

the laws of the State of Wisconsin, its successors and assigns, a permit to locate, construct, maintain, and operate a line of railroad across the northeasterly portion of the Fort Snelling Military Reservation in the State of Minnesota upon such location and under such regulations and conditions as shall be approved by the Secretary of War, including proper compensation for use of the land covered by the permit.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 28, 1924.

CHAP. 80.—An Act Authorizing the Director of the Census to collect and publish statistics of cotton.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Director of the Census be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to collect and publish statistics concerning the amount of cotton ginned; the quantity of raw cotton consumed in manufacturing establishments of every character; the quantity of baled cotton on hand; the number of active consuming cotton spindles; the number of active spindle hours, and the quantity of cotton imported and exported, with the country of origin and destination.

SEC. 2. That the statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned shall show the quantity ginned from each crop prior to August 1, August 16, September 1, September 16, October 1, October 16, November 1, November 14, December 1, December 13, January 16, and March 1: *Provided,* That the Director of the Census may limit the canvasses of August 1 and August 16, to those sections of the cotton-growing States in which cotton has been ginned. The quantity of cotton consumed in manufacturing establishments, the quantity of baled cotton on hand, the number of active consuming cotton spindles, the number of active spindle hours, and the statistics of cotton imported and exported shall relate to each calendar month, and shall be published as soon as possible after the close of the month. Each report published by the Bureau of the Census of the quantity ginned shall carry with it the latest available statistics concerning the quantity of cotton consumed, stocks of baled cotton on hand, the number of cotton-consuming spindles, and the quantity of cotton imported and exported.

All of these publications containing statistics of cotton shall be mailed by the Director of the Census to all cotton ginners, cotton manufacturers, and cotton warehousemen, and to all daily newspapers throughout the United States. The Director of the Census shall furnish to the Department of Agriculture, immediately prior to the publication of each report of that bureau regarding the cotton crop, the latest available statistics hereinbefore mentioned, and the said Department of Agriculture shall publish the same in connection with each of its reports concerning cotton.

SEC. 3. That the information furnished by any individual establishment under the provisions of this Act shall be considered as strictly confidential and shall be used only for the statistical purpose for which it is supplied. Any employee of the Bureau of the Census who, without the written authority of the Director of the Census, shall publish or communicate any information given into his possession by reason of his employment under the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon con-

Compensation.

Amendment.

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Cotton statistics.  
Director of Census to collect and publish specified.

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Information considered confidential.

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viction thereof, be fined not less than \$300 or more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for a period of not exceeding one year, or both so fined and imprisoned, at the discretion of the court.

Information to be furnished by gineries, etc.

Requests for information.

Punishment for willful refusal, etc.

Compilation of information from foreign countries.

Abstracts to be published with reports.

Simultaneous issue of cotton crop reports.

Former law repealed. Vol. 37, p. 186.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of every owner, president, treasurer, secretary, director, or other officer or agent of any cotton ginnery, manufacturing establishment, warehouse, or other place where cotton is ginned, manufactured, or stored, whether conducted as a corporation, firm, limited partnership, or by individuals, when requested by the Director of the Census or by any special agent or other employee of the Bureau of the Census acting under the instructions of said director, to furnish completely and correctly, to the best of his knowledge, all of the information concerning the quantity of cotton ginned, consumed, or on hand, and the number of cotton-consuming spindles, and active spindle hours. The request of the Director of the Census for information concerning the quantity of cotton ginned or consumed, stocks of cotton on hand, and number of spindles and spindle hours may be made in writing or by a visiting representative, and if made in writing shall be forwarded by registered mail, and the registry receipt of the Post Office Department shall be accepted as evidence of such demand. Any owner, president, treasurer, secretary, director, or other officer or agent of any cotton ginnery, manufacturing establishment, warehouse, or other place where cotton is ginned or stored, who, under the conditions hereinbefore stated, shall refuse or willfully neglect to furnish any of the information herein provided for or shall willfully give answers that are false shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$300 or more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for a period of not exceeding one year, or both so fined and imprisoned, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 5. That in addition to the information regarding cotton in the United States hereinbefore provided for, the Director of the Census shall compile, by correspondence or the use of published reports and documents, any available information concerning the production, consumption, and stocks of cotton in foreign countries, and the number of cotton-consuming spindles in such countries. Each report published by the Bureau of the Census regarding cotton shall contain an abstract of the latest available information obtained under the provisions of this section, and the Director of the Census shall furnish the same to the Department of Agriculture for publication in connection with the reports of that department concerning cotton in the same manner as in the case of statistics relating to the United States.

SEC. 6. That the reports of cotton ginned to the dates as of which the Department of Agriculture is also required to issue cotton crop reports shall be issued simultaneously with the cotton crop reports of that department, the two reports to be issued from the same place at eleven o'clock antemeridian on the eighth day following that on which the respective reports relate. When such date of release falls on Sunday or a legal holiday the reports shall be issued at eleven o'clock antemeridian on the next succeeding workday.

SEC. 7. That the Act of Congress authorizing the Director of the Census to collect and publish statistics of cotton, approved July 22, 1912, and all other laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, April 2, 1924.