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CHAP. 143.—An Act Making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and for other purposes.

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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:

Postal service appropriations.
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OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Postmaster General.

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, $34,400.

Repair shops and supplies division.

For gas, electric power and light, and the repair of machinery, $5,000.

Power, etc.

FOR SALARIES OF POST-OFFICE INSPECTORS: For salaries of fifteen inspectors in charge of divisions, at $3,000 each; ten inspectors, at $2,400 each; fifteen inspectors, at $2,250 each; twenty-six inspectors, at $2,100 each; fifteen inspectors, at $2,000 each; twenty-nine inspectors, at $1,900 each; sixty-five inspectors, at $1,800 each; seventy-five inspectors, at $1,700 each; seventy-five inspectors, at $1,600 each; and sixty-five inspectors, at $1,500 each; in all, $704,450.

Post-office inspectors.

For per diem allowance of inspectors in the field while actually traveling on official business away from their homes, their official domiciles, and their headquarters, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster General, not to exceed $3 per day, $261,400.

Per diem.

Provided, That the Postmaster General may, in his discretion, allow inspectors per diem while temporarily located at any place on business away from their homes or their designated domiciles 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 per diem shall be paid to inspectors receiving annual salaries of $2,000 or more, except the twenty-six inspectors receiving $2,100 each.

Provisos.
Temporary allowances.

Limit.

For compensation to clerks at division headquarters, fifteen at $1,600 each; eleven at $1,400 each; twenty-seven at $1,200 each; eight at $1,100 each; thirteen at $1,000 each; and six at $900 each; in all, $99,000.

Clerks at division headquarters.

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, unusual and extraordinary expenses necessarily incurred for maintenance by inspectors over and above per diem allowance while traveling on official business in connection with the postal service of Alaska, and for the traveling expenses of two clerks performing stenographic and clerical assistance to post-office inspectors in the investigation of important fraud cases, $41,400.

Traveling, etc., expenses.

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, $45,000.

Livery hire.

For necessary miscellaneous expenses at division headquarters, $7,500.

Miscellaneous.

For payment of rewards for the detection, arrest, and conviction of post-office burglars, robbers, and highway mail robbers, $15,000: *Provided,* That of the amount herein appropriated not to exceed $5,000 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.

Rewards, etc.

Proviso.
Collecting information.

Postal savings system.

POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM.

Supplies, etc.

For blank books, forms, pamphlets, rubber stamps, canceling devices, and postal savings certificates for use in depository offices and banks, postal savings cards and stamps, official postage and stamped envelopes for use in lieu of penalty or franked envelopes, in the transmittal of free mail, authorized by act of June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and ten, including those used in the central office, $100,000.

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Miscellaneous items.

For miscellaneous items, including the purchase of filing cabinets in depository offices not located in Federal buildings, and the expense incident to the shipment of supplies, including the cost of wrapping paper, twine, packing boxes, drayage, freight, and express charges, $5,000.

Expenses, director's office.

For travel and miscellaneous expenses in the service of the Postal Savings System, office of the director, $500.

Travel, etc.

For travel and miscellaneous expenses in the postal service, office of the Postmaster General, $1,000.

First Assistant Postmaster General.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Postmasters.

For compensation to postmasters, $30,250,000.

Assistant postmasters.

For compensation to assistant postmasters at first and second class post offices, five, at not exceeding $4,000 each; thirty-eight, at not exceeding $3,000 each; seven, at not exceeding $2,500 each; six, at not exceeding $2,000 each; sixteen, at not exceeding $1,900 each; forty, at not exceeding $1,800 each; eighty-five, at not exceeding $1,700 each; one hundred and thirty-five, at not exceeding $1,600 each; one hundred and sixty, at not exceeding $1,500 each; one hundred and forty-four, at not exceeding $1,400 each; three hundred and forty-one, at not exceeding $1,300 each; five hundred and twenty-eight, at not exceeding $1,200 each; four hundred and eighty, at not exceeding $1,100 each; two hundred and twenty-four, at not exceeding $1,000 each; one hundred and fifty, at not exceeding $900 each; one hundred and fifty, at not exceeding $800 each; in all, $3,075,000.

