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for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," approved September 7, 1916, as amended, from and after the enactment hereof, without regard to the time of the filing of his claim for such benefits.

Time limitation waived.

Approved, December 12, 1930.

December 15, 1930.
[H. R. 1759.]
[Private, No. 284.]

CHAP. 13.—An Act For the relief of Laura A. DePodesta.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Laura A. DePodesta, widow of Anthony DePodesta, late a lieutenant, Officers' Reserve Corps, Air Service, United States Army, who was killed in an airplane accident while in the line of duty at Langley Field, Virginia, on July 17, 1925, the sum of $1,575, being a gratuity equal to six months' pay at the rate received by Lieutenant DePodesta at the time of his death, said sum to be in full settlement of all claims for damages against the Government on account of the death of her husband.

Laura A. DePodesta. Army gratuity pay to, for death of husband.

Vol. 38, p. 516.
U. S. C., p. 1180.

Approved, December 15, 1930.

December 17, 1930.
[H. R. 1825.]
[Private, No. 285.]

CHAP. 17.—An Act For the relief of David McD. Shearer.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of David McD. Shearer for compensation for the use by the Government of the United States of certain inventions relating to reinforced-concrete revetment and construction and laying of same, made by said David McD. Shearer, and for which letters patent of the United States, numbered 1173879, 1173880, and 1229152 were issued to him, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the Court of Claims, which court is hereby vested with jurisdiction in the premises, and whose duty it shall be to hear and determine any statute limiting the time within which such an action may be brought to the contrary notwithstanding, first, whether the said David McD. Shearer was the first, original, and sole inventor of the inventions described in said letters patent or any of them; and if said court shall find that he was such first, original, and sole inventor of any of the same, then to determine, second, what amount of compensation, if any, he is justly entitled to receive from the United States for the use of his said inventions or any of them, since the date of said letters patent, up to the time of adjudication. In determining whether or not said David McD. Shearer is entitled to compensation and the amount of compensation, if any, for the use of said inventions the court shall take into consideration, if and so far as the facts may warrant, the facts, if proved, that while said David McD. Shearer was engaged in perfecting the invention he was in the service of the United States as a junior engineer superintendent in charge of willow bank revetment construction under the Mississippi River Commission, and whether and, if at all, to what extent said inventions or any of them were discovered or developed during the working hours of his Government service, and to what extent his said inventions for protection of river channels and banks differ from the methods previously used, in material, method of laying, permanency, and value, and, whether if at all to what extent the expense of making experiments, trials, and tests for the purpose of perfecting said

David McD. Shearer. Claim of, for Federal use of invention, referred to Court of Claims.

Jurisdiction conferred.
Questions to be determined.
U. S. C., p. 867.

Compensation due.

Whether invention developed during Government hours.

Methods, cost, etc., to be studied.