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and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

Amendment.

SEC. 6. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

May 29, 1928.
[H. R. 13039.]
[Public, No. 585.]

CHAP. 875.—An Act To amend the World War Veterans' Act, 1924.

World War Veterans' Act Amendments.
Vol. 43, p. 1303, amended.
U. S. Code, p. 1218.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 19 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (section 445, title 38, of the United States Code), be amended by adding the following:

Time for bringing suits on insurance claims.

"No suit shall be allowed under this section unless the same shall have been brought within six years after the right accrued for which the claim is made, or within one year from the date of the approval of this amendatory Act, whichever is the later date: *Provided*, That for the purposes of this section it shall be deemed that the right accrued on the happening of the contingency on which the claim is founded: *Provided further*, That this limitation is suspended for the period elapsing between the filing in the bureau of the claim sued upon and the denial of said claim by the director. Infants, insane persons, or persons under other legal disability, or persons rated as incompetent or insane by the bureau shall have three years in which to bring suit after the removal of their disabilities. If suit is seasonably begun and fails for defect in process, or for other reasons not affecting the merits, a new action, if one lies, may be brought within a year though the period of limitations has elapsed. Judgments heretofore rendered against the person or persons claiming under the contract of war-risk insurance on the ground that the claim was barred by the statute of limitations shall not be a bar to the institution of another suit on the same claim. No State or other statute of limitations shall be applicable to suits filed under this section. This section shall apply to all suits now pending against the United States under the provisions of this section."

Provisos.
Time when right accrued.

Suspension, on denial of claim by director.

Infants, etc.

Defects in process, etc.

Allowance of another suit.

State limitations not applicable.

Pending suits included.

SEC. 2. That section 21, subdivision (2), of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (section 450, title 38, of the United States Code), be hereby amended to read as follows:

Payments to minors, etc.
Vol. 44, p. 792, amended.
U. S. Code, p. 2075.
Notice to court on failure of guardian etc., to properly execute his duties, etc.

"(2) Whenever it appears that any guardian, curator, conservator, or other person is not, in the opinion of the director, properly executing the duties of his trust or has collected or is attempting to collect fees, commissions, or allowances that are inequitable or are in excess of those allowed by law for the duties performed or expenses incurred, or has failed to make such payments as may be necessary for the benefit of the ward or the dependents of the ward, then and in that event the director is hereby empowered by his duly authorized attorney to appear in the court which has appointed such fiduciary and make proper presentation of such matters to the court: *Provided*, That the director, in his discretion, may suspend payments to any such guardian, curator, conservator, or other person who shall neglect or refuse, after reasonable notice, to render an account to the director from time to time showing the application of such payments for the benefit of such minor or incompetent beneficiary.

Proviso.
Suspension of guardian, etc., failing to render accounts.

"Authority is hereby granted for the payment of any court or other expenses incident to any investigation or court proceeding for the appointment of any guardian, curator, conservator, or other

Payment of court expenses of investigations, etc.

person legally vested with the care of the claimant or his estate or the removal of such fiduciary and appointment of another, and of expenses in connection with the administration of such estates by such fiduciaries, when such payment is authorized by the director."

Recoveries. Vol. 43, p. 615, amended. U. S. Code, p. 1219.

SEC. 3. That section 28 of the World War Veterans' Act, as amended (section 453, title 38, of the United States Code), is hereby amended to read as follows:

No recovery from beneficiary, if without fault.

"SEC. 28. There shall be no recovery of payments from any person, who, in the judgment of the director, is without fault on his part, and where, in the judgment of the director, such recovery would defeat the purpose of benefits otherwise authorized or would be against equity and good conscience. No disbursing officer shall be held liable for any amount paid by him to any person where the recovery of such amount is waived under this section.

Nonliability of disbursing officer.

Amount reimbursed to life insurance fund.

"When under the provisions of this section the recovery of a payment made from the United States Government life-insurance fund is waived, the United States Government life-insurance fund shall be reimbursed for the amount involved from the current appropriation for military and naval insurance."

New section. Vol. 44, p. 793, amended.

SEC. 4. That a new section be added to Title I of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (title 38, United States Code), to be known as section 34 and to read as follows:

Services of translators, without regard to civil service or classification provisions.

