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CHAP. 96.—An Act To carry into effect the international convention of December twenty-first, nineteen hundred and four, relating to the exemption in time of war of hospital ships from dues and taxes on vessels.

Preamble.

Whereas a convention providing for the exemption of hospital ships in time of war from the payment of all dues and taxes imposed for the benefit of the State was signed at The Hague on December twenty-first, nineteen hundred and four, by the plenipotentiaries of the United States of America, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, China, Korea, Denmark, Spain, Mexico, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Peru, Persia, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Servia, Siam, and Switzerland; and

Post, p. 1854.

Whereas the said convention was duly ratified by the Government of the United States of America by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and was proclaimed by the President of the United States May twenty-first, nineteen hundred and seven: Therefore

Hospital ships exempted from taxes, etc., in time of war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hospital ships, concerning which the conditions set forth in articles one, two, and three of the convention concluded at The Hague on July twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, for the adaptation to maritime warfare of the principles of the Geneva convention of August twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, are fulfilled, shall, in the ports of the United States and the possessions thereof, be exempted, in time of war, from all dues and taxes imposed on vessels by the laws of the United States, and from all pilotage charges.

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President to designate ships, etc.

SEC. 2. That the President of the United States shall by proclamation name the hospital ships to which this Act shall apply, and shall indicate the time when the exemptions herein provided for shall begin and end.

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CHAP. 99.—An Act To increase the efficiency of the personnel of the Life-Saving Service of the United States.

Life-Saving Service.
District superintendents, etc.
Compensation increased.

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 the compensation of district superintendents in the United States Life-Saving Service shall be as follows: For the superintendents of the first, second, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth districts, two thousand two hundred dollars per annum each; for the superintendents of the third and ninth districts, two thousand dollars per annum each; for the superintendent of the eighth district, one thousand nine hundred dollars per annum. That the pay of keepers of life-saving stations shall be one thousand dollars per annum each, and that the pay of the number one surfman in each of the crews of the life-saving stations shall be at the rate of seventy dollars per month.

Rations.

SEC. 2. That every keeper of a life-saving station and every surfman in the Life-Saving Service of the United States shall be entitled to receive one ration per day or, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, commutation therefor at the rate of thirty cents per ration.

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SEC. 3. That section eight of the Act of May fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, entitled "An Act to promote the efficiency of the Life-Saving Service and to encourage the saving of life from shipwreck," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Death of keeper or member of crew.
Two years' pay to widow and children.
Dependent mother added.

"SEC. 8. That if any keeper or member of a crew of a life-saving station shall hereafter die by reason of perilous service or any wound or injury received or disease contracted in the Life-Saving Service in