

COMPENSATION ACT IS A MODEL

How the Federal Government's Plan Works.

THE INJURED GOT \$704,814.

Relatives of Those Killed Received \$112,879—Solicitor Earl Gives Figures From Aug. 1, 1908, to Dec. 1, 1911—\$300,000 More Since.

Charles Earl, solicitor of the department of commerce and labor, has submitted to Secretary Nagel of that department a compilation of his opinions dealing with the government workmen's compensation act...

The money benefits paid under this act between Aug. 1, 1908, when it became effective, and Dec. 1, 1911, aggregated \$704,814.60 paid to injured persons on account of nonfatal injuries and \$112,879.02 paid to surviving dependents on account of fatal injuries.

How Statute Applies.

The present statute applies only to artisans or laborers employed in certain specified branches of the public service or in certain hazardous occupations under the government.

Mr. Earl emphasizes that feature of the act which permits of the establishment of a simple and direct mode of procedure, whereby the technicalities and delays are avoided and the relief provided can speedily be given.

Solicitor's Statement.

In this connection he says: "The prompt payment of compensation at a time when the breadwinner is stricken and money is most needed, without forcing the claimant to pursue an elaborate, expensive and dilatory process of proof, is one of the striking benefits of the act."

In speaking further of the nature and benefits of the act the solicitor states that it marks a distinct step in advance and substitutes an enlightened modern view for certain obsolete doctrines of the common law since it not only gives a remedy where none existed before, but it waives the right of the government to exemption from liability and dispenses with the necessity of appeals to congress in individual cases.

The solicitor notes that more than 17,000 accidents were reported under the act during the first three years of its operation, whereas only about 8,000 claims were filed, due to the limited scope of the law, and strongly urges this as an indication of the need of extending the benefits of the act by supplementary legislation.

ENLIST FOR SEVEN YEARS.

Soldiers to Serve Four Years With Colors and Three in Reserves.

Adjutant General George Andrews of the army has informed recruiting officers that in future all enlistments must be for a period of seven instead of four years.

While the full enlistment term will be seven years hereafter, only the first four years will be for actual military service. After that the soldier who does not care to re-enlist will be transferred to the army reserve, without pay or allowance, but subject to recall at a moment's notice.

2,300 Love Letters to Bachelor.

Twenty-three hundred love letters, dating from 1839 and written by many different women, have been found among the effects of a bachelor who died in Melbourne, Australia, eighty-two years old.

TORPEDO BOATS WILL BE SHOT TO PIECES IN NIGHT PRACTICE

Atlantic Fleet Will No Longer Use Canvas Screens on Rafts.

Real Torpedoes Are to Be Propelled Against Actual Vessels.

THE Atlantic fleet in target practice this fall and next spring will make several important departures. These include: Firing at actual torpedo boats instead of canvas targets in night practice.

Firing actual torpedoes, minus explosives, at real ships.

Firing on the old San Marcos wreck at short range instead of long range.

Heretofore the fleet in practice fired at targets made by hoisting screens of canvas on masts erected on rafts of heavy timbers, which were anchored on the range at various points, their exact location being unknown to the firing vessel.

There were usually four targets, and the firing ship—each ship maneuvered and fired alone—was directed to steam along a certain prescribed course. At a certain point, marked by anchoring another vessel, brightly lighted up, on the range, the firing ship was permitted to turn on her searchlights and begin hunting for the targets, of which there were usually two on each side.

Genuine Targets.

The targets this year will be genuine torpedo boats. Orders have been issued to prepare three of the old and out of date torpedo craft of the reserve division for service as target vessels. They will be built up amidships to give them the high freeboard and as nearly as possible the general appearance of a modern destroyer.

One ship from each class of vessels—that is, one Dreadnought, one battleship of the Connecticut class, one of the Georgia class, and so on—will do the actual firing. The entire fleet will form in column to come on the range.

The guns of the broadside battery will be allowed five rounds of ammunition apiece for this practice, and in addition a few rounds of the new twelve inch shrapnel will be distributed for use in the turret guns.

Shrapnel Fire Murderous.

Shrapnel consists of a thin steel shell filled with a great number of steel balls, which are arranged around a small charge of powder called the "bursting charge." A fuse is attached.

100,000 GREEKS MAY LEAVE UNITED STATES.

More Than 8,000 Have Gone, and Other Thousands Wait For Ships.

Since the call to arms was issued more than 8,000 Greeks and more than 600 Bulgarians have left the port of New York for the seat of war. Before many days have elapsed it is estimated that fully 30,000 Greeks, resident in the United States, will have responded to the call.

It is believed that if the war continues 100,000 Greeks will leave the United States to take part in it. The steamship Patria of the National Greek line carried 2,000 Greeks home to fight the Turks.

Business men declared that if the exodus continued industries employing Greeks would be sure to suffer. Greeks are employed in large numbers in the manufacture of tobacco and confectionery and also in the iron, steel and coal trades.