"SEC. 34. The director is hereby authorized to contract for the services of translators without regard to the provisions of the Act of August 5, 1882 (sections 39, 45, 46, 50, title 5, United States Code), and the Classification Act of 1923 (sections 43, 45, 46, title 5, United States Code). This section shall be deemed to be in effect as of June 7, 1924."

Effective as of June 7, 1924.

New section. Vol. 44, p. 793, amended.

SEC. 5. That a new section be added to Title I of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (title 38, United States Code), to be known as section 35 and to read as follows:

Purchase of records in litigated cases.

"SEC. 35. The director is hereby authorized to purchase transcripts of the record, including all evidence, of trial of litigated cases. This section shall be deemed to be in effect as of June 7, 1924."

New section. Vol. 44, p. 793, amended.

SEC. 6. That a new section be added to Title I of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (Title 38, United States Code), to be known as section 36 and to read as follows:

Payment for medical examinations, etc., in insurance cases.

"SEC. 36. Authority is hereby granted for the payment of expenses of medical examinations, and inspections when necessary, in connection with the reinstatement of insurance or the determination of the fact of permanent and total disability for insurance purposes, and the date of beginning or termination thereof. The expense of such examinations and inspections, and travel incident thereto, shall be borne by the United States and shall be paid from the appropriation for administrative expenses of the United States Veterans' Bureau."

Death or disability compensation. Vol. 43, p. 1305, amended. U. S. Code, p. 1220.

SEC. 7. That section 201, paragraph (f) and subdivisions (1), (2), and (3), of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (section 472, title 38, United States Code), be hereby amended to read as follows:

Dependent parents. Limitation.

"(f) If there is a dependent mother (or dependent father), $20, or both, $30. The amount payable under this subdivision shall not exceed the difference between the total amount payable to the widow and children and the sum of $75. Such compensation shall be payable, whether the dependency of the father or mother or both arises before or after the death of the person: *Provided*, That the status of dependency shall be determined as of the first day of each year, and the director is authorized to require a submission of such proof of dependency as he, in his discretion, may deem necessary: *Pro-*

Provisos. Proof of dependency.

Effect, if not supplied.

vided further, That upon refusal or neglect of the claimant or claimants to supply such proof of dependency in a reasonable time, the payment of compensation shall be suspended or discontinued.

Burial expenses. Allowance if death in the service.

"(1) If death occur or shall have occurred subsequent to April 6, 1917, and before discharge or resignation from the service, the United States Veterans' Bureau shall pay for burial and funeral expenses and the return of body to his home a sum not to exceed $100, as may be fixed by regulation. Where a veteran of any war, including those women who served as Army nurses under contracts between April 21, 1898, and February 2, 1901, who was not dishonorably discharged, dies after discharge or resignation from the service, the director, in his discretion and with due regard to the circumstances of each case, shall pay for burial and funeral expenses and the transportation of the body (including preparation of the body) to the place of burial, a sum not exceeding $107 to cover such items and to be paid to such person or persons as may be fixed by regulations: *Provided*, That when such person dies while receiving from the bureau compensation or vocational training the above benefits shall be payable in all cases: *Provided further*, That where such person, while receiving from the bureau medical, surgical, or hospital treatment, or vocational training, dies away from home and at the place to which he was ordered by the bureau, or while traveling under orders of the bureau, the above benefits shall be payable in all cases and in addition thereto the actual and necessary cost of the transportation of the body of the person (including preparation of the body) to the place of burial, within the continental limits of the United States, its Territories, or possessions, and including also, in the discretion of the director, the actual and necessary cost of transportation of an attendant: *Provided further*, That no accrued pension, compensation, or insurance due at the time of death shall be deducted from the sum allowed: *Provided further*, That the director may, in his discretion, make contracts for burial and funeral services within the limits of the amounts allowed herein without regard to the laws prescribing advertisement for proposals for supplies and services for the United States Veterans' Bureau: *And provided further*, That section 5, title 41, of the United States Code, shall not be applied to contracts for burial and funeral expenses heretofore entered into by the director so as to deny payment for services rendered thereunder, and all suspensions of payment heretofore made in connection with such contracts are hereby removed, and any and all payments which are now or may hereafter become due on such contracts are hereby expressly authorized: *And provided further*, That no deduction shall be made from the sum allowed because of any contribution toward the burial which shall be made by any State, county, or municipality, but the aggregate of the sum allowed plus such contribution or contributions shall not exceed the actual cost of the burial.

