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purposes, and to designate as a game refuge within such national forest the areas which may be determined to be suitable for the protection and propagation of game animals and birds.

Designation of game and bird refuge on.

SEC. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, pursue, kill, capture, or molest any game animal or any bird within such designated refuge except in accordance with rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Hunting, etc., within, unlawful.

SEC. 3. That the provisions of this Act shall not affect any valid existing claim, location, or entry under the land laws of the United States, whether for homestead, mineral, right of way, or any other purpose, nor the rights of any claimant, locator, or entryman to the full use and enjoyment of such land.

Existing entries, etc., not affected.

SEC. 4. That any person who violates any provision of this Act or of any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than $500 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Punishment for violating provisions, etc.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

CHAP. 308.—An Act To confer jurisdiction upon the United States District Court, Northern District of California, to adjudicate the claims of American citizens.

June 7, 1924.
[S. 1192.]
[Public, No. 230.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction be, and it is hereby, conferred upon the United States District Court, Northern District of California, to hear and determine the claims of American citizens, their heirs and legal representatives, for damages or loss occasioned by or resulting from the seizure, detention, sale, or interference with their voyage by the United States of vessels charged with unlawful sealing in the Bering Sea and water contiguous thereto and outside of the three-mile limit during the years 1886 to 1896, inclusive, and to enter judgment therefor.

Bering Sea seal fishing.
Claims of Americans for damages for unlawful seizures of vessels, etc., 1886–1896, to be adjudicated.

SEC. 2. That all American citizens whose rights were affected by said seizure, detention, sale, or interference specifically referred to in section 1 hereof during the years 1886 to 1896, inclusive, may submit to the United States District Court in and for the Northern District of California their claims thereunder, and the court shall render judgment thereon.

Submission to California northern district court.
Authority of court.

SEC. 3. That claims not presented within two years from the passage of this Act shall hereafter be forever debarred.

Time limit.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

CHAP. 309.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act authorizing an appropriation to meet proportionate expenses of providing a drainage system for Piute Indian lands in the State of Nevada within the Newlands reclamation project of the Reclamation Service," approved February 14, 1923.

June 7, 1924.
[S. 1203.]
[Public, No. 231.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act authorizing an appropriation to meet proportionate expenses of providing a drainage system for Piute Indian lands in the State of Nevada within the Newlands reclamation project of the Reclamation Service," approved February 14, 1923, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Piute Indians, Nevada.
Vol. 42, p. 1246.

"That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $49,603.05, payable in twenty annual installments of $2,500 each, except the last, which shall be the amount remaining unpaid, for the

Amount authorized for drainage of lands of, in Newlands reclamation project.