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, twenty, at not exceeding $3,200 each;

At $3,000.

Auditors, and superintendents of mails, seven, at not exceeding $3,000 each;

At $2,700.

Assistant superintendents of mails, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, fifteen, at not exceeding $2,700 each;

At $2,600.

Assistant superintendents of mails, cashiers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, eighteen, at not exceeding $2,600 each;

At $2,500.

Assistant superintendents of mails, cashiers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and superintendents of stations, twenty-four, at not exceeding $2,500 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, stenographers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, and superintendents of registry, forty, at not exceeding $2,400 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, thirty, at not exceeding $2,200 each;

At $2,100. Assistant superintendents of mails, cashiers, 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, thirty-two, at not exceeding $2,100 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, one hundred and twenty, at not exceeding $2,000 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, stenographers, 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, at not exceeding $1,800 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, stenographers, 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 fifty, at not exceeding $1,700 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, stenographers, 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 sixty, at not exceeding $1,600 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, stenographers, 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, at not exceeding $1,500 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, stenographers, 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, nine hundred and sixty, at not exceeding $1,400 each;

At $1,300. Assistant cashiers, assistant 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, examiners of stations, finance clerks, foremen of crews, special clerks, stenographers, 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, two thousand one hundred and four, at not exceeding $1,300 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, stenographers, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, seventeen thousand four hundred and forty-seven, at not exceeding $1,200 each;

At $1,100. Assistant superintendents of stations, clerks, stenographers, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, six thousand three hundred, at not exceeding $1,100 each;

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

At $900. Clerks, clerks in charge of stations, and stenographers, two thousand four hundred, at not exceeding $900 each;

At $800. Clerks and clerks in charge of stations, five thousand four hundred and eighty, at not exceeding $800 each: *Provided*, That after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, the first grade for clerks and carriers shall be abolished and that appointments shall be made to the second grade, salary $800; and that clerks and carriers at first-class offices shall be promoted successively to the fifth grade and clerks and carriers at second-class offices shall be promoted successively to the fourth grade.

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First grade abolished, appointments to be at $800.
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Promotions.

Substitutes. Substitutes for clerks and employees absent without pay;

Promotions provided for. And to provide for the promotion of seventy-five per centum of the clerks in first-class post offices from the fifth to the sixth grade and for the promotion of seventy-five per centum of the clerks in second-class offices from the fourth to the fifth grade; in all, $40,870,000.

Printers, mechanics, etc. For compensation to printers, mechanics, and skilled laborers, ten, at $1,200 each; four, at $1,100 each; three, at $1,000 each; and twenty-eight, at $900 each; in all, $44,600.

Watchmen, messengers, etc. For compensation to watchmen, messengers, and laborers, two hundred and fifty, at $840 each; one thousand three hundred and fifty, at $720 each; in all, $1,120,000.

Contract station clerks. For compensation to clerks in charge of contract stations, $1,010,000.

Substitutes for employees on vacation. For compensation to substitutes for clerks and employees at first and second class post offices on vacation, $225,000.

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, $1,000,000.

Separating mails. For separating mails at third and fourth class post offices, $675,000.

Unusual conditions. For unusual conditions at post offices, $100,000.

Third-class offices. For allowances to third-class post offices to cover the cost of clerical services, $1,725,000: *Provided*, That no allowance in excess

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of $300 shall be made where the salary of the postmaster is $1,000, $1,100, or $1,200; nor in excess of $400 where the salary of the postmaster is $1,300, $1,400, or $1,500; and that no allowance in excess of $500 shall be made where the salary of the postmaster is $1,600 or $1,700; nor in excess of $800 where the salary of the postmaster is $1,800 or $1,900: *And provided further*, That the Postmaster General may, in the disbursement of this appropriation, expend not exceeding $400,000 for the employment, at a maximum salary of $600 per annum, of assistant postmasters at post offices of the third class where the salary of the postmaster is $1,800 or $1,900 per annum.

