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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 11, 1894.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PALMER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 1135.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1135) granting a pension to Mrs. Katharine Todd Crittenden, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report:

Mrs. Katharine Todd Crittenden is the widow of the late Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Crittenden, whose political and military history are so well known to the people and the volunteer army of the West.

General Crittenden was the loyal son of that eminent patriot, John J. Crittenden.

As lieutenant colonel of the Third Kentucky Infantry in the war with Mexico he was present under the command of Gen. Zachary Taylor in all the military operations on the Rio Grande. He was commissioned brigadier general of volunteers September 27, 1861, his influence being valuable in supporting the Union sentiment in Kentucky. His subsequent military history will be found in the report from the War Department, which is submitted herewith for reference.

Mrs. Katherine Todd Crittenden is the mother of Second Lieut. John J. Crittenden, whose brief, but pathetic, history is quoted from a report from the War Department:

He was appointed second lieutenant Twentieth Infantry October 15, 1875. He was on duty at Fort Abercrombie, Dak., November 20, 1875; on leave November 21, 1875, and on sick leave and surgeon certificate of disability to February 29, 1876; on duty at Fort Abercrombie, Dak., from March 2 to 14, 1876; with regiment at Fort Ripley, Minn., to April 20, 1876; at Fort A. Lincoln, Dak., to May 17, 1876; with Troop L, Seventh Cavalry in the field, Montana, to June 25, 1876, when he was killed in action with Indians at the Custer massacre at Little Big Horn River, Montana.

She had no other child, so that she is now a childless widow, without other means of support than the charity of relatives.

Your committee, upon the facts, recommend the passage of the bill.