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CLARA E. NICHOLS

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Mr. BAYARD (for Mr. STANFIELD), from the Committee on Claims,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2096]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2096) to extend the benefits of the United States employees' compensation act of September 7, 1916, to Clara E. Nichols, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

The facts are fully set forth in Senate Report No. 989, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, which is appended hereto and made a part of this report.

[Senate Report No. 989, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3618) to extend the benefits of the United States employees' compensation act of September 7, 1916, to Clara E. Nichols, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:
"That the United States Employees' Compensation Commission shall be, and it is hereby, authorized and directed to waive the statute of limitations in the application filed by Clara E. Nichols, a former employee of the education and recreation division, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Los Angeles, California, the provision of an act entitled 'An act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes,' approved September 7, 1916, in order that she may receive the same consideration as though she had applied within the specified time required by law."

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Clara E. Nichols, a woman of about 30 years of age, without relatives, kin, or means upon which to depend, June 4, 1917, entered the Government service as a first-grade clerk, under civil-service classification, in the property section of the Ordnance Office, War Department, under Chief Clerk Hugh M. Purcell. She worked during the flu epidemic of 1917 and also of 1918, and in addition to her official duties as clerk was assigned to and did welfare work among the sick employees of the Government. In doing this welfare work she came in contact with many suffering with the flu, some of whom later died.