Allowances for clerks.

Assistant postmasters.

For rent, light, and fuel for first, second, and third class post offices, $4,800,000: *Provided*, That the Postmaster General may, in the disbursement of the appropriation for such purposes, 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; and that there shall not be allowed for the use of any third-class post office for rent a sum in excess of $500, nor more than $100 for fuel and light, in any one year.

Rent, light, and fuel.

Proviso.

Ten year leases.

Third-class offices.

For miscellaneous items necessary and incidental to post offices of the first and second class, $400,000, of which sum $25,000 may be used for the purchase of post-office equipment.

Miscellaneous.

For rental and purchase of canceling machines, including cost of power in rented buildings, motors, repairs to motors, and miscellaneous expenses of installation and operation, $300,000: *Provided*, That hereafter no contract shall be made for any canceling machine for more than $270 per annum, including repairs on said machines, and that all contracts entered into shall be let after having advertised for bids, and shall be awarded on the basis of cheapness and efficiency.

Canceling machines.

Proviso.

Maximum rent.

For the purchase, exchange, repair, and maintenance of mechanical and labor-saving devices, $50,000.

Labor-saving devices.

The Postmaster General is hereby authorized to offer and pay periodically a cash reward for the invention, suggestion, or series of suggestions for an improvement or economy in device, design, or process applicable to the postal service submitted by one or more employees of the Post Office Department which shall be deemed the most valuable of those submitted and adopted for use, and for that purpose the sum of $10,000 is hereby appropriated: *Provided*, That to obtain this reward the winning suggestion or invention must be one that will clearly effect a material economy or increase efficiency: *Provided further*, That the sums awarded to employees in accordance with this Act shall be paid them in addition to their usual compensation: *Provided further*, That the total amount paid under the provisions of this Act shall not exceed $1,000 in any month or for any one invention or suggestion: *And provided further*, That no employee shall be paid a reward under this Act until he has properly executed an agreement to the effect that the use by the United States of the invention, suggestion, or series of suggestions made by him shall not form the basis of a further claim of any nature upon the United States by him, his heirs, or assigns, and that no application for patent has been made for any such invention.

Rewards to employees for inventions.

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Requirements.

Additional to salary.

Limitations.

Release of subsequent claims, etc.

For pay of letter carriers at offices already established, including substitutes for letter carriers absent without pay, and for the promotion of seventy-five per cent of the letter carriers in first-class post offices from the fifth to the sixth grade and for the promotion of seventy-five per cent of the letter carriers in second-class offices from the fourth to the fifth grade, City Delivery Service, $35,360,000: *Provided*, That after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, substitute letter carriers in the City Delivery Service and substitute post-office clerks employed in first and second class post offices shall

City delivery.

Carriers.

Promotions.

Proviso.

Pay of substitutes for employees absent without pay.

be paid at the rate of forty cents an hour when working for a carrier or clerk absent without pay.

Pay of substitutes for employees on vacation, etc.

That substitute carriers and substitute clerks when assigned to perform the work of regular employees absent on vacations, or when performing auxiliary or temporary work, shall be paid at the rate of 30 cents an hour. Every substitute carrier and substitute post-office clerk who has served as such substitute for a period of one year or more shall, when appointed to a regular position, receive the salary of a second grade carrier or clerk, $800 per annum, as his initial salary, and all other promotions shall be regulated according to the classification Act approved March second, nineteen hundred and seven.

Appointments to regular positions.

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Substitutes, etc.

For pay of substitutes for letter carriers absent with pay, and of auxiliary and temporary letter carriers at offices where city delivery is already established, $2,285,000.

