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Morgan City $25,000 Station Agent Dies

Baron Natili, in Fact, S.P.'s Diplomat

Baron Randolph Natili, station agent for the Southern Pacific railroad at Morgan City, Louisiana, is dead.

He was the most widely known and perhaps the highest salaried station agent in the United States. He was also a "pal" of Eugene Fields.

For Baron Natili was known better in Washington than in his home city. His name was casual upon the lips of railroad presidents throughout the country. He was in name only the "S. P.'s station agent at Morgan City"; actually, he was the railroad's chief diplomatic representative wherever there was delicate work to be accomplished.

He was 71 years old and for years had been one of the road's prominent men. Years ago he attracted the attention of Charles Whitney and of A. C. Hutchinson, Louisiana magnates of the railroad. These men called the attention of Colis P. Huntington, president of the road and one of its builders, to the remarkable tact and diplomatic qualities possessed by Baron Natili. And so a friendship between the president and the Morgan City station agent had its origin, grew until the pair made frequent trips to Europe together, and finally developed until wherever the Southern Pacific had important work to be done, the Baron was called upon. He remained until his death the station agent in name; but his salary was $25,000 a year and most of his time was spent in missions to every section of the United States and to Washington in behalf of his company.

The Baron was stricken with this his last illness a few days ago in New York. His brother-in-law, Dr. Charles Chissaignac of New Orleans, hurried on and brought the veteran railroad back to his Morgan City home. But condition of the Baron failed to prove. His sister left New Orleans Morgan City Sunday; his children w with him at his home when death ca Monday morning at 4 o'clock.