

Thomas Leroy Clear

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Clear Goes to Panama

Resigns From Treasury to Go With Canal Commission

Thomas L. Clear of the office of the Secretary of the Treasury has resigned to accept an appointment as chief clerk of the department of auditing and accounting of the isthmian canal commission at Panama.

Mr. Clear, although a resident of Chicago, is a Washington boy, and was connected with the Washington offices of the canal commission as chief accountant from the organization of the commission until June 30, 1907, when he resigned to accept an appointment in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, in connection with the installation of the new system of disbursing and accounting as recommended by the Keep commission on departmental methods.

Mr. Clear expects to sail from New York, September 15 and will be accompanied by Mrs. Clear and their young son, Leroy.

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Maj. Clear, D.C. Native, Ex-Official

Funeral services for Maj. Thomas Leroy Clear, 82, Washington native and former treasurer of the United States Shipping Board, will be held today at his home in Blowing Rock, N.C.

Major Clear died there yesterday of a heart ailment.

A 1901 graduate of the dental school of George Washington University, Major Clear served several years as Collector of the Port of the Panama Canal and treasurer of the Panama Railroad.

Commissioned a major in the Army Inspector General's department in 1918, Maj. Clear served with the AEF in Europe until 1920.

In 1921 he began a three-year stint as treasurer of the United States Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corp.

In June, 1924 he became treasurer of the Consolidated Railroads of Cuba and held that post until his retirement in 1942. He lived in Bronxville, N.Y. during this period.

He was a Mason and a member of the Army-Navy Club of Washington. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen Clear and two grandchildren.