New offices.

For pay of letter carriers, substitute and auxiliary letter carriers at offices where City Delivery Service is established, during the year, $75,000.

Horse hire, etc.

For horse-hire allowance, the hiring of drivers, and the rental of vehicles, $1,530,000.

Car fare and bicycles.

For car fare and bicycle allowance, $475,000.

Street car collections.

For street-car collection service, $10,000.

Detroit River service.

For Detroit River postal service, $6,500.

Incidentals.

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 the purchase and exchange of time recorders and maps, $50,000.

Special delivery. Car fare.

For car fare for special-delivery messengers in emergency cases, $13,000.

Fees.

For fees to special-delivery messengers, $1,800,000.

Experimental village delivery.

For experimental village-delivery service in towns and villages having post offices of the second or third class that are not by law now entitled to free-delivery service, $150,000.

Travel, etc.

For travel and miscellaneous expenses in the postal service, office of the First Assistant Postmaster General, $1,000.

Second Assistant Postmaster General.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Mail transportation. Star routes, Alaska. *Proviso.* Emergency service.

For inland transportation by star routes in Alaska, $450,000: *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.

Steamboat, etc., service.

For inland transportation by steamboat or other power-boat routes, $910,000.

Messenger service.

For mail messenger service, $1,900,000.

Pneumatic tubes, etc. *Proviso.* Committees and commissions continued. *Ante*, pp. 546, 559.

For the transmission of mail by pneumatic tubes or other similar devices, $962,200: *Provided*, That the personnel of the membership of the committees and commissions created and provided for in sections one and eight of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and for other purposes," approved August twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve, shall continue with the same authorities, powers, and provisions for expenses until final report is made to Congress, which shall be made on or before March fourth, nineteen hundred and fourteen.

Wagon service.

For regulation screen or other wagon service, $2,000,000.

Mail bags, etc.

For mail bags, metal for mail-bag attachments, cord fasteners, label cases, and material necessary for manufacture and repairing of equipment, and for incidental expenses pertaining thereto, $355,500:

Provided, That out of this appropriation the Postmaster General is authorized to use so much of the sum, not exceeding $5,000, as may be deemed necessary for the purchase of material and the manufacture in the mail-bag repair shop of such small quantities of distinctive equipments 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 the weight of mail equipment.

Proviso.
Distinctive equipments for departments, Alaska, island possessions, etc.

For compensation to labor employed in the mail-bag repair shop at Washington, District of Columbia, and Chicago, Illinois, $108,300.

Bag repair shops. Labor.

For rent, light, fuel, electric power, and incidental expenses pertaining to the maintenance of a subworkshop for the repair of mail equipment at Chicago, Illinois, $2,400.

Equipment shop, Chicago.

For mail locks and keys, chains, tools, machinery, and material necessary for manufacturing and repairing same, and for incidental expenses pertaining thereto; also for making in the mail-lock repair shop such metal attachments as may be needed for use in the manufacture and repair of mail equipment, $15,000.

Locks, keys, etc.

For compensation to labor employed in the mail-lock repair shop at Washington, District of Columbia, $38,000.

Lock repair shop. Labor.

For inland transportation by railroad routes, $51,500,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be paid for carrying the mail over the bridge across the Mississippi River at Saint Louis, Missouri, other than upon a mileage basis: *But, provided further*, That the Postmaster General may in his discretion pay within the present law a fair and reasonable price for the special transfer and terminal service at the Union Station at East Saint Louis, Illinois, and at the Union Station at Saint Louis, Missouri, including the use, lighting and heating of the mail building and transfer service at Saint Louis, Missouri, provided the amount so paid shall not exceed $35,000: *Provided further*, That on account of the increased weight of mails resulting from the enactment of section eight of the Act of August twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve, making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, the Postmaster General is authorized to add to the compensation paid for transportation on railroad routes on and after July first, nineteen hundred and thirteen, for the remainder of the contract terms, not exceeding five per centum thereof per annum, excepting upon routes weighed since January first, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and to be readjusted from July first, nineteen hundred and thirteen, until otherwise provided by law: *And provided further*, That the joint committee to make inquiry into the subject of postage on second-class mail matter and compensation for the transportation of mail provided for by the Act of August twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve, shall make an inquiry into the question of the transportation of second-class mail matter in fast freight trains and the manner of handling incident thereto, and report upon the same and the best method of effecting its discontinuance if such be found advisable.