Of veterans of any war, including Army nurses during Spanish-American War.

Provisos. Bureau beneficiaries.

Additional allowance, while away from home, etc.

Cost of attendants.

No accrued pension, etc., deducted.

Contracts for burial expenses authorized.

Payments under previous contracts authorized. U. S. Code, p. 1309.

No deduction if any contribution by State, etc.

Payment to widow.

"(2) The payment of compensation to a widow shall continue until her death or remarriage.

To a child.

"(3) The payment of compensation to or for a child shall continue until such child reaches the age of eighteen years or marries, or if such child be permanently incapable of self-support by reason of mental or physical defect, then during such incapacity: *Provided*, That the payment of compensation shall be further continued after the age of eighteen years and until completion of education or training (but not after such child reaches the age of twenty-one years), to any child who is or may hereafter be pursuing a course of instruction at a school, college, academy, seminary, technical institute, or university, particularly designated by him and approved by the director, which shall have agreed to report to the director the

Proviso. Continued for completing education or training.

termination of attendance of such child, and if any such institution of learning fails to make such report promptly the approval shall be withdrawn."

SEC. 8. That section 202, subdivision (1), paragraph (e) of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (section 475, title 38, United States Code), be hereby amended to read as follows:

Disability compensation.
Vol. 43, p. 618, amended.
U. S. Code, p. 1221.

"(e) If he has a mother or father, either or both dependent on him for support, then, in addition to the above amounts, $10 for each parent so dependent: *Provided*, That the status of dependency shall be determined as of the first day of each year, and the director is authorized to require the submission of such proof of dependency as he, in his discretion, deems necessary: *Provided further*, That upon refusal or neglect of the claimant to supply such proof of dependency in a reasonable time, the payment of such additional compensation as herein provided shall be suspended or discontinued."

With parent to support.

Provisos.
Proof of dependency.

Effect, if proof not supplied.

SEC. 9. That section 202, subdivision 12, of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (section 486, title 38, United States Code), be hereby amended to read as follows:

Vol. 43, p. 621, amended.
U. S. Code, p. 1222.

"(12) Where the disabled person is a patient in a hospital, or where for any other reason the disabled person and his wife are not living together, or where the children are not in the custody of the disabled person, the amount of the compensation may be apportioned as may be prescribed by regulations."

Apportionment of compensation if parties not living together.

SEC. 10. That section 206 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (section 495, title 38, United States Code), is amended to read as follows:

Payment of compensation.
Vol. 44, p. 797, amended.
U. S. Code, p. 1223.

"SEC. 206. That no compensation shall be payable for death or disability which does not occur prior to or within one year after discharge or resignation from the service, except as provided in section 200 of this Act, and except where there is an official record of the injury during service or at the time of separation from active service, or where prior to April 6, 1930, satisfactory evidence is furnished the bureau to establish that the injury was suffered or aggravated during active service. Where there is official record of injury during service compensation shall be payable in accordance with the provisions of this title, for death or disability whenever occurring, proximately resulting from such injury."

No payment unless disability, etc., occurred prior to discharge, or within a year thereafter.

Restriction removed if official record of its existence.

SEC. 11. That the second paragraph of section 209 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (section 498, title 38, United States Code), is amended to read as follows:

Time limit for claims.
Vol. 44, p. 797, amended.
U. S. Code, p. 1223.

"The time herein provided may be extended by the director up to April 6, 1930, for good cause shown. If at the time that any right accrues to any person under the provisions of this title such person is a minor, or is of unsound mind or physically unable to make a claim, the time herein provided shall not begin to run until such disability ceases."

Extension permitted.

For minors, etc.

SEC. 12. That section 212 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (section 422, title 38, United States Code), be amended by adding thereto the following proviso:

Purpose of Act.
Vol. 44, p. 798, amended.
U. S. Code, p. 1214.

"*Provided further*, That where the widow, child, or children, of a deceased veteran are entitled to compensation by virtue of an accrued right under the War Risk Insurance Act, as amended, the rates of compensation shall be the same as those provided by section 201 of this Act."

Compensation to widows, etc., under War Risk Insurance Act, to be as provided by this Act.
Vol. 43, p. 1305.

SEC. 13. That section 300 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (section 511, title 38, of the United States Code), be hereby amended to read as follows:

Insurance.
Vol. 44, p. 798, amended.
U. S. Code, p. 2079.

