection by the Secretary of the Navy, be designated by the Post-Office Department as "navy mail clerks" and "assistant navy mail clerks," who shall be authorized to receive and open all pouches and sacks of mail

addressed to naval vessels, to make proper delivery of such mail, to receive matter for transmission in the mails, to receipt for registered matter (keeping an accurate record thereof), to keep and have for sale an adequate supply of postage stamps, to make up and dispatch mails, and other postal duties as may be authorized by the Postmaster-General, all in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the commanding officer of the vessel or of the squadron to which the vessel is attached. Each mail clerk and assistant mail clerk shall take the oath of office prescribed for employees of the postal service and shall give bond to the United States in the sum of one thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duties as such clerk, and shall be amenable in all respects to naval discipline, except that, as to their duties as such clerks, the commanding officers of the vessels upon which they are stationed shall require them to be governed by the postal laws and regulations of the United States. Whenever necessity arises therefor any assistant mail clerk may be required by the commanding officer of the vessel upon which he is stationed or of the squadron to which said vessel is attached to perform the duties of mail clerk. They shall receive as compensation for such services from the Navy Department, in addition to that paid them of the grade to which they are assigned, such sum in the case of mail clerks not to exceed five hundred dollars per annum, and in that of assistant mail clerks not to exceed three hundred dollars per annum, as may be determined and allowed by the Navy Department.

Oath and bond.

Compensation.

Statement to be submitted with annual report.

That hereafter the Postmaster-General shall each year prepare and submit in his annual report to Congress estimates of the revenue and expenditures in the postal service for the fiscal year current, and also for the fiscal year next ensuing at the time said report is submitted, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the preceding completed fiscal year.

Appropriation to meet deficiencies.

That if the revenues of the Post-Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made by this Act, a sum equal to such deficiency of the revenue of said Department is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply said deficiencies in the revenues for the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nine, and the sum needed may be advanced to the Post-Office Department upon requisition of the Postmaster-General.

Payment for carrying liquors, etc., prohibited.

That no part of the appropriations herein made shall be used to pay for the carrying in the mails any malt, vinous, or spirituous liquors, or intoxicating liquors of any kind, or any cocaine or derivative thereof.

Approved, May 27, 1908.

May 28, 1908.
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[Public, No. 148.]

CHAP. 208. An Act Making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nine, and for other purposes.

Pensions appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nine, and for other purposes, namely:

Invalid, etc., pensions.

For army and navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, army nurses, and all other pensioners who are now borne on the rolls, or who may hereafter be placed thereon, under the provisions of any and all Acts of Congress, one hundred and sixty-two million dollars: *Provided*, That the appropriation aforesaid for navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the navy pension fund, so far as the same shall be sufficient for that pur-

Provisos.
Navy pensions.