Railroad routes.
Provisos.
Mississippi River bridge, Saint Louis, Mo.
Transfer, etc., charges, Saint Louis, Mo.

Additional pay for railroad transportation, parcel post matter.
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Committee on second-class matter to report on fast freight transportation.
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For pay of freight or expressage on postal cards, stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and empty mail bags, $500,000.

Freight on postal cards, etc.

For railway post-office car service, $5,000,000: *Provided*, That no part of this amount shall be paid for the use of any car which is not sound in material and construction, and which is not equipped with sanitary drinking-water containers and toilet facilities, nor unless such car is regularly and thoroughly cleaned.

Post-office car service.
Proviso.
Sound and sanitary cars.

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE: For fifteen division superintendents, at $3,000 each; four assistant superintendents, at $2,200 each; fifteen assistant division superintendents, at $2,000 each; one hundred and twelve chief clerks, at not exceeding $2,000 each; three hundred and

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Division superintendents and assistants.
Clerks.

thirty-four clerks, grade ten, at not exceeding $1,800 each; thirteen hundred and ninety clerks, grade nine, at not exceeding $1,700 each; four hundred and two clerks, grade eight, at not exceeding $1,600 each; two thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight clerks, grade seven, at not exceeding $1,500 each; two thousand three hundred and eighteen clerks, grade six, at not exceeding $1,400 each; five thousand two hundred and ninety-two clerks, grade five, at not exceeding $1,300 each; three thousand six hundred and fifty-six clerks, grade four, at not exceeding $1,200 each; four hundred and five clerks, grade three, at not exceeding $1,100 each; one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five clerks, grade two, at not exceeding $1,000 each; one thousand nine hundred and fifty clerks, grade one, at not exceeding $900 each; in all, $24,969,990; 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, to enable the Postmaster General to reclassify the salaries of railway postal clerks and make necessary appointments and promotions, he may exceed the number of clerks in such of the grades as may be necessary: *Provided*, That the number of clerks in the aggregate as herein authorized be not exceeded: *Provided further*, That hereafter the Postmaster General may, in his discretion, under such regulations as he may provide, allow any railway postal clerk who is not entitled to annual leave under other provision of law leave of absence with pay for a period not exceeding thirty days, with the understanding that his duties will be performed without expense to the Government during the period for which leave is granted, he to provide a substitute at his own expense.

Appointments.

Reclassification.

Provisos.
Aggregate not to be exceeded.
Allowance of leave when substitute is provided.

Travel allowances.

For travel allowances to railway postal clerks, acting railway postal clerks, and substitute railway postal clerks, including substitute railway postal clerks for railway postal clerks granted leave with pay on account of sickness, $1,465,030.

Temporary services.

For temporary clerk hire for emergency service, $67,500.

Substitutes.

For substitutes for clerks on vacation, $85,000.

Acting clerks.

Disability allowance.

For acting clerks in place of clerks or substitutes injured while on duty, who shall be granted leave of absence with full pay during the period of disability, but not exceeding one year, then at the rate of fifty per centum of the clerk's annual salary for the period of disability exceeding one year, but not exceeding twelve months additional, and to enable the Postmaster General to pay the sum of $2,000, which shall be exempt from payment of debts of the deceased, to the legal representatives of any railway postal clerk, substitute railway postal clerk, or post-office inspector 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, $130,000.

Payments in case of death.

