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Expenses allowed.

(b) The expenses of the commission and of the advisory council, including all necessary traveling expenses incurred by a member of the commission, a member of the advisory council, an engineer, special expert, clerk, or employee, under orders of the commission, in making any investigation or upon official business in other places than the place of his residence, shall be allowed and paid upon the presentation of itemized vouchers therefor, approved by the chairman of the commission, which approval shall be conclusive upon the accounting officers of the Treasury Department.

Accounting.

Investigations specified.

(c) The commission shall investigate all present and prospective methods and systems of handling, dispatching, transporting, and delivering the mails and the facilities therefor; and especially all methods and systems which relate to the handling, delivery and dispatching of the mails in the large cities of the United States.

Report of findings and recommendations.

On or before March 1, 1921, the commission shall make a report to Congress containing a summary of its findings and such recommendations for legislation as it may believe to be proper.

Authority to obtain evidence.

(d) For the purposes of this section, the commission shall have power to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence, and to administer oaths.

Information to be furnished from departments, etc.

(e) The executive departments and independent establishments of the Government, when directed by the President, shall furnish the commission, on its request, all records, papers and information in their possession relating to any subject of investigation by the commission.

Appropriation from the Treasury until June 30, 1920.

(f) The sum of $10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be available immediately and until July 1, 1920; and the unexpended balance on June 30, 1920, of any appropriation for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, to be available after June 30, 1920, for the purposes of this section.

Afterwards from postal revenues.

Army tractors.
Loan to States for highways construction, authorized.
Ante, p. 530.
Post, pp. 1155, 1349.

SEC. 7. That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, at his discretion, and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to loan to any State of the Union, when so requested by the highway department of the State, such tractors as are retained and not distributed under the act approved March 15, 1920, for use in highway construction by the highway department of such State: *Provided*, That all expenses for repairs and upkeep of tractors so loaned and the expenses of loading and freight shall be paid by the State, both in transfer to the State and the return to the Army.

Proviso.
Expenses to be paid by States.

Appropriation from the Treasury to meet deficiencies.

SEC. 8. 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 30, 1921, and the sum needed may be advanced to the Post Office Department upon requisition of the Postmaster General.

Approved, April 24, 1920.

April 24, 1920.
[H. R. 12581.]
[Public, No. 188.]

CHAP. 162.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the village and township of Shelly, Norman County, Minnesota, and the township of Caledonia, Traill County, North Dakota, and their successors and assigns, to construct a bridge across the Red River of the North on the boundary line between the said States.

Red River of the North.
Shelly, Minn., and Caledonia, N. Dak., may bridge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the village and township of Shelly, Norman

County, Minnesota, and the township of Caledonia, Traill County, North Dakota, and their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Red River of the North at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the section line between sections thirteen and twenty-four, township one hundred and forty-six north, range forty-nine west, fifth principal meridian, on the boundary line between Minnesota and North Dakota, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Location.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

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

Approved, April 24, 1920.

April 28, 1920.
[S. 806.]
[Public, No. 189.]

CHAP. 163.—An Act Conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and render judgment in claims of the Iowa Tribe of Indians against the United States.

Iowa Indians, Okla.
Claims of, against United States to be brought in Court of Claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and render judgment on principles of justice and equity and as upon a full and fair arbitration of the claims of the Iowa Tribe of Indians, of Oklahoma, against the United States, with the right of appeal by either party to the Supreme Court of the United States, for the determination of the amount, if any, which may be legally or equitably due said tribe of Indians under any treaties or laws of Congress or under any stipulations or agreements, whether written or oral, entered into between said tribe of Indians and the United States or its authorized representatives, or for the failure of the United States to pay any money which may be legally or equitably due said tribe of Indians: *Provided*, That the court shall also consider and determine any legal or equitable defenses, set-offs, or counter claims which the United States may have against the said Iowa Tribe of Indians. A petition in behalf of said Indians shall be filed in the Court of Claims within one year after the passage of this Act, and the Iowa Tribe of Indians shall be the party plaintiff and the United States the party defendant, and the petition may be verified by the attorney employed by the said Iowa Tribe of Indians to prosecute their claim under this Act, under contract to be approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior, as provided by law, upon information and belief as to the facts alleged in said petition. Upon the final determination of the cause the Court of Claims shall decree such fees and expenses as the court shall find to be reasonably due to be paid to the attorney or attorneys employed by said Iowa Tribe of Indians, and the same shall be paid out of any sum or sums of money found due said Iowa Tribe of Indians: *Provided*, That in no case shall the fees and expenses decreed by said court be in excess of 10 per centum of the amount of the judgment.

Provisos.
Counter claims, etc.

Procedure.

Attorneys' fees.

Limit of fees and expenses.

Approved, April 28, 1920.

May 1, 1920.
[H. R. 9369.]
[Public, No. 190.]

CHAP. 165.—An Act To revise and equalize rates of pension to certain soldiers, sailors, and marines of the Civil War and the War with Mexico, to certain widows, including widows of the War of 1812, former widows, dependent parents, and children of such soldiers, sailors, and marines, and to certain Army nurses, and granting pensions and increase of pensions in certain cases.

Pensions.
Rate increased for Civil and Mexican War service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every person who served ninety days or more in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War, and who has been honorably