The places in which Greeks are employed have been affected only mildly by the exodus as yet, but before long the proprietors of these places fear they will be confronted with a serious shortage of labor.

MADE ROPE TO HANG GUILTEAU.

Spinner of Nooses For Murderers Dead in Baltimore.

The man who for a half century made the ropes which brought to an end the lives of many criminals died recently in Baltimore. He was William H. Meyers, seventy-six years old. He made the noose which strangled Guitau, who murdered President Garfield.

The lives of the Molly Maguires, who were hanged in Pottsville and Mauch Chunk, Pa., in 1878, were taken with ropes spun by Mr. Meyers. He never would attend the hangings where his ropes were used.

timed so that just before the shell reaches the target it bursts and scatters the steel bullets.

When used on shore shrapnel fire has often been positively murderous, the rain of bullets tearing whole regiments to pieces. It is generally believed to be the most efficient defense against aeroplanes, and its application to defense against torpedo attack is based upon similar reasoning.

In previous years the battleships fired their torpedoes at a long net stretched between two anchored boats and representing the side of a hostile battleship. Last year the experiment was tried of firing at a net towed through the water by another ship.

Spotting Practice.

The torpedoes will not be fitted with their war heads of gun cotton, of course. They will have a sort of collapsible nose, which is expected to bear the shock of impact when the torpedo strikes and save both torpedo and battleship from injury.

The firing division and the division to be fired at will pass each other in parallel lines, 2,500 yards apart. The firing ships will steam at fifteen knots, the speed of the "enemy" will be kept secret and changed between runs. When the two divisions come nearly opposite each other upon a given signal the firing ships will let slip their torpedoes.

To Fire at Shorter Range.

Spotting practice will again take place next spring in Tangier sound, firing again on the wreck of the San Marcos (the old Texas), but on a more extended scale. For the first time a whole division of battleships, one from each class of ships as in the night firing, will fire. Two hundred and sixty twelve-inch shells and as many eight inch, 520 huge projectiles in all, will be hurled at the few battered remnants of the old ship which still remain above the water.

One important change in the rules, however, indicates that at present it is believed that the next naval battle will be fought at rather shorter ranges than were expected in previous years. In 1910 and 1909 ships fired at ranges of 12,000 yards and over, and there was talk of even higher ranges to come. This year the rules specifically state that no ship shall be required to fire at a range exceeding 8,000 yards.

PROJECTILES FOR NAVY WILL BE MADE ABROAD.

English Concern Outbids United States Firm For Contract.

A contract for part of the armor piercing shells for the United States navy, on which the Hatfield Steel company of England recently underbid all American competitors by nearly \$200,000 on less than a \$1,000,000 contract for 2,000 fourteen-inch shells and by about \$300,000 on a contract of about \$1,000,000 for 2,500 twelve-inch shells, will be awarded to the English concern, it has been announced by Acting Secretary Winthrop.

Attorney General Wickersham has given an opinion as to the application of the eight hour law in connection with the award. This, however, it is said, did not affect the question as to whether the contract should be awarded to the English steel company or to American concerns and was asked for only to decide at what point in the preparation of material for the shells all laborers connected in any way with the work must comply with the eight hour requirement.

It has been the policy of the navy department in the past to award its work to home concerns, even if the bid was slightly above some foreign offer. Prince Edward Island Oysters. In 1882 Prince Edward Island provided 57,000 barrels of oysters. In 1907 it had only 9,672. The depletion is due chiefly to the process of gathering mud and oyster shells for fertilizing purpose in behalf of the farmers.

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The Sins of the Fathers.

Little Jack was struggling through his home lessons, and there were many signs of woe and perplexity written on his impleh young face.

"Ma," he began, in rather a quavering voice, "what does her-d-dity mean?"

Mother wasn't quite sure herself, but was sufficiently artful not to say so outright, so she answered vaguely: "Well, John, it is—er—it's something to do with what you get from your father or me."

Little Jack pondered deeply for a few moments. Suddenly a look of knowledge—the outcome of past unhappy experiences—appeared on his countenance.

"Then is whipping heredity, ma?" he asked.—New York Journal.

The Poet and the Sunsets.

The gorgeous grandeur of the sunsets thrills me. The brilliant colors and the golden glow I think sometimes it must be I'm a poet.

For poets all say it affects them so. I love to watch the sinking sun's departure.

And muse and wonder why it goes away. It leaves with regularity, I've noticed. And always at the closing of the day.

It fills my soul with deep poetic feeling To watch the daily setting of the sun. I've started several poems on the subject.

But somehow I have never finished one. With vague poetic feeling and unrest. Another thing I've noticed about sunsets—You regularly see them in the west.

—Somerville Journal.

New Game.

"What's the matter with this mule's shoes?" asked the village blacksmith.

"I put them on day before yesterday, and they look all right to me."