Traveling expenses.

For actual and necessary expenses, general superintendent and assistant general superintendent, 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, $80,000.

Miscellaneous.

For rent, light, fuel, telegraph, miscellaneous and office expenses, schedules of mail trains, telephone service, and badges for railway postal clerks, $80,000, including rental of offices for division headquarters, and chief clerk Railway Mail Service, in Washington, District of Columbia.

Per diem assistant superintendents.

For per diem allowance of four 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 $3 per day, and for their necessary official expenses not covered by their per diem allowance, not exceeding $700; in all, $4,531.

Electric and cable-car service.

For inland transportation of mail by electric and cable cars, $847,400: *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 1 cent per linear foot per car-mile of travel: *Provided further*, That the rates for electric-car service on routes over twenty miles in length outside of cities shall not exceed the rates paid for service on steam railroads: *Provided, however*, That not to exceed $15,000 of the sum 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, and not to exceed $100,000 of this appropriation may be expended for regulation, screen, or motor screen wagon service which may be authorized in lieu of electric or cable car service.

Provisos.
Rates of pay.

Outside of cities.

Unusual conditions.

Substitution of wagon service.

Foreign mails.

For transportation of foreign mails, $3,900,000: *Provided*, That the Postmaster General shall be authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding $112,800, to cover the cost to the United States of maintaining sea-post service on steamships conveying the mails, and not exceeding $88,100 for transferring the foreign mail from incoming steamships in New York Bay to the steamship and railway piers, for transferring the foreign mail from incoming steamships in San Francisco Bay to the piers and for transferring the foreign mail from incoming steamships at Honolulu from quarantine to the piers; also for transferring the mail from steamships performing service under contract for transporting United States mail: *Provided*, That hereafter acting clerks may be employed in place of clerks or substitutes injured while on duty who shall be granted leave of absence with full pay during the period of disability, but not exceeding one year, then at the rate of fifty per centum of the clerk's annual salary for the period of disability exceeding one year but not exceeding twelve months additional, and that the Postmaster General may pay the sum of $2,000, which shall be exempt from payment of debts of the deceased, to the legal representative of any sea-post clerk or substitute sea-post 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.

Provisos.
Clerks on steamships.

Pier transfers, New York, San Francisco, and Honolulu.

Contract mail.

Disability allowance, etc.

Pay in case of death.

For assistant superintendent, Division of Foreign Mails, with headquarters in New York, New York, $2,500.

Assistant superintendent.

For balances due foreign countries, $475,000.

Balances due foreign countries.

For travel and miscellaneous expenses in the postal service, office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General, $1,000.

Travel, etc.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Third Assistant Postmaster General.

Stamps.

For manufacture of adhesive postage stamps, special-delivery stamps, books of stamps, and for coiling of stamps, $822,000.

Stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers.

For manufacture of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, $1,664,000.

Distribution agency.

For pay of agent and assistants to examine and distribute stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, and expenses of agency at Dayton, Ohio, $22,800.

Postal cards.

For manufacture of postal cards, $335,000.

Ship, etc., letters.

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, $250.

Indemnity, lost registered matter.

For payment of limited indemnity for the loss of pieces of domestic registered matter, first, third, and fourth classes, $60,000.

For payment of limited indemnity for the loss of registered articles in the international mails, in accordance with convention stipulations, $20,000.

Travel, etc. For travel and miscellaneous expenses in the postal service, office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, $1,000.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

OFFICE OF THE FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Stationery. For stationery, including all money-order offices, $105,000.

Official and registry envelopes. For official and registry envelopes, $85,000.

Money order supplies. For blanks, blank books, printed and engraved matter, binding and carbon paper for the money-order service, $165,000.

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, $6,500.

Inspecting envelope manufacture. For expenses of agency for inspection of manufacture of official envelopes at Cincinnati, Ohio, $5,520.

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, $130,000.

