

CHAP. 175.—An Act Authorizing the resurvey or retracement of lands heretofore returned as surveyed public lands of the United States under certain conditions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon the application of the owners of three-fourths of the privately owned lands in any township covered by public-land surveys, more than fifty per centum of the area of which townships is privately owned, accompanied by a deposit with the United States surveyor general for the proper State, or if there be no surveyor general of such State, then with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, of the proportionate estimated cost, inclusive of the necessary work, of the resurvey or retracement of all the privately owned lands in said township, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, subject to the supervisory authority of the Secretary of the Interior, shall be authorized in his discretion to cause to be made a resurvey or retracement of the lines of said township and to set permanent corners and monuments in accordance with the laws and regulations governing surveys and resurveys of public lands; that the sum so deposited shall be held by the surveyor general or commissioner when ex officio surveyor general and may be expended in payment of the cost of such survey, including field and office work, and any excess over the cost of such survey and the expenses incident thereto shall be repaid pro rata to the person making said deposits or their legal representatives; that the proportionate cost of the field and office work for the resurvey or retracement of any public lands in such township shall be paid from the current appropriation for the survey and resurvey of public lands, in addition to the portion of such appropriation otherwise allowed by law for resurveys and retracements; that similar resurveys and retracements may be made on the application, accompanied by the requisite deposit, of any court of competent jurisdiction, the returns of such resurvey or retracement to be submitted to the court; that the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make all necessary rules and regulations to carry this Act into full force and effect.

Approved, September 21, 1918.

CHAP. 176.—An Act To supplement the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That until the expiration of two years after the date of the termination of the war between the United States and the Imperial German Government, as fixed by proclamation of the President—

(1) The interest on an amount of bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan the principal of which does not exceed \$30,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association, or corporation, shall be exempt from graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations;

(2) The interest received after January 1, 1918, on an amount of bonds of the First Liberty Loan Converted, dated either November 15, 1917, or May 9, 1918, the Second Liberty Loan, converted and unconverted, and the Third Liberty Loan, the principal of which does not exceed \$45,000 in the aggregate, owned by any individual, partnership, association, or corporation, shall be exempt from such taxes: *Provided, however,* That no owner of such bonds shall be entitled to such exemption in respect to the interest on an aggregate principal

September 21, 1918.
[H. R. 8004.]

[Public, No. 216.]

Public lands.
Resurveys of privately owned lands at request of owners.

Deposit for cost, etc.

Field and office work.

On application of court.

September 24, 1918.
[H. R. 12923.]

[Public, No. 217.]

Supplement to Second Liberty Bond Act.
Ante, p. 288.

Tax exemptions.
On interest of not exceeding \$30,000 Fourth Liberty Bonds.
Ante, p. 844.

On interest of prior issues not exceeding \$45,000.
Ante, pp. 35, 288, 503.

Proviso.
Subscription to Fourth Loan required.

amount of such bonds exceeding one and one-half times the principal amount of bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan originally subscribed for by such owner and still owned by him at the date of his tax return; and

(3) The interest on an amount of bonds, the principal of which does not exceed \$30,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association, or corporation, issued upon conversion of 3½ per centum bonds of the First Liberty Loan in the exercise of any privilege arising as a consequence of the issue of bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan, shall be exempt from such taxes.

The exemptions provided in this section shall be in addition to the exemption provided in section 7 of the Second Liberty Bond Act in respect to the interest on an amount of bonds and certificates, authorized by such Act and amendments thereto, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, and in addition to all other exemptions provided in the Second Liberty Bond Act.

SEC. 2. That section 6 of the Second Liberty Bond Act is hereby amended by striking out the figures "\$2,000,000,000," and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$4,000,000,000." Such section is further amended by striking out the words "The amount of war savings certificates sold to any one person at any one time shall not exceed \$100, and it shall not be lawful for any one person at any one time to hold war savings certificates to an aggregate amount exceeding \$1,000," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "It shall not be lawful for any one person at any one time to hold war savings certificates of any one series to an aggregate amount exceeding \$1,000."

SEC. 3. That the provisions of section 8 of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended by the Third Liberty Bond Act, shall apply to the proceeds arising from the payment of war-profits taxes as well as income and excess profits taxes.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of the Treasury may, during the war and for two years after its termination, make arrangements in or with foreign countries to stabilize the foreign exchanges and to obtain foreign currencies and credits in such currencies, and he may use any such credits and foreign currencies for the purpose of stabilizing or rectifying the foreign exchanges, and he may designate depositories in foreign countries with which may be deposited as he may determine all or any part of the avails of any foreign credits or foreign currencies.