"SEC. 300. In order to give to every commissioned officer and enlisted man and to every member of the Army Nurse Corps (female) and of the Navy Nurse Corps (female) when employed in

Granted to all persons in active service under War or Navy Department, upon application without medical examination.

active service under the War Department or Navy Department protection for themselves and their dependents, the United States, upon application to the bureau and without medical examination, shall grant United States Government life insurance (converted insurance) against the death or total permanent disability of any such person in any multiple of $500, and not less than $1,000 or more than $10,000 upon the payment of the premiums as hereinafter provided. Such insurance must be applied for within one hundred and twenty days after enlistment or after entrance into or employment in the active service and before discharge or resignation: *Provided*, That any member of the reserve forces whose application was accepted at a time when he was in attendance at a military or naval training camp or station, and from whom premiums were collected, and who becomes or has become totally and permanently disabled, or dies or has died, shall be deemed to have made valid application therefor. This proviso shall not authorize the granting of more than $10,000 insurance to any one person: *Provided further*, That each officer and enlisted man of the Coast Guard who is serving on active duty at the time of the passage of this amendatory Act, or who subsequent thereto enters the Coast Guard service, shall be granted insurance in accordance with the terms of this section upon application within one hundred and twenty days of the passage of this amendatory Act, or date of enlistment or entry into the Coast Guard, whichever is the later date, and before retirement, discharge, or resignation.

Time required for making.

Provisos.
Members of reserves applying at training stations, etc.

Amount limited.

Application to Coast Guard Service.

"Yearly renewable term insurance shall be payable only to a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, or to any or all of them, and also during total and permanent disability to the injured person.

Beneficiaries allowed of yearly renewal term insurance.

"Where the beneficiary for yearly renewable term insurance at the time of designation by the insured is within the permitted class of beneficiaries and is the designated beneficiary at the time of the maturity of the insurance because of the death of the insured, such beneficiary shall be deemed to be within the permitted class even though the status of such beneficiary shall have been changed.

Beneficiaries recognized if within permitted class when designated.

"The United States shall bear the expenses of administration and the excess mortality and disability cost resulting from the hazards of war. The premium rates shall be the net rates based upon the American Experience Table of Mortality and interest at 3½ per centum per annum. This section, as amended, shall be deemed to be in effect as of June 7, 1924."

Expenses borne by United States.

Premium rates.

Effective as of June 7, 1924.

Converted insurance.
Vol. 44, p. 686, amended.
U. S. Code, p. 2080.

SEC. 14. That section 301 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (section 512, title 38, United States Code), be hereby amended to read as follows:

Term insurance to be converted into other forms.

"SEC. 301. Except as provided in the second paragraph of this section, not later than July 2, 1927, all term yearly renewable insurance held by persons who were in the military service after April 6, 1917, shall be converted, without medical examination, into such form or forms of insurance as may be prescribed by regulations and as the insured may request. Regulations shall provide for the right to convert into ordinary life, twenty-payment life, endowment maturing at age sixty-two, five-year level premium term, and into other usual forms of insurance, and for reconversion of any such policies to a higher premium rate or, upon proof of good health satisfactory to the Director, to a lower premium rate, in accordance with regulations to be issued by the director, and shall prescribe the time and method of payment of the premiums thereon, but payments of premiums in advance shall not be required for periods of more than one month each, and may be deducted from the pay or deposit of the insured or be otherwise made at his election: *Provided*, That

Conversion rights.

Proviso.
Form excepted.

no reconversion shall be made to the five-year level premium form of policy.

"All yearly renewable term insurance shall cease on July 2, 1927, except when death or total permanent disability shall have occurred before July 2, 1927: *Provided, however*, That the director may by regulation extend the time for the continuing of yearly renewable term insurance and the conversion thereof in any case where on July 2, 1927, conversion of such yearly renewable term insurance is impracticable or impossible due to the mental condition or disappearance of the insured.

Yearly renewal term insurance to cease July 2, 1927.

Proviso.
Extension allowed for mental condition or disappearance.