Postmarking stamps, etc. For 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, $45,000.

Letter balances, etc. For letter balances, scales, test weights, repairs to same, and for tape measures, $115,000.

Wrapping paper. For wrapping paper, $15,000.

Twine, etc. For wrapping twine and tying devices, $225,000.

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, $70,000.

Miscellaneous supplies. For the purchase, exchange, and repair of typewriting machines, envelope-opening machines, computing machines, copying presses, numbering machines, and of miscellaneous articles purchased and furnished directly to the postal service, $80,000.

Rural delivery supplies. Supplies for the Rural Delivery Service, including collection boxes, furniture, satchels, straps, map supplies, repairing satchels, furniture, and map supplies, repairing, erecting, and painting collection boxes in the Rural Delivery Service, $50,000.

Shipping supplies. To defray expenses incident to the shipment of supplies, including hardware, boxing, packing, cartage, freight, and the pay of one carpenter and six laborers for assignment in connection therewith, $135,000.

Intaglio seals, etc., foreign mails. For intaglio seals, tags, and linen labels, foreign mail service, $10,000.

Star route transportation. For inland transportation by star routes (excepting service in Alaska), including temporary service to newly established offices, $7,105,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be

Proviso. Discontinuance if served by rural delivery. 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.

Rural delivery. Carriers. For pay of letter carriers, substitutes for carriers on annual leave, clerks in charge of substations, and tolls and ferriage, Rural Delivery Service, $47,500,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed $20,000 of the amount hereby appropriated may be used for compensation of clerks in charge of substations: *Provided*, That the appropriation of

Provisos. Substation clerks.

$500,000 made in the Post Office Appropriation Act, approved August twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve, for the improvement of highways, is hereby continued as to any unexpended balance thereof, subject to the conditions of the original appropriation.

Balances for improving highways continued.
Ante, p. 551.

For travel and miscellaneous expenses in the postal service, office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, $1,000.

Travel, etc.

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 fourteen, and the sum needed may be advanced to the Post Office Department upon requisition of the Postmaster General.

Appropriation from Treasury to meet deficiencies.

Approved, March 4, 1913.

CHAP. 144.—An Act Making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

March 4, 1913.
[H. R. 28180.]
[Public, No. 429.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be, and are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be immediately available, and to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, for the construction, completion, repair, and preservation of the public works hereinafter named:

River and harbor appropriations.

Improving Bass Harbor Bar, Maine: Completing improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty-eight, Sixty-second Congress, third session, $10,000.

Bass Harbor Bar, Me.

Improving Deer Island Thoroughfare, Maine: Completing improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Eleven hundred and twenty-eight, Sixty-second Congress, third session, $40,000.

Deer Island Thoroughfare, Me.

Improving Carvers Harbor, Vinalhaven, Maine: Completing improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Six hundred and twenty-four, Sixty-second Congress, second session, $16,000.

Vinalhaven, Me.

Improving Pepperells Cove, Maine: Completing improvement, $63,400.

Pepperells Cove, Me.

Improving harbor at Portland, Maine: Continuing improvement, $150,000.

Portland, Me.

Improving Kennebec River, Maine: Completing improvement of channel west of Swan Island, in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Seven hundred and forty-six, Sixty-second Congress, second session, $30,500.

Kennebec River, Me.

Improving Medomak River, Maine, in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Six hundred and seventy-four, Sixty-second Congress, second session: Completing improvement, $17,000.

Medomak River, Me.

Improving Saint Croix River, Maine: Continuing improvement, $75,000.

Saint Croix River, Me.

Improving harbor at Burlington, Vermont: For maintenance and repair of breakwater, $2,000.

Burlington, Vt.

Improving Narrows of Lake Champlain, New York and Vermont: For maintenance, $6,000.

Lake Champlain, N. Y. and Vt.

Improving harbor at Boston, Massachusetts: For maintenance, $25,000.

Boston, Mass.