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to every eighteen clear superficial feet of deck allotted to their use, subject to the allowance for measurement of public rooms, lavatories, and bath rooms, if any, provided for by paragraph ten. If, however, the height between any passenger deck and the deck immediately above it be less than seven feet, no greater number of steerage passengers may be carried on that deck than in the proportion of one steerage passenger to every twenty-one clear superficial feet thereof, subject to the allowance for measurement of public rooms, lavatories, and bath rooms, if any, provided for by paragraph ten.

One passenger for every five superficial feet of air space.

"Ninth. A vessel, whatever be the superficial space of the passenger decks and of the lowest passenger deck, shall not carry a greater number of steerage passengers on the whole than in the proportion of one steerage passenger to every five superficial feet of air or promenade space provided on a deck so open as not to be included in the tonnage and approved by the inspector, and this space shall not be counted or included in the area available for any other passengers, or in other areas for steerage passengers prescribed by this section.

Baggage space, etc.

"Tenth. In the measurement of the passenger decks and of the lowest passenger deck, the space occupied by that part of the personal baggage of the steerage passengers which the inspector permits to be carried there shall be included, and also, on whatever deck located, commodious and suitable dining rooms, lounging rooms, smoking rooms, lavatories, toilet rooms, and bath rooms: *Provided*, That—

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Sleeping space, etc.

"(a) The space in any place appropriated to the use of steerage passengers in which they sleep shall not be less than eighteen superficial feet in the case of the lowest passenger deck and fifteen superficial feet in the case of a passenger deck.

"(b) Each space so included in the measurement must be clearly marked to the satisfaction of the inspector as being exclusively appropriated for the use of the steerage passengers.

Marking berth compartments.

"Eleventh. Each separate compartment in which steerage passengers are berthed shall be conspicuously marked, showing the total area of such compartments."

Repeal.
Vol. 34, pp. 910, 911.

SEC. 2. That section forty-two and so much of sections forty-three and forty-four of the Act approved February twentieth, nineteen hundred and seven, entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States," as provides for the repeal of section one of the passenger Act of eighteen hundred and eighty-two are hereby repealed.

Effect.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and nine.

Approved, December 19, 1908.

January 5, 1909.
[H. R. 24832.]

CHAP. 7.—An Act For the relief of citizens of Italy.

[Public, No. 184.]

Italian earthquake. Appropriation for relief of sufferers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to enable the President of the United States to procure and distribute among the suffering and destitute people of Italy such provisions, clothing, medicines and other necessary articles and to take such other steps as he shall deem advisable for the purpose of rescuing and succoring the people who are in peril and threatened with starvation the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approval of Italian Government, etc.

In the execution of this Act the President is requested to ask and obtain the approval of the Italian Government and he is hereby authorized to employ any vessels of the United States Navy and to charter and employ any other suitable steamship or vessels.

Approved, January 5, 1909.