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the State of California, bearing date December 11, 1922, made in form by the Government of the United States through Albert B. Fall, Secretary of the Interior, and Edwin Denby, Secretary of the Navy, as lessor, to the Pan American Petroleum Company, as lessee, were executed under circumstances indicating fraud and corruption; and

Whereas the said leases and contract were entered into without authority on the part of the officers purporting to act in the execution of the same for the United States and in violation of the laws of Congress; and

Whereas such leases and contract were made in defiance of the settled policy of the Government, adhered to through three successive administrations, to maintain in the ground a great reserve supply of oil adequate to the needs of the Navy in any emergency threatening the national security: Therefore be it

Leases, etc., declared against public interest.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the said leases and contract are against the public interest and that the lands embraced therein should be recovered and held for the purpose to which they were dedicated; and

President to institute suit to cancel leases, etc.

Post, pp. 16, 1315.

Resolved further, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed immediately to cause suit to be instituted and prosecuted for the annulment and cancellation of the said leases and contract and all contracts incidental or supplemental thereto, to enjoin the further extraction of oil from the said reserves under said leases or from the territory covered by the same, to secure any further appropriate incidental relief, and to prosecute such other actions or proceedings, civil and criminal, as may be warranted by the facts in relation to the making of the said leases and contract.

Special counsel to prosecute to be appointed.

Post, p. 16.

And the President is further authorized and directed to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, special counsel who shall have charge and control of the prosecution of such litigation, anything in the statutes touching the powers of the Attorney General of the Department of Justice to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, February 8, 1924.

February 11, 1924.
[S. 794.]
[Public, No. 12.]

CHAP. 17.—An Act To equip the United States penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for the manufacture of supplies for the use of the Government, for the compensation of prisoners for their labor, and for other purposes.

Leavenworth, Kans., Penitentiary.

Shoes, brooms, and brushes to be manufactured at.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney General of the United States is authorized and directed to establish, equip, maintain, and operate at the United States penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, a factory or factories for the manufacture of shoes, brooms, and brushes to supply the requirements of the various departments of the United States Government. The factory or factories shall not be so operated as to abolish any existing Government workshop, and the articles so manufactured shall be sold only to the Government of the United States.

Other work not abolished.

Sale limited to the Government.

Inmates to be employed, and buildings erected.

The Attorney General is hereby further authorized to employ the inmates of the institution herein mentioned, under such regulations as he may prescribe, in the work or business of manufacturing shoes, brooms, and brushes, and in erecting all buildings necessary to conduct said businesses, and the products of such businesses shall be utilized in said penitentiary or sold to the Government of the United States for the use of the military and naval forces and other Government departments.

Sale, etc., of products.

Receipts credited to working fund.

SEC. 2. That articles so manufactured shall be sold at the current market prices as determined by the Attorney General or his authorized agent, and all moneys or reimbursements received from such sales shall be deposited to the credit of the working capital fund created by this Act.

Inmates to be paid for labor.

SEC. 3. That the Attorney General is hereby authorized and empowered to provide for the payment of the inmates or dependents upon inmates of said penitentiary such pecuniary earnings as he may deem proper, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe. Such earnings shall be paid out of the working capital fund.

Sum authorized for buildings, equipments, etc. *Post*, p. 45.

SEC. 4. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of $200,000, to be used for the erection of a factory or factories, and such other buildings as may be necessary, and for the purchase of suitable equipment and machinery to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Working capital fund created.

SEC. 5. That there is to be created a fund, to be known as the working capital, which shall be available for the carrying on the industrial enterprises authorized herein or which may be authorized hereafter by law to be carried on in said penitentiary. The working capital shall consist of the sum of $250,000, which sum is authorized to be appropriated. The receipts from the sale of the products or by-products of the said industries and the sale of condemned machinery or equipment shall be credited to the working capital fund and be available for appropriation by Congress annually.

Sum authorized. *Post*, p. 45.

Receipts to be credited thereto.

Detailed annual report to Congress.

SEC. 6. That at the opening of each regular session of Congress the Attorney General shall make a detailed report to Congress of the receipts and expenditures made hereunder, the quantity of material of different kinds bought or otherwise acquired and used, the number of persons employed, the hours of labor and the wages paid, the amount and kind of goods manufactured and the prices paid therefor, the amount used in said penitentiary, the amount sold, the prices, and total amount received therefor.

Expenses payable from working capital.

SEC. 7. That said working capital shall be disbursed under the direction of the Attorney General and shall be available for the purchase, repair, or replacement of machinery or equipment, for the purchase of raw materials or parts, for the employment of necessary civilian officers and employees at the penitentiary and in Washington, for the repair and maintenance of buildings and equipment, and for all other necessary expenses in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Disposal of products restricted.

SEC. 8. That the products of said industries shall not be disposed of except as provided in this Act.

Purchase of products obligatory upon Government departments.

SEC. 9. It is hereby made obligatory upon the various departments of the Government to purchase the products of the business herein authorized to be carried on in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, until the supply therein produced is exhausted before purchasing elsewhere.

Conflicting laws repealed.

SEC. 10. That all laws and parts of laws to the extent that they are in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Approved, February 11, 1924.

February 13, 1924.
[H. R. 486.]
[Public, No. 13.]

CHAP. 18.—An Act To extend the time for the completion of the municipal bridge approaches, and extensions or additions thereto, by the city of Saint Louis, within the States of Illinois and Missouri.

Mississippi River. Time extended for bridging, by Saint Louis, Mo. Vol. 34, p. 461; Vol. 40, p. 436; Vol. 41, p. 1077.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for the construction and completion of the municipal bridge approaches, and also extensions or additions thereto, which said construction and completion was authorized by an Act entitled, "An