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Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.
Amendment.

Missouri, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, January 28, 1916.

February 7, 1916.
[H. R. 8235.]
[Public, No. 15.]

CHAP. 20.—An Act To provide for the maintenance of the United States Section of the International High Commission.

International High Commission.
Appointment of United States Section, approved.
Vol. 38, p. 1126.
Duties, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the appointment of the nine delegates by the Secretary of the Treasury to represent the United States in the proceedings of the International High Commission to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, during the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, in accordance with the action of the First Pan American Financial Conference held in Washington during the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, pursuant to the provisions of an Act of Congress, approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Diplomatic and Consular Service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and sixteen," be, and the same is hereby, approved and confirmed; such delegates shall be known as the United States Section of the International High Commission and shall cooperate with the other sections of the commission in taking action upon the recommendations of the First Pan American Financial Conference; and the President is authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in the United States Section of said International Commission.

Appropriation for expenses.

For the purpose of meeting such actual and necessary expenses on the part of the United States Section of the Commission as may arise from its work and investigations, or as may be incidental to its attendance at the meeting of the said International High Commission, the sum of $40,000 is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to be immediately available, and to remain available until expended.

Approved, February 7, 1916.

February 15, 1916.
[S. 900.]
[Public, No. 16.]

CHAP. 22.—An Act Amending sections four hundred and seventy-six, four hundred and seventy-seven, and four hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Patent Office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section four hundred and seventy-six of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Officers and employees.
R. S., sec. 476, p. 80, amended.
Duties of assistant commissioners.

"SEC. 476. There shall be in the Patent Office a Commissioner of Patents, one first assistant commissioner, one assistant commissioner, and five examiners in chief, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The first assistant commissioner and the assistant commissioner shall perform such duties pertaining to the office of commissioner as may be assigned to them, respectively, from time to time by the Commissioner of Patents. All other officers, clerks, and employees authorized by law for the office shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior upon the nomination of the Commissioner of Patents, in accordance with existing law."