"In case where an insured whose yearly renewable term insurance has matured by reason of total permanent disability is found and declared to be no longer permanently and totally disabled, and where the insured is required under regulations to renew payment of premiums on said term insurance, and where this contingency is extended beyond the period during which said yearly renewable term insurance otherwise must be converted, there shall be given such insured an additional period of two years from the date on which he is required to renew payment of premiums in which to convert said term insurance as hereinbefore provided: *Provided*, That where the time for conversion has been extended under the second paragraph of this section because of the mental condition or disappearance of the insured, there shall be allowed to the insured an additional period of two years from the date on which he recovers from his mental disability or reappears in which to convert.

Insurance matured by total disability may be renewed if insured no longer so disabled.

Proviso.
Additional period on recovery of mental condition, or reappearing.

"The insurance except as provided herein shall be payable in two hundred and forty equal monthly installments: *Provided*, That when the amount of an individual monthly payment is less than $5, such amount may in the discretion of the director be allowed to accumulate without interest and be disbursed annually. Provisions for maturity at certain ages, for continuous installments during the life of the insured or beneficiaries, or both, for cash, loan, paid up and extended values, dividends from gains and savings, and such other provisions for the protection and advantage of and for alternative benefits to the insured and the beneficiaries as may be found to be reasonable and practicable, may be provided for in the contract of insurance, or from time to time by regulations. All calculations shall be based upon the American Experience Table of Mortality and interest at 3½ per centum per annum, except that no deduction shall be made for continuous installments during the life of the insured in case his total and permanent disability continues more than two hundred and forty months. Subject to regulations, the insured shall at all times have the right to change the beneficiary or beneficiaries without the consent of such beneficiary or beneficiaries, but only within the classes herein provided.

Mode of payments.

Proviso.
Cumulation of small amounts.

Other provisions authorized.

Basis of calculations.

Change of beneficiaries.

"If no beneficiary be designated by the insured as beneficiary for converted insurance granted under the provisions of Article IV of the War Risk Insurance Act, or Title III of this Act, either in his lifetime or by his last will and testament, or if the designated beneficiary does not survive the insured, then there shall be paid to the estate of the insured the present value of the remaining unpaid monthly installments; or if the designated beneficiary survives the insured and dies before receiving all of the installments of converted insurance payable and applicable, then there shall be paid to the estate of such beneficiary the present value of the remaining unpaid monthly installments: *Provided*, That no payments shall be made to any estate which under the laws of the residence of the insured or the beneficiary, as the case may be, would escheat, but same shall escheat to the United States and be credited to the United States Government life insurance fund.

Payment to estate if no living beneficiary designated.

If beneficiary die without receiving all installments.

Proviso.
Escheat to United States, and payments to credit of insurance fund.

Optional lump sum, etc., etc., payment.

Election of beneficiary to receive installment payments.

Effective as of June 7, 1924.

"The bureau may make provision in the contract for converted insurance for optional settlements, to be selected by the insured, whereby such insurance may be made payable either in one sum or in installments for thirty-six months or more. The bureau may also include in said contract a provision authorizing the beneficiary to elect to receive payment of the insurance in installments for thirty-six months or more, but only if the insured has not exercised the right of election as hereinbefore provided; and even though the insured may have exercised his right of election the said contract may authorize the beneficiary to elect to receive such insurance in installments spread over a greater period of time than that selected by the insured. This section, as amended, shall be deemed to be in effect as of June 7, 1924."

New section. Vol. 44, p. 800. U. S. Code, p. 2081.

SEC. 15. That a new section be added to the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (title 38, United States Code), to be known as section 310 and to read as follows:

Insurance in any multiple of $500, and not less than $1,000, may be granted. *Ante*, pp. 967, 968. U. S. Code, pp. 2079, 2080.

"SEC. 310. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 300 and 301 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (sections 511 and 512, title 38, United States Code), the United States, upon application to the bureau, shall grant United States Government life (converted) insurance against death or permanent total disability in any multiple of $500 and not less than $1,000 or more than $10,000 to any person who has heretofore applied or been eligible to apply for yearly renewable term insurance or United States Government life (converted) insurance: *Provided*, That such person is in good health and furnishes evidence satisfactory to the director to this effect: *Provided further*, That no person may carry more than $10,000 of United States Government life insurance at one time: *Provided further*, That no person who has surrendered his United States Government life (converted) insurance for its cash surrender value shall be entitled to apply for insurance under this section to the extent of the amount of the insurance so surrendered: *Provided further*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who did not serve in the military or naval forces of the United States in the course of the World War."

Provisos. Health requirement.

Limit of amount.

