

A THRICE SIGNED PENSION BILL.

An illustration of the confusion which attends legislation in the closing hours of Congress is found in the history of one of the private pension bills which passed the Senate during the night of March 2. It was a House bill giving a pension to Mrs. Amanda Allen, the mother of a soldier of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, New-York Volunteers. Page 2,852 of the *Congressional Record* shows that a message was received by the Senate from the House stating that the Speaker had signed an enrolled bill granting a pension to Amanda Allen, and that the measure was thereupon signed by the President of the Senate. On page 2,859 of the *Record* is recorded a similar message and the signature of the same bill by Mr. Edmunds. The next page shows for the third time that a bill giving a pension to Amanda Allen was signed by the Speaker and the President of the Senate. Several cases are on record in which during the hurry of the last hours of a session bills have been enrolled and signed in duplicate, but this is believed to be the first instance in the history of Congress when the same bill has been enrolled and signed three times. Mrs. Amanda Allen will only get one pension.

Mother of Pvt. Charles F. Allen, Co. B, died of dropsy, Oct. 7, 1864.

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