

CAMDEN POLITICIAN DEAD

Thomas A. Walton Succumbs to Disease of the Throat

Thomas A. Walton, chairman of the Camden County Board of Elections, died at the German Hospital, Philadelphia, yesterday from a cancerous disease of the throat. Mr. Walton was removed to the hospital last Saturday from his home, 314 Vine street, Camden.

Mr. Walton was 52 years of age, and was a resident of Camden for over thirty years. He was prominent in Republican circles. After serving as a fireman for several years he was appointed to office under Mayor Pratt. When the Democratic Police Commission came into power he resigned and became a detective for the Pennsylvania Railroad. For the past several years he was a special policeman on the Philadelphia side of the ferry. He was a member of the Camden and the First Ward Republican Clubs. A widow and four sons survive him.

The disease which caused the death of Mr. Walton is one of the most peculiar with which physicians have to cope. It was known as acute lymphatic leukaemia, and as far as medical records show there have been only seven similar cases in the entire United States in the past fourteen years.

Mr. Walton's case sorely puzzled his first attendant, who was a homeopathic physician, and he promptly called into consultation a Philadelphian, who in turn summoned a specialist. The case continued to be a puzzle, and Mr. Walton was removed to the German Hospital, where the X-ray revealed in part the source of the disease.

The tonsils of the deceased will be removed for microscopic examination, and physicians hope to gain thereby a better knowledge of the disease.