

That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Clyde R. Altman, late a cadet at the Military Academy at West Point, to the position of second lieutenant of Infantry of the Army, and to place him upon the retired list with the pay of a retired second lieutenant of Infantry.

Clyde R. Altman.
May be appointed
second lieutenant of In-
fantry, and retired.

Approved, May 29, 1917.

CHAP. 23.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate commerce," as amended, in respect of car service, and for other purposes.

May 29, 1917.
[H. R. 328.]

[Public, No. 19.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate commerce," approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, as heretofore amended, is further amended by adding thereto the following:

Interstate commerce
regulations.
Vol. 36, p. 545,
amended.

The term "car service" as used in this Act shall include the movement, distribution, exchange, interchange, and return of cars used in the transportation of property by any carrier subject to the provisions of this Act.

"Car service."
Term construed.

It shall be the duty of every such carrier to establish, observe, and enforce just and reasonable rules, regulations, and practices with respect to car service, and every unjust and unreasonable rule, regulation, and practice with respect to car service is prohibited and declared to be unlawful.

Just and reasonable
rules, etc., required for.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is hereby authorized by general or special orders to require all carriers subject to the provisions of the Act, or any of them, to file with it from time to time their rules and regulations with respect to car service, and the commission may, in its discretion, direct that the said rules and regulations shall be incorporated in their schedules showing rates, fares, and charges for transportation and be subject to any or all of the provisions of the Act relating thereto.

Filing with Commis-
sion ordered.

To be incorporated in
schedules.

The commission shall, after hearing, on a complaint or upon its own initiative without complaint, establish reasonable rules, regulations, and practices with respect to car service, including the classification of cars, compensation to be paid for the use of any car not owned by any such common carrier and the penalties or other sanctions for nonobservance of such rules.

May be established
by Commission.

Whenever the commission shall be of opinion that necessity exists for immediate action with respect to the supply or use of cars for transportation of property, the commission shall have, and it is hereby given, authority, either upon complaint or upon its own initiative without complaint, at once, if it so orders, without answer or other formal pleading by the interested carrier or carriers, and with or without notice, hearing, or the making or filing of a report, according as the commission may determine, to suspend the operation of any or all rules, regulations, or practices then established with respect to car service for such time as may be determined by the commission, and also authority to make such just and reasonable directions with respect to car service during such time as in its opinion will best promote car service in the interest of the public and the commerce of the people.

Suspension, etc., by
Commission author-
ized.

Directions for service.

The directions of the commission as to car service may be made through and by such agents or agencies as the commission shall designate and appoint for that purpose.

Execution of direc-
tions.

In case of failure or refusal on the part of any carrier, receiver, or trustee to comply with any direction or order with respect to car service, such carrier, receiver, or trustee shall be liable to a penalty

Penalty for noncom-
pliance with orders.

of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for each such offense and \$50 for each and every day of the continuance of such offense, which shall accrue to the United States and may be recovered in a civil action brought by the United States.

Approved, May 29, 1917.

June 1, 1917.
[S. J. Res. 66.]

[Pub. Res., No. 4.]

CHAP. 24.—Joint Resolution Making immediately available moneys appropriated for the investigation of the pneumatic mail-tube service in the Act approved March third, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Postal service.
Amount for pneumatic-tube investigation immediately available.
Vol. 39, p. 1063.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the appropriation for the investigation of the pneumatic mail-tube service, under the provisions of the Act approved March third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, be, and the same is hereby, made immediately available.

Approved, June 1, 1917.

June 9, 1917.
[H. J. Res. 94.]

[Pub. Res., No. 5.]

CHAP. 25.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to permit the Secretary of War to erect temporary buildings in the Smithsonian Grounds.

Smithsonian Institution.
Temporary structures for Army allowed in grounds of.

Proviso.
Removal, etc., within three years.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That authority be, and is hereby, given to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to grant permission, under such conditions and restrictions as they may deem necessary, to the Secretary of War to erect for the use of the War Department a temporary structure or structures in the Smithsonian Grounds in the city of Washington: *Provided,* That the Secretary of War shall have such building or buildings removed from the said grounds and the site or sites thereof placed in as good condition as at present within three years from the date of the approval of this resolution.

Approved, June 9, 1917.

June 12, 1917.
[S. 2133.]

[Public, No. 20.]

CHAP. 26.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the establishment of a Bureau of War Risk Insurance in the Treasury Department," approved September second, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and for other purposes.

War Risk Insurance Bureau.
Vol. 38, p. 711, amended.
Post, 398.

Bureau established in Treasury Department.
Director.

Vol. 38, p. 711, amended.

To insure American vessels, etc., against war losses.

Personal effects of masters, etc., added.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the establishment of a Bureau of War Risk Insurance in the Treasury Department," approved September second, nineteen hundred and fourteen, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"That there is established in the Treasury Department a bureau to be known as the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, the director of which shall be entitled to a salary at the rate of \$5,000 per annum."

SEC. 2. That section two of such Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. That the said Bureau of War Risk Insurance, subject to the general direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall, as soon as practicable, make provisions for the insurance by the United States of American vessels, their freight and passage moneys, cargoes shipped or to be shipped therein, and personal effects of the masters, officers, and crews thereof against loss or damage by the risks of war, whenever it shall appear to the Secretary that American vessels, shippers or importers in American vessels, or the masters, officers,