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troller General of the United States in full settlement of all claims of Rose Fefferman, administratrix, and the United Mercantile Distributing Company against the United States on account of said auction sales.

Approved, March 4, 1931.

CHAP. 539.—An Act For the relief of Stanislaus Siemek.

March 4, 1931.
[S. 1412.]
[Private, No. 454.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of $3,500 be, and is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Stanislaus Siemek, of Baltimore, Maryland, in full compensation for injuries, permanent and otherwise, resulting from a driver of a United States Army truck negligently running into and upon Stanislaus Siemek while his automobile was parked on the north side of Foster Avenue, between Lakewood and Glover, on the 18th day of May, 1922, at which time the said Stanislaus Siemek was inspecting the engine of his parked automobile, and said injuries resulting from no fault of the said Stanislaus Siemek: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, on account of services rendered in connection with said claim. It shall be unlawful for any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, to exact, collect, withhold, or receive any sum of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof on account of services rendered in connection with said claim, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Stanislaus Siemek.
Payment to, for personal injuries.

Proviso.
Limitation on attorney's, etc., fees.

Excessive, unlawful.

Penalty for violation.

Approved, March 4, 1931.

CHAP. 540.—An Act For the relief of Edith Barber.

March 4, 1931.
[S. 1496.]
[Private, No. 455.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States Employees' Compensation Commission is hereby authorized, notwithstanding the lapse of time, to consider the claim of Edith Barber, who is alleged to have contracted tuberculosis while in the performance of her duties as a nurse at the National Soldiers' Home, Johnson City, Tennessee, and the National Soldiers' Home, Virginia: *Provided*, That no benefit hereunder shall accrue prior to the enactment of this Act.

Edith Barber.
Claim of, for benefits of Employees' Compensation Act to be ascertained.

Provisio.
No prior benefit.

Approved, March 4, 1931.

CHAP. 541.—An Act For the relief of John E. Ross.

March 4, 1931.
[S. 1640.]
[Private, No. 456.]

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to John E. Ross, of Williamsburg, Virginia, the sum of $15,350 as compensation for his oyster grounds, for oysters on said grounds, and for his dwelling house, and damage to his oyster business as a result of the Federal Government taking over said property

John E. Ross.
Compensation to, for property losses.