Restriction if former insurance surrendered for cash.

Applicable only for World War service.

New section. Vol. 44, p. 800. U. S. Code, p. 2081.

SEC. 16. That a new section be added to the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (title 38, United States Code), to be known as section 311 and to read as follows:

Disability payments to insured for period of 12 months.

"SEC. 311. The director is hereby authorized and directed to include in the United States Government life (converted) insurance policy, provision whereby an insured who is totally disabled for a period of twelve consecutive months, shall be paid disability benefits under the contract as though he or she were permanently and totally disabled. Such payments shall be effective as of the date of beginning of total disability, and shall be made monthly in accordance with the terms of the contract during the continuance of such total disability. Payments under this section shall be made independent of any other benefit provided in the contract, and during the period of such payments all premiums on such insurance shall be waived. Regulations shall provide for reexaminations of beneficiaries under this section; and, in the event it is found that an insured is no longer totally disabled, payment of benefits shall cease, and the provisions of the United States Government life (converted) insurance policy with reference to permanent total disability shall apply: *Provided*, That the benefits of this section shall not prejudice the right of any insured who is otherwise permanently and totally disabled: *Provided further*, That the benefits of this section shall only be granted upon application made by the insured at the time of the original application for United States Government life insurance, or after such application at any time during the life of the contract, upon proof of

Effective date, etc.

Independent of other benefits, and premiums received.

Insurance policy to apply when no longer disabled.

Provisos. Other rights not prejudiced.

Conditions of granting benefits.

good health satisfactory to the director. The director shall determine the amount of the monthly premium necessary to cover the benefits of this section, and such monthly premium must be paid by the insured under the same terms and conditions as the regular monthly premium on his insurance contract."

Monthly premium payments required.

SEC. 17. That section 305 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (section 516, title 38, United States Code), is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting a colon and the following: "*Provided further*, That compensation which is uncollectible by reason of the provisions of section 310 of the War Risk Insurance Act, as amended, or section 210 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, shall be considered as uncollected compensation for the purposes of this section."

Lapsed insurance. Vol. 44, p. 800, amended.

U. S. Code, p. 2081.

Back payments restricted.

Vol. 40, p. 408. Vol. 43, p. 623.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

May 29, 1928. [H. R. 10166.] [Public, No. 586.]

CHAP. 876.—An Act To amend the Foreign Service Buildings Act, 1926.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Foreign Service Buildings Act, 1926, is amended to read as follows:

Foreign Service Buildings Act, 1926. Vol. 44, p. 403, amended.

"That the Secretary of State is empowered, subject to the direction of the commission hereinafter established, to acquire by purchase or construction in the manner hereinafter provided, within the limits of appropriations made pursuant to this Act, or by exchange, in whole or in part, under such terms and conditions as in the judgment of the commission may best protect the interests of the United States, of any building or grounds of the United States in foreign countries and under the jurisdiction and control of the Secretary of State, sites and buildings in foreign capitals and in other foreign cities, and to alter, repair, and furnish such buildings for the use of the diplomatic and consular establishments of the United States, or for the purpose of consolidating, to the extent deemed advisable by the commission, within one or more buildings, the embassies, legation, consulates, and other agencies of the United States Government there maintained, which buildings shall be appropriately designated by the commission, and the space in which shall be allotted by the Secretary of State under the direction of the commission among the several agencies of the United States Government."

Acquisition of buildings, etc., in foreign countries, authorized for diplomatic and consular use.

Exchanges authorized.

Furnishing, etc.

Allotment of space.

Section 2 of such Act is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subdivision to read as follows:

Vol. 44, p. 404, amended.

"(b) The commission may appoint, without regard to the civil service laws or regulations, and fix compensation of, without regard to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, such clerical and other assistants at the seat of government as the commission deems necessary. The total amount authorized to be expended under this subdivision shall not exceed $5,000 for any one year."

Appointment of clerks, etc., at the seat of the government.

Sum for, limited.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

May 29, 1928. [H. R. 325.] [Public, No. 587.]

CHAP. 877.—An Act Repealing existing law requiring the Postmaster General to report action taken on claims of postmasters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the "Act to amend the Act approved May 9, 1888, as amended by the Act of June 11, 1896," approved January 21, 1914, which requires the Postmaster General to make an annual report to Con-

Postal Service. Annual report on claims of postmasters, repealed.