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A. N. Peck

Adelbert Henry Peck

1906-1907

Doctor Peck, of Chicago, was elected forty-fourth president of the Association at the 1906 meeting in Atlanta. Doctor Peck had been the Association's recording secretary in 1883-1885 and 1902-1906.

Doctor Peck, who was also a physician, was secretary and later president of the Illinois State Dental Society. After being professor of materia medica and therapeutics first at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and then at Northwestern University Dental School, he became dean of the University of Illinois dental department. After three years as dean, he resigned in 1904 to devote full time to private practice. He was a frequent contributor of learned essays to the dental literature. He was born in Wisconsin in 1862 and died in 1929.

The Pure Food and Drug Act was passed in 1906, prohibiting the misbranding and adulteration of foods. The segregation of Japanese school children in San Francisco led to strained relations with Japan. Twelve blacks were killed in anti-Negro riots in Atlanta, and the city was placed under martial law. President Theodore Roosevelt became the first president to leave the United States when he inspected the Panama Canal.