

Master track scale, etc., building authorized for.

Amount for purchase, etc., of equipment.  
Post, p. 854.

site, or acquire same by gift or otherwise; and to contract for the construction thereon of a building for a master track scale and test car depot, and for the installation therein of the Bureau of Standards' master track scale; and for the purchase and installation in said building of the necessary equipment for the calibration of railroad track scale test cars, accessories, and related heavy weights and scales, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

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[H. R. 11398.]  
[Public, No. 370.]

**CHAP. 533.**—An Act Authorizing the payment of an indemnity to Great Britain on account of the death of Daniel Shaw Williamson, a British subject, who was killed at East Saint Louis, Illinois, on July 1, 1921.

Great Britain.  
Payment authorized to, as indemnity for death of Daniel Shaw Williamson.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby authorized to be paid to Great Britain, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, as a matter of grace and without reference to the question of legal liability of the United States, the sum of \$2,000, as full indemnity for the death of Daniel Shaw Williamson, a British subject, who was killed by a policeman at East Saint Louis, Illinois, July 1, 1921, as set forth in the message of the President on December 13, 1924, printed as Senate Document Numbered 172, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session.

Approved, June 10, 1926.

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[S. 3691.]  
[Public, No. 371.]

**CHAP. 554.**—An Act To convey to the city of Lakeland, Florida, certain Government property.

Lakeland, Fla.  
Portion of post office site conveyed to, for street purposes.

Proviso.  
Use restricted.

Reversion for non-user.

*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, empowered and directed to convey by the usual quitclaim deed to the city of Lakeland, Florida, for street purposes and no other, that portion of the present post-office site in said city five feet in width and which extends alongside Lemon Street a distance of one hundred and twenty-two feet for the purpose of widening said Lemon Street as provided for in the city ordinances of the said city of Lakeland, Florida: *Provided, however,* That the city of Lakeland shall not have the right to sell or convey the described premises, nor to devote the same to any other than street purposes, and shall not erect thereon any structures or improvements except such as are incidental to such purposes; and in the event that said premises shall not be used for street purposes, and cared for and maintained as such, the right, title, and interest of the United States hereby authorized to be conveyed shall revert to the United States.

Approved, June 11, 1926.

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[H. R. 11613.]  
[Public, No. 372.]

**CHAP. 555.**—An Act To provide for the study and investigation of battle fields in the United States for commemorative purposes.

Battle fields in the United States.  
Studies, etc., of, for plans to commemorate.  
Post, p. 1141.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to have made studies and investigations and, where necessary, surveys of all battle fields within the continental limits of the United States whereon troops of the United States or of the original thirteen colonies have been engaged against a common enemy, with a view to preparing a general plan and such

detailed projects as may be required for properly commemorating such battle fields or other adjacent points of historic and military interest.

SEC. 2. That on or before December 1, 1926, the Secretary of War shall submit through the President to Congress a preliminary plan by which the purpose of this Act can, in his opinion, be most economically carried out; and annually thereafter he shall submit through the President to Congress a detailed report of progress made under this Act together with his recommendations for further operations.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War shall include annually in his War Department appropriation estimates a list of the battle fields for which surveys or other field investigations are planned for the fiscal year in question, together with the estimated cost of making each survey or other field investigation.

SEC. 4. That hereafter no real estate shall be purchased for military park purposes by the Government unless report thereon shall have been made by the Secretary of War through the President to Congress under the provisions of this Act.

Approved, June 11, 1926.

Preliminary plan to be submitted.

Annual detailed report of progress made.

Estimates for surveys, etc.

Restriction on purchases for military parks.

CHAP. 556.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of public-school teachers in the District of Columbia," approved January 15, 1920, and for other purposes.

June 11, 1926.  
[H. R. 12266.]  
[Public, No. 373.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of public-school teachers in the District of Columbia," approved January 15, 1920, be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Public schools, District of Columbia.  
Retirement of teachers.  
Vol. 41, p. 387, amended.

"SECTION 1. That there shall be deducted and withheld from the annual salary of every teacher in the public schools of the District of Columbia an amount computed to the nearest tenth of a dollar that will be sufficient, with interest thereon at 4 per centum per annum, compounded annually, to purchase, under the provisions of this Act, an annuity equal to 1 per centum of his average annual salary received during the ten years immediately preceding retirement, for each year of his whole term of service rendered after June 30, 1926, payable monthly throughout life, for every such teacher who shall be retired, as herein provided.

Deduction from pay of teachers to provide annuity on retirement.

"The deductions herein provided for shall be based on such annuity table or tables as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall direct: *Provided, however,* That said deductions shall in no case exceed 8 per centum of his annual salary: *And provided further,* That when the annual salary exceeds \$2,000 the deductions and benefits shall be made as on an annual salary of \$2,000.

Percentage of average salary.

Basis of deductions.

"The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall cause to be filed with the Board of Education on September 10 of each year a certificate showing the amount of deduction to be made from the salary of each teacher during the year, said deduction to be made in equal amounts, one to be deducted for each school month. A similar certificate shall be filed not later than the 15th day of each calendar month to cover cases of new entrants. No deduction shall be made from less than an entire month's salary.

Proviso.  
Maximum.  
Limited to annual pay of \$2,000.

Certificate of deduction for each year.

"SEC. 2. That the amount so deducted and withheld from the annual salary of every teacher shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States and shall be credited, together with interest at 4 per centum per annum, compounded annually, to an individual

Deduction deposited to credit of the teacher.