SEC. 5. That subdivision (b) of section 5 of the Trading with the Enemy Act be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

(b) That the President may investigate, regulate, or prohibit, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, by means of licenses or otherwise, any transactions in foreign exchange and the export, hoarding, melting, or earmarkings of gold or silver coin or bullion or currency, transfers of credit in any form (other than credits relating solely to transactions to be executed wholly within the United States), and transfers of evidences of indebtedness or of the ownership of property between the United States and any foreign country, whether enemy, ally of enemy, or otherwise, or between residents of one or more foreign countries, by any person within the United States; and, for the purpose of strengthening, sustaining and broadening the market for bonds and certificates of indebtedness of the United States, of preventing frauds upon the holders thereof, and of protecting such holders, he may investigate and regulate, by means of licenses or otherwise (until the expiration of two years after the date of the termination of the present war with the Imperial German Government, as fixed by his proclamation), any transactions in such bonds or certificates by or between any person or persons: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this subdivision (b) shall be construed to confer any power to prohibit the purchase or sale for cash, or for notes eligible for discount at any Federal Reserve Bank, of bonds or cer-

On interest of not exceeding \$30,000, First Liberty Bonds which may be converted.

Additional to prior exemptions.
Ante, p. 291.

War saving certificates.
Amount increased to \$4,000,000,000.
Ante, p. 291, amended.
Limitations modified.

Aggregate allowed to one person of any series.

Deposit of proceeds.
Ante, p. 504, amended.

War profits taxes added.

Foreign exchange.
Arrangements for foreign currencies and credits to stabilize.

Depositories to be designated.

Trading with the enemy.

Ante, p. 415, amended.
Regulation, etc., of foreign exchange, coin exports, property transfers, etc.

United States securities.
Regulation of any transactions in, by license or otherwise.

Proviso.
Cash sales, etc., not affected.

tificates of indebtedness of the United States; and he may require any person engaged in any transaction referred to in this subdivision to furnish, under oath, complete information relative thereto, including the production of any books of account, contracts, letters or other papers, in connection therewith in the custody or control of such person, either before or after such transaction is completed."

SEC. 6. That section 5200 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5200. The total liabilities to any association, of any person, or of any company, corporation, or firm for money borrowed, including in the liabilities of a company or firm the liabilities of the several members thereof, shall at no time exceed 10 per centum of the amount of the capital stock of such association, actually paid in and unimpaired, and 10 per centum of its unimpaired surplus fund: *Provided, however,* That (1) the discount of bills of exchange drawn in good faith against actually existing values, (2) the discount of commercial or business paper actually owned by the person, company, corporation, or firm, negotiating the same, and (3) the purchase or discount of any note or notes secured by not less than a like face amount of bonds of the United States issued since April 24, 1917, or certificates of indebtedness of the United States, shall not be considered as money borrowed within the meaning of this section; but the total liabilities to any association, of any person or of any company, corporation, or firm, upon any note or notes purchased or discounted by such association and secured by such bonds or certificates of indebtedness, shall not exceed (except to the extent permitted by rules and regulations prescribed by the Comptroller of the Currency, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury) 10 per centum of such capital stock and surplus fund of such association."

SEC. 7. That the short title of this Act shall be "Supplement to Second Liberty Bond Act."

Approved, September 24, 1918.

CHAP. 177.—An Act To amend and reenact sections four, eleven, sixteen, nineteen, and twenty-two of the Act approved December twenty-third, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and known as the Federal reserve Act, and sections fifty-two hundred and eight and fifty-two hundred and nine, Revised Statutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section four of the Act approved December twenty-third, nineteen hundred and thirteen, known as the Federal reserve Act, be amended and reenacted by striking out that part of such section which reads as follows:

"Directors of Class A and Class B shall be chosen in the following manner:

"The chairman of the board of directors of the Federal reserve bank of the district in which the bank is situated or, pending the appointment of such chairman, the organization committee shall classify the member banks of the district into three general groups or divisions. Each group shall contain as nearly as may be one-third of the aggregate number of the member banks of the district, and shall consist, as nearly as may be, of banks of similar capitalization. The groups shall be designated by number by the chairman.

"At a regularly called meeting of the board of directors of each member bank in the district it shall elect by ballot a district reserve elector and shall certify his name to the chairman of the board of directors of the Federal reserve bank of the district. The chairman shall make lists of the district reserve electors thus named by banks in each of the aforesaid three groups and shall transmit one list to each elector in each group.

Compulsory testimony.

National banks. R. S., sec. 5200, p. 1005, amended.

Limit of loans to any person, etc. Vol. 34, p. 451, amended.

Proviso. Commercial discounts not included.

Nor paper with Liberty bonds, etc., as collateral.

Maximum permitted.

Title of this Act.

September 26, 1918. [H. R. 11283.] [Public, No. 218.]

Federal Reserve Act amendments.

Matter stricken out.