

THE AMERICAN COMMISSIONER
MIXED CLAIMS COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND GERMANY
1511 K STREET
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Docket No. 4147

Mr. Wilder Graves Penfield,
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Munsey Building,
Washington, D. C.

The date of mailing this notice is March 26, 1928.

Notice is hereby given to you that the "Settlement of War Claims Act of 1928," recently enacted by Congress and approved by the President on March 10, 1928, contains the following provisions:

"EXCESSIVE FEES PROHIBITED

"Sec. 9. (a) The Arbiter, the Commissioner of the Mixed Claims Commission appointed by the United States, and the Commissioner of the Tripartite Claims Commission, respectively, are authorized (upon request as hereinafter provided) to fix reasonable fees (whether or not fixed under any contract or agreement) for services in connection with the proceedings before the Arbiter and the Mixed Claims Commission and the Tripartite Claims Commission, respectively, and with the preparations therefor, and the application for payment, and the payment, of any amount under section 2, 3, 5, or 6. Each such official is authorized and requested to mail to each claimant in proceedings before him or the commission, as the case may be, notice (in English, German, or Hungarian) of the provisions of this section. No fee shall be fixed under this subsection unless written request therefor is filed with such official before the expiration of ninety days after the date of mailing of such notice. In the case of nationals of Germany, Austria, and Hungary, such notice may be mailed to, and the written request may be filed by, the duly accredited diplomatic representative of such nation.

"(b) After a fee has been fixed under subsection (a), any person accepting any consideration (whether or not under a contract or agreement entered into prior to the enactment of this Act) the aggregate value of which (when added to any consideration previously received) is in excess of the amount so fixed, for services in connection with the proceedings before the Arbiter or Mixed Claims Commission or Tripartite Claims Commission, or any preparations therefor, or with the application for payment, or the payment, of any amount under section 2, 3, 5, or 6, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than four times the aggregate value of the consideration accepted by such person therefor.

"(c) Section 20 of the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended, is amended by inserting after the word 'attorney' wherever it appears in such section the words 'at law or in fact'."

This notice is given pursuant to the authorization and request embodied in the provisions above quoted, and your attention is especially directed to the following extract from subsection (a) thereof:

"No fee shall be fixed under this subsection unless written request therefor is filed with such official before the expiration of ninety days after the date of mailing of such notice."

The official referred to in connection with proceedings before the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany, is the undersigned Commissioner appointed by the United States.

The date of mailing this notice from which the 90-day period above mentioned is to be computed is the date stated above.

You are requested to acknowledge the receipt of this notice.

Charles S. Anderson

Commissioner of the Mixed Claims Commission

Appointed by United States,

Address, 1511 K Street,

Washington, D. C.

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