

CHARLES H. ALLEN IS DEAD IN LOWELL

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LOWELL, Mass., April 20 (AP).—Charles H. Allen, who succeeded Theodore Roosevelt as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and later served as the first Civil Governor of Puerto Rico, died here today after a long illness, at the age of 86.

Mr. Allen had been widely known in the banking business, having formerly been vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York. He also was a former president of the American Sugar Refining Company.

From 1885 to 1889 he served in Congress as representative from the Sixth Massachusetts District, and was Prison Commissioner in 1897 and 1898.

In recent years he spent his winters in Boston at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George W. Logan, and the rest of the year had lived at his residence here.

Born here April 15, 1848, son of Otis and Louis Bixby Allen, he was graduated from Amherst College in 1869. In 1900 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the same institution. In his early years he was in the lumber business here with his father.

His political career began with two terms as State Representative and one term as State Senator. In 1884 he was appointed to the staff of Governor Robinson. In 1891 he was the unsuccessful Republican candidate for Governor. In 1898 President McKinley named him to succeed Theodore Roosevelt as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, in which capacity he served through the Spanish-American War. After the war he became first civil Governor of Puerto Rico and succeeded in straightening out the disorganized affairs of the island. Retiring from that position in 1902, he served first as treasurer, then, for a time, as president of the American Sugar Refining Company. In addition to his New York connections, he had been a director of the Appleton National Bank in Lowell and other local institutions.

In 1870 he married Harriet C. Dean of Manchester, N. H., who died a few years ago. Two daughters, Mrs. Logan and Mrs. Albert H. Atkins, both of Boston, survive.