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the said Port Arthur Canal and Dock Company for the deposit of like amount made with the Secretary of War in the year 1906 to secure the United States against any claim under an unsecured vendor's lien in favor of one J. H. Black upon certain property at Port Arthur, Texas, conveyed to the United States by the Port Arthur Canal and Dock Company, no claim having been made under said vendor's lien and the time within which such claim might be made having expired.

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CHAP. 579.—An Act For the relief of Frank J. Michel and Barbara M. Michel, and others.

Airplane casualty claims.
Frank J. and Barbara M. Michel.
Payment to, for fatal injury to son.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby appropriated, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $2,500 to Frank J. Michel and Barbara M. Michel, in full for all claims they or either of them may have against the Government on account of the death of their son, Lawrence Michel, who was fatally injured in Patterson Park, in the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, on the 14th day of August, 1919, by being struck by a falling airplane, then and there owned and operated by the Government of the United States.

Sophia Mary Klima.
Payment to, for death of daughter.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby appropriated, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $2,500 to Sophia Mary Klima, widow, in full for all claims she may have against the Government on account of the death of her daughter, Elsie Klima, who was fatally injured in Patterson Park, in the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, on the 14th day of August, 1919, by being struck by a falling airplane, then and there owned and operated by the Government of the United States.

Katie Kroart.
Payment to, for fatal injury to son.

SEC. 3. That there is hereby appropriated, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $2,500 to Katie Kroart, widow, in full for all claims that she may have against the Government on account of the death of her son, William E. Kroat, who was fatally injured in Patterson Park, in the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, on the 14th day of August, 1919, by being struck by a falling airplane, then and there owned and operated by the Government of the United States:

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

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.

Excessive, unlawful.

Penalty for violations.

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