"Never mind how dey looks," replied Erastus Pinkley; "you jest take dem shoes off an' put on yuther ones. Me an' Samson Smiley will stan' de expense."

"What has Smiley to do with it?"

"He's helpin' me finance a spot'n' proposition. We's got a bet on how many times you kin fool aroun' dat mule's feet befo' you gits laid out."—Washington Star.

Mother's Politics.

In years to come when women vote And have a right to mix In every wrangle on the map, Including politics.

When national conventions meet With bonnets in the van, Among the female delegates Perchance may be a man.

Then when he rises with the rest To lift a timid voice And some one asks him who will be His presidential choice

This declaration proud and pat Will issue from his throat: "I always vote the same old way That mother used to vote."

—New York Sun.

Mutual.

He was trying to make an impression on a pretty nursemaid who had a little boy out in the park.

"I wish you were my governess," he simpered.

"So do I," said the girl.

"What would you do?"

"I'd take those cigarettes away from you and get your hair cut."

Then he passed on.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Wash Day.

When Eve held forth in Paradise She found much pleasure in it, For when she did her Monday wash It only took a minute.

—Milwaukee Sentinel.

And when the washing blew away Eve didn't fret or whine. She merely sauntered forth and picked New garments from the vine.

—Springfield Union.

She didn't scold the laundryman, She didn't give him slack, Because he happened by mistake To bring the wrong leaf back.

—Yonkers Statesman.

Insult and Injury.

"She's the most insulting woman I ever met."

"I never liked her myself."

"Just think! The last time she visited us she didn't wipe her feet when she came in, but she did wipe them when she went out."—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

The Day of Days.

Every dog may have his day, As the ancient saying is, But it does him little good. No dog ever understood Which day happened to be his.

Yet why blame the foolish dog For his failures to perceive? If each man might know his day When it dawned how many, pray, Would have any cause to grieve?

—Chicago Record-Herald.

Just Wait a Little.

Irate Householder—Why can't you answer this bell sooner? The fire's out again. Where have you been?

Maid of all work (resigned and leaving)—I've been packin' up my things. I can't stop to do that. It'll light itself soon. The 'ouse is afire!—Punch.

Or Hit by Falling Brick.

Now, going up in an aeroplane Or going down in a submarine Seems dangerous and scarcely sane.

'Twere better to keep to the golden mean. 'Twere better to plod the solid earth Than to sink or soar till the senses reel. Still, the walker's lot is of little worth If he's run down by an automobile!

—Chicago News.

Not in Them.

"What are they rehearsing for, papa?"

"For some pantomimes, my dear."

"Is mamma to be in 'em?"

"No, my dear; no one does any talking in pantomimes."—Yonkers Statesman.

Oh, Fudge!

A wild man who flourished a knife Was busy chasing his wife. Said he, "I'm a nut, But I'm going to cut The ties that have bound us for life!"

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of process issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Wayne county, and State of Pennsylvania, and to me directed and delivered, I have levied on and will expose to public sale, at the Court House in Honesdale, on

FRIDAY, NOV. 15, 2 P. M.

All the defendant's right, title, and interest in the following described property—viz:

By virtue of the annexed writ of fieri facias I have this day levied upon and taken in execution the three following described pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the township of Damascus, county of Wayne, and commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: The first: Beginning at a stone corner of Lot No. 1 and the north-east corner of lot No. 2, in subdivision line of the Adam Sweggart lots, and in east line of original survey; thence south thirteen chains and eighty-five links to a corner between Lots 2 and 3; thence west fifty-eight rods and four feet to a corner; thence north thirteen chains and eighty-five links to corner; thence east fifty-eight rods and four links to the place of beginning, said to contain exactly twenty acres, be the same more or less.

The Second: Beginning at a stake and stone corner, the south-east corner of the original survey of said Adam Sweggart warrant; thence west one hundred and forty perches to a corner; thence north ninety perches to a stake and stone corner in line of land formerly of Virgil Conglin; thence east one hundred and forty perches to a stake and stone corner in east line of the said lots; thence south ninety perches to the place of beginning, containing seventy-four acres, be the same more or less.

The Third: Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot No. 4 of said lots at a heap of stones; thence south thirty-four and eight-tenths rods to stake and stones, the corner of lot in the warrantee name of Adam Sweggart; and southwest corner of Lot No. 4; thence east seventy-one rods to stake and stone corner; thence south thirty and four-tenths rods to a stake and stones corner; thence east sixty-one rods to a heap of stones; thence north sixty-five rods to a stake and stones corner; thence west one hundred and thirty-two rods to the place of beginning, containing thirty-seven acres, be the same more or less.

Excepting and reserving a lot twenty by thirty feet occupied as a grave yard, a part of Lot No. 4, with right of way to and from the grave yard to the heirs of Cornelius Bolts. Upon the said premises is a dwelling house, two frame barns and other out buildings, apple orchard, and other fruit trees, some timber and nearly all improved land.

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