

Andrew Louis Bagger

(- 23 May 1895)

Bagger. On Thursday, May 23, 1895 at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, Andre Louis Bagger in the 50th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 617 Maryland avenue northeast at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 25. Friends respectfully invited to attend.

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Louise A. Bagger Dead

A Well-Known Washingtonian Expires Suddenly at Ocean Grove Found Dead in His Bed This Morning-- Sad Ending of a Journey for Recreation

Mr. Louis A. Bagger, the well-known patent attorney of this city, was found dead in his bed this morning at Ocean Grove. The announcement of the sad news was made to his partner, Mr. August Paterson, in a dispatch received this morning from Miss Ray, a niece of the deceased, who accompanied him to Ocean Grove. At the time that Mr. Peterson got the dispatch he had just opened and was reading a letter which had come in the morning mail, and which had been written by Mr. Bagger yesterday afternoon at the Astor House in New York city. Mr. Bagger had gone to New York on business, and the letter to his partner was largely on the matter which had called him to the city, and was cheerful in tone, and closed with affectionate remembrances to Mr. Peterson, as well as those in the office.

The shock to Mr. Peterson of this sudden news was very great. He had been associated with Mr. Bagger in business for a number of years, and, in addition, they were warm personal friends. Mr. Bagger's death was quite unexpected, although he had been in bad health for some time, and especially since the death of his wife, which occurred about a year ago. During the past year he had gone to various resorts and sanitariums in the hope of recovering his health, but had received little benefit. He was troubled with hemorrhages, which were probably the cause of his death. Mr. Bagger left this city last Saturday for Ocean Grove. He was accompanied by his niece, Miss Ray, and his only child, a little girl about ten years of age. He expected that a stay at that resort would be a benefit to him in his weakened condition. According to the dispatch received from Miss Ray, the remains will reach this city this evening.

The deceased was well known in this city, where he has resided for the past thirty years. He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in the year 1844, and when about twenty years of age he came to this country, landing in New York. He remained in that city for about a year, where he was engaged as a newspaper writer, and then removed to this city, and shortly afterward accepted the position of city editor, and subsequently that of managing editor of the *Patriot*, a daily newspaper, in which the late W.W. Corcoran was largely interested. Mr. Bagger became strongly attached to Mr. Corcoran, and the friendship was broken only by the death of the great philanthropist.

It was owing to his strong personal regard for Mr. Corcoran that he became involved in a controversy with Gov. Alex. R. Shepherd, whom he challenged to fight a duel. When the publication of the *Patriot* ceased, Mr. Bagger went into the patent business, being associated with Mr. Peterson, and built up a large and successful practice. Mr. Bagger was one of the oldest practicing attorneys before the patent office. He graduated from the Columbian Law School, and was admitted to the District bar. About ten years ago he was appointed vice consul in this city by the Danish government, and a similar honor was conferred on him by the government of Sweden and Norway. A few years ago he received from the King of Denmark in recognition of his services to that government, the decoration of Knight of

Dannebrog, one of the oldest Danish orders. The award of this decoration is regarded as a high distinction.

During his busy professional career Mr. Bagger did not neglect literary pursuits. He wrote a large number of articles which have been printed in various magazines. He enjoyed a wide acquaintance with public men, and was a man of pleasing address, with the faculty of making friends. He was fond of shooting, and had a large collection of guns. He joined the National Guard, and was appointed inspector of rifle practice for the third battalion, a position which he held at the time of his death. He took a deep interest in the National Guard, and was also a member of the Masonic fraternity.