

LAURA HENTIG.

FEBRUARY 24, 1882.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CULLEN, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 3539.]

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3539) granting a pension to Mrs. Laura Hentig, having had the same under consideration, respectfully report:*

The facts in this case are that Capt. Edmund C. Hentig was an officer of the United States Army, on duty with his regiment, the Sixth United States Cavalry, at Fort Apache, Arizona Territory. That on the 29th day of August, 1881, he formed, with his company, a part of the command under Col. E. A. Carr, commanding Sixth Cavalry, United States Army, which marched to Cibicu Creek, near the said Fort Apache, and on the 30th the command was surprised and attacked by hostile Apache Indians, who inflicted serious injury and loss of life upon said command; that at the beginning of the hostilities the said Captain Hentig was shot and instantly killed by said hostile Indians.

Mrs. Laura Hentig, the widow of the said Captain Hentig, has been an invalid for several years, and, from the effects of malaria and the shock of her husband's sudden and cruel death, is suffering from complete nervous prostration; and it is in proof, as the opinion of W. M. Goodell, M. D., of the University of Pennsylvania, that in all probability she will never be able to earn a livelihood for herself or invalid daughter.

Mrs. Hentig is poor, and her present pension of twenty dollars per month is scarcely sufficient to pay for necessary medical attendance. In view of all the surrounding circumstances your committee regard this case as one involving unusual hardships. They would, therefore, recommend the passage of the bill granting a pension to Mrs. Laura Hentig at the rate of fifty dollars per month.