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CHAP. 180.—An Act To authorize the construction of certain naval vessels and for other purposes.

Navy.
Light cruisers and aircraft carrier authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to undertake prior to July 1, 1931, the construction of fifteen light cruisers and one aircraft carrier according to the following program:

Five cruisers in 1929, 1930, 1931.
Cost.
Post, p. 1468.

(a) Five light cruisers during each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1929, 1930, and 1931, to cost, including armor and armament, not to exceed $17,000,000 each.

Aircraft carrier.
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Provisos.
Continuance of construction.

(b) One aircraft carrier prior to June 30, 1930, to cost, including armor and armament, not to exceed $19,000,000: *Provided*, That if the construction of any vessel herein authorized to be undertaken in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929 or 1930, is not undertaken in that fiscal year, such construction may be undertaken in the next succeeding fiscal year: *And provided further*, That the first and each succeeding alternate cruiser upon which work is undertaken, together with the main engines, armor, and armament for such eight cruisers, the construction and manufacture of which is authorized by this Act, shall be constructed or manufactured in the Government navy yards, naval gun factories, naval ordnance plants, or arsenals of the United States, except such material or parts as are not customarily manufactured in such Government plants.

Construction of alternate cruisers in Government plants, etc.

Annual construction estimates.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is directed to submit annually to the Bureau of the Budget estimates for the construction of the foregoing vessels.

Treaty limitations.
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SEC. 3. The construction of the light cruisers and of the aircraft carrier herein authorized shall be subject to the limitations prescribed by the treaty limiting naval armament, ratified August 17, 1923, so long as such treaty shall remain effective.

Construction suspended if further naval limitation internationally agreed to.

SEC. 4. In the event of an international agreement, which the President is requested to encourage, for the further limitation of naval armament, to which the United States is signatory, the President is hereby authorized and empowered to suspend in whole or in part any of the naval construction authorized under this Act.

Treaties with all maritime nations favored by Congress.

SEC. 5. First. That the Congress favors a treaty, or treaties, with all the principal maritime nations regulating the conduct of belligerents and neutrals in war at sea, including the inviolability of private property thereon.

Negotiation of, prior to limitation conference.

Second. That such treaties be negotiated if practically possible prior to the meeting of the conference on the limitation of armaments in 1931.

Salvage vessels.
Plans for two authorized.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed to present to the Congress on or before December 10, 1929, preliminary plans, specifications, and estimates of cost for the construction of two salvage vessels for use in ship disasters.

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CHAP. 181.—An Act Authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to lend to the Governor of North Carolina three hundred pyramidal tents, complete; nine thousand blankets, olive drab, numbered 4; five thousand pillowcases; five thousand canvas cots; five thousand cotton pillows; five thousand bed sacks; and nine thousand bed sheets to be used at the encampment of the United Confederate Veterans to be held at Charlotte, North Carolina, in June, 1929.

United Confederate Veterans
Loan of Army tents, etc., for reunion of, at Charlotte, N. C.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to lend, at his discretion, to the entertainment committee of the United Confederate Veterans, whose encampment is to be held at Charlotte, North Carolina, June