

homestead laws requiring residence, at and after, but not before, nine o'clock a. m., standard time, May 15, 1918, and to settlement and other disposition, under any public land law applicable thereto, at and after, but not before, nine o'clock a. m., standard time, May 22, 1918. Prospective applicants may, during the period of twenty days preceding the date on which the land shall become subject to entry, selection or location of the form desired under the provisions of this Proclamation, execute their applications in the manner provided by law and present the same, accompanied by the required payments, to the proper United States land office, in person, by mail, or otherwise, and all applications so filed, together with such as may be submitted at the hour fixed, shall be treated as though simultaneously filed and shall be disposed of in the manner prescribed by existing regulations. Under such regulations conflicts of equal rights will be determined by a drawing.

Filing applications.

Warning is hereby given that no settlement initiated prior to seven days after the date for homestead entry above named will be recognized, but all persons who go upon any of the lands to be restored hereunder and perform any act of settlement thereon prior to nine o'clock a. m., standard time, May 22, 1918, or who are on or are occupying any part of said lands at such hour, except those having valid subsisting settlement rights initiated prior to withdrawal from settlement and since maintained, and those having preferences to make entry under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June eleventh, nineteen hundred and six (34 Stat., 233), entitled "An Act To provide for the entry of Agricultural lands within forest reserves", and Acts amendatory, will be considered and dealt with as trespassers and will gain no rights whatever under such unlawful settlement or occupancy; Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent persons from going upon and over the lands to examine them with a view to thereafter appropriating them in accordance herewith. Persons having prior settlement rights or preferences, as above defined, will be allowed to make entry in accordance with existing law and regulations.

Warning against trespassing prior to opening.

Agricultural lands.
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Examinations allowed.

Prior settlement rights.

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

Done in the District of Columbia this 27th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-second.

WOODROW WILSON.

By the President:
ROBERT LANSING
Secretary of State.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

March 29, 1918.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, by the proclamation dated December 26, 1917, taking over each and every system of transportation and the appurtenances thereof located wholly or in part within the boundaries of the continental United States, it was provided "that the possession, control, operation, and utilization of such transportation systems hereby by me undertaken, shall be exercised by and through William G. McAdoo, who is hereby appointed and designated Director General of Railroads," and the said William G. McAdoo pursuant to said proclamation entered upon and has continued to discharge the duties of Director General of Railroads as provided therein; and

Transportation systems.
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Ante, p. 1733.
Post, p. 1769.

Legislative action.
Ante, p. 451.

WHEREAS, since the issuance of said proclamation the Congress of the United States has passed an act entitled *An Act to Provide for the Operation of Transportation Systems while under Federal Control, for the Just Compensation of their Owners, and for other Purposes*, which act was duly approved by me on the 21st day of March, 1918, and is now in full force and effect; and in terms confers upon the President the powers specified therein and the authority to carry the same into effect; and

Ante, p. 455.

WHEREAS, it is provided in Section 8 of said act that the President may execute any of the powers therein and theretofore granted him with relation to the Federal control of systems of transportation and parts thereof, including railroads, inland waterways, etc., through such agencies as he may determine;

Powers vested in President conferred on Director General of Railroads.
Designation of authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WOODROW WILSON, President of the United States, under and by virtue of the powers and authority so vested in me by said act and of all other powers me hereto enabling, do hereby authorize the said William G. McAdoo, Director General of Railroads as aforesaid, either personally or through such divisions, agencies, or persons as he may appoint, and in his own name or in the name of such divisions, agencies, or persons, or in the name of the President to agree with the carriers or any of them or with any other person in interest, upon the amount of compensation to be paid pursuant to law, and to sign, seal, and deliver in his own name or in the name of the President or in the name of the United States such agreements as may be necessary and expedient with the several carriers or other persons in interest respecting compensation, or any other matter concerning which it may be necessary or expedient to deal and to make any and all contracts, agreements, or obligations necessary or expedient and to issue any and all orders which may in any way be found necessary and expedient in connection with the Federal control of systems of transportation, railroads, and inland waterways as fully in all respects as the President is authorized to do, and generally to do and perform all and singular all acts and things and to exercise all and singular the powers and duties which in and by the said act, or any other act in relation to the subject hereof, the President is authorized to do and perform.

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

DONE in the District of Columbia this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty second.

WOODROW WILSON

By the President:

ROBERT LANSING
Secretary of State.

April 3, 1918.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Copyrights.
Preamble.
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WHEREAS it is provided by the Act of Congress of March 4, 1909, entitled "An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Acts Respecting Copyright", that the provisions of said Act, "so far as they secure copyright controlling the parts of instruments serving to reproduce mechanically the musical work, shall include only compositions published and copyrighted after this Act goes into effect, and shall not