

# AN OLD CONFEDERATE DEAD.

## THE POLITICAL CAREER OF DUNCAN F. KENNER.

NEW-ORLEANS, July 3.—The Hon. Duncan F. Kenner, the millionaire, sugar planter, politician, and sportsman, died quite unexpectedly at noon to-day, aged 74 years. Mr. Kenner was a native of this city, and came of Virginia stock. He read law in the office of John Slidell, and became one of the lieutenants of that political chieftain. He was elected to the Legislature for many successive years, and was a member of the Constitutional Conventions of 1845 and 1852, presiding over the latter. He was a secession candidate for the convention of 1861, and was defeated by a Union man, but after the adoption of the ordinance of secession he was one of the six representatives chosen to the Confederate Congress, in which he served as Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. He had been very little in public life since the war, but made an earnest effort to be elected to the United States Senate in 1876, when Mr. B. F. Jonas proved the lucky man.

During the close of the late war Mr. Davis selected Mr. Kenner for an important mission to France and England to secure the recognition of the Confederacy. He passed through the North in disguise, and sailed for Europe, but the cause had already commenced to collapse, and he was too late to do anything except obtain assurances of sympathy. All his life Mr. Kenner was devoted to racing and stock raising. He was President of the old Metairie course in the thirties, and his racing horses have been known all over the world. He owned several sugar plantations, and had been for many years President of the Louisiana Sugar Planters' Association. He was President of the late World's Cotton Exposition and a Director of several financial institutions. He was a man of great energy and system, marvelous business tact, and one of the wealthiest men in the South.

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