

Dr. Samaniego Of Juarez Is Critically Ill.

Most Distinguished Citizen of the Sister City Is Near Death.—Was Twice Governor.

Dr. Mariano Samaniego, the foremost citizen of Juarez, is at death's door. Only the faintest hope of his recovery is entertained. A carbuncle on the back of his neck has grown to large proportions, and it is gradually sapping away his vitality.

Seventy-four years of age, Dr. Samaniego does not possess the power to rally that was once his, and his friends believe that it is only a matter of days, if not of hours, before the end comes.

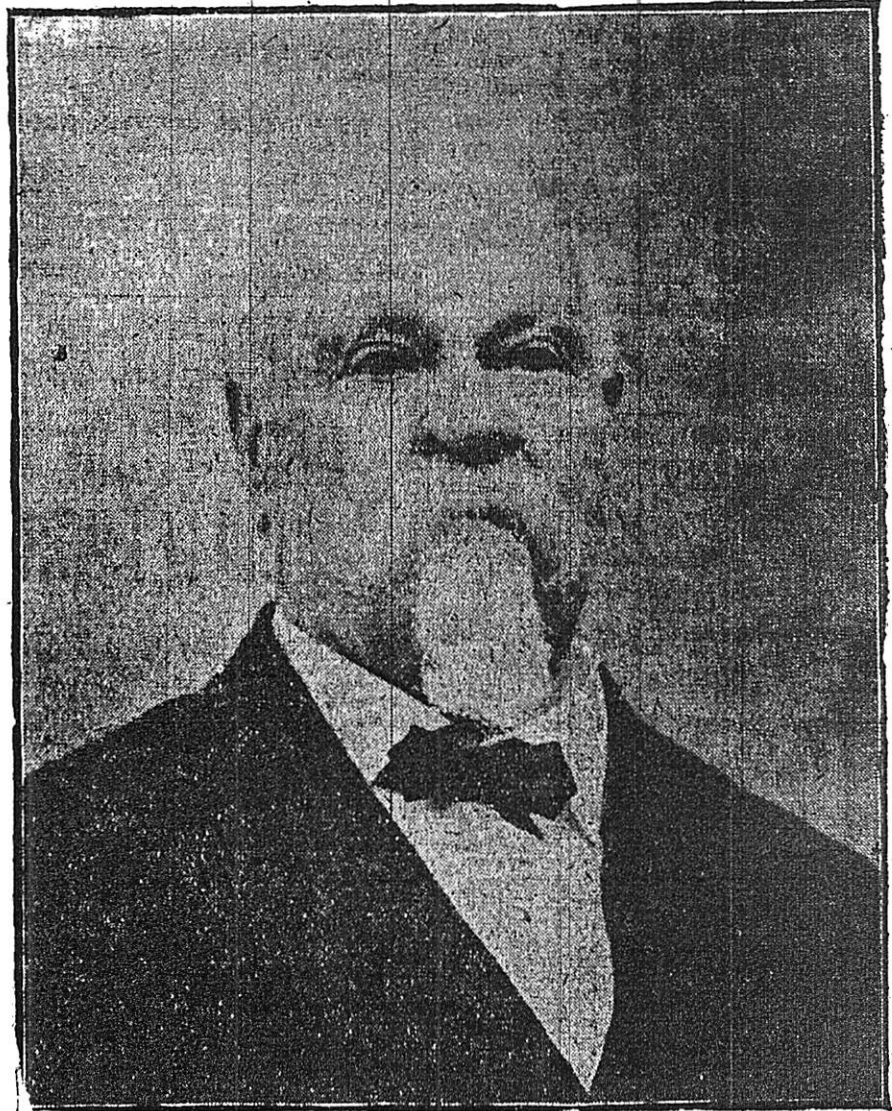
All of his living children are in Juarez. There are six sons and two daughters. The sons have come from Durango, Sonora, Hermosillo and Chihuahua, to be with their father at the end. Like him, they all followed the medical profession.

Twice governor of Chihuahua and at present president of the state legislature, Dr. Samaniego has exerted his influence beyond the confines of Juarez. In that city, he has long stood as its most prominent man. He has had large property interests, he has stood in the foreground in any public movement, and he has been known among the suffering and needy for his kindly charity.

In his spacious home on Constitution street, near the river, Dr. Samaniego is being aided by the foremost physicians of the southwest in his struggle for life. Fully a dozen doctors of El Paso have called upon him, and have attempted to prescribe remedial measures to save his life.

Distinguished doctors from other cities, both in the United States and in the republic of Mexico, have also been called in. They have agreed that there is but a slight hope of his recovery.

"Dr. Samaniego has been the most prominent figure Juarez has ever had or will ever have," said a prominent



DR. MARIANO SAMANIEGO.

citizen of the sister city, in referring to the critical condition of Dr. Samaniego.

"His heart was always in his hand. He was ready to help everyone. He lost much money through his constant generosity. If anything, he was too liberal, and he aided anyone and everyone who was in trouble.

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lature, and at two different periods he was governor of the state. When the French were in possession, as a private citizen he raised a force of men and went to the aid of Gen. Terrazas in ousting the invaders."

Dr. Samaniego is the owner of the Juarez plaza de toros, as well as of a number of other important buildings in the sister city.

DR. SAMANIEGO OF JUAREZ DIES THISAFTERNOON

President of the State Legislature and Former Governor, Expires In the Sister City.

Dr. Mariano Samaniego, the most public spirited and most widely known citizen of Juarez, twice governor of the state of Chihuahua, and president of the state legislature, died this afternoon.

His strength began to fail rapidly Sunday, and his vitality was at extremely low ebb this morning. At 11:30 the end was near, but he rallied and did not die for several hours. His children, five of whom are physicians like himself, were with him.

During the day he was unconscious. Last night he was barely able to recognize those who were at his bedside.

Death was caused by a large carbuncle, which formed on the back of his neck and sapped away his life.

Dr. Samaniego was owner of the Juarez bull ring and of several important business buildings. He lived in a spacious residence on Constitution avenue.

For the past 30 or 40 years, Dr. Samaniego, who was 74 years of age, has been closely identified with public movements in the state of Chihuahua. At two periods he was chief executive of the state. As head of the state legislature, he was enabled to play an important part in shaping public measures.

When the French were in possession of Chihuahua, Dr. Samaniego, as a private citizen, raised a force of soldiers and with them went to the aid of Gen. Luis Terrazas in driving out the intruders.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the El Paso Coffin & Casket company. The time of the funeral has not been fixed.