

June 14, 1917.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

## A PROCLAMATION.

Civil amnesty and  
pardon.  
Preamble.  
*Post*, p. 1690.

Whereas a practice has existed for many years among the judges of certain United States courts of suspending either the imposition or the execution of sentences whenever, in their judgment, the circumstances warranted it, which practice is illegal as has been held by the Supreme Court of the United States in a case entitled "Ex parte United States, petitioner," known as the Killits case, decided December 4, 1916; and

Whereas the practice was widespread, and many thousands of persons are now at liberty under such suspensions, never having served any portion of the sentences duly authorized and required by the statutes; and

Whereas many of these persons are leading blameless lives and have reestablished themselves in the confidence of their fellow citizens, and it is believed that the enforcement of the law at this late date would, in most instances, be productive of no good results; and

Whereas the Supreme Court of the United States, in recognition of the necessity for meeting this situation, has stayed the mandate in the Killits case until the end of the present term, to wit, until about June 15, 1917:

Granted to persons  
under certain suspended  
sentences, etc., of  
United States Courts.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, divers, other good and sufficient reasons me thereunto moving, do hereby declare and grant a full amnesty and pardon to all persons under suspended sentences of United States courts liable to penalties as aforesaid, where the sentences imposed were less than the period between the date of imposition and June 15, 1917, and to all persons, defendants in said courts, in cases where pleas of guilty were entered or verdicts of guilty returned prior to June 15, 1916, and in which no sentences have been imposed.

Respite in other cases  
prior to December 4,  
1916.

In all other cases of suspension either of the imposition or the execution of sentence by judges of the United States courts occurring prior to December 4, 1916, the date of the decision in the Killits case, a respite of six months is hereby granted from June 15, 1917, in order that the facts and merits of the respective cases may be investigated and considered and appropriate action taken, where warranted, by way of executive clemency.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the District of Columbia this Fourteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and [SEAL] seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first.

WOODROW WILSON

By the President:

ROBERT LANSING  
*Secretary of State.*

June 18, 1917.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## A PROCLAMATION

Alaska coal lands.  
Preamble.  
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WHEREAS, the act of Congress approved October twentieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, entitled "An Act To provide for the leasing of coal lands in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes,"

authorizes the President of the United States to designate and reserve from use, location, sale, lease or disposition not exceeding 7,680 acres of coal-bearing lands in the Matanuska field in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March fifteenth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, by due proclamation 3,326.17 acres were reserved in said field;

Now, therefore, I, WOODROW WILSON, President of the United States of America, under and by virtue of said statute, do hereby designate and reserve from use, location, sale, lease or disposition the following described lands in the Territory of Alaska in addition to those heretofore reserved, to wit:

Coal Leasing Block No. 12, embracing 480 acres within the coal field of Matanuska.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 18th day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, [SEAL.] and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first.

WOODROW WILSON

By the President:

ROBERT LANSING,  
*Secretary of State.*

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it appears that the public good will be promoted by adding to the El Morro National Monument certain lands within the State of New Mexico containing ruins of archaeological value;

Now, therefore, I, WOODROW WILSON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the power in me vested by Section two of the Act of Congress approved June 8, 1906, entitled "An Act for the Preservation of American Antiquities", do proclaim that a tract described as the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section six, township nine north, range fourteen west, New Mexico Principal Meridian, is hereby reserved from appropriation and use of all kinds under all of the public land laws, subject to all prior valid adverse claims, and set apart as an addition to the El Morro National Monument, and that the boundaries of said National Monument are now as shown on the diagram hereto annexed and forming a part hereof.

Warning is hereby expressly given to all unauthorized persons not to appropriate, injure, remove, or destroy any feature of this National Monument, or to locate or settle on any of the lands reserved by this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 18th day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, [SEAL.] and of the Independence of the United States the one hundredth and forty-first.

WOODROW WILSON

By the President:

ROBERT LANSING,  
*Secretary of State.*

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Additional lands reserved from leases, etc.

Description.

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El Morro National Monument, N. Mex. Preamble.

Area extended. Vol. 34, p. 225.

Description.

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Reserved from settlement, etc.