

SENATOR FERRIS DIES IN CAPITAL

*Michigan Democratic Chief-
tain Succumbs at 75*

*Precedent of Years Broken
by His Election*

*Republicans Will Not Gain
in His Successor*

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris of Michigan, a veteran of many of his State's political battles and for two terms its Governor, died early today, after a struggle against pneumonia, which set in more than a week ago.

Death came but a few weeks after Mr. Ferris, who became 75 years of age last December, had announced his retirement from politics. On March 7 he said he would not run for re-election to the Senate and indorsed the candidacy of Senator Walsh of Montana for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

REPUBLICAN GAIN

It is expected that the death of Mr. Ferris will decrease the Democratic strength in the Senate by one vote. Gov. Green of Michigan, who has the power of appointing his successor, is a Republican and is expected to appoint some one from his own party.

Mrs. Ferris and their two sons, Carleton and Phelps, were at the Senator's bedside.

Upon meeting at noon, the Senate adjourned as a tribute to Senator Ferris, and later the House did the same. Both bodies adopted resolutions and appointed committees to attend the funeral.

The Senate resolution was presented by Senator Ferris's colleague, Senator Couzens, who declared that Michigan had lost one of its prominent and useful citizens, and the nation "an outstanding figure in practical education."

COLLEAGUE ON COMMITTEE

Senator Couzens will be at the head of the committee to attend the funeral. Its other members are Curtis of Kansas, Fess of Ohio, Robinson of Arkansas, Copeland of New York, Barkley of Kentucky, Tydings of Maryland, Dill of Washington, Stelwer of Oregon and Brookhart of Iowa.

The House committee is made up of the entire Michigan delegation and Hill of Washington, Rainey of Illinois, Green of Florida, and Whitehead of Virginia.

Mr. Ferris, a schoolteacher, shattered the rock-ribbed Republicanism of Michigan when he overcame a normal opposition majority of 500,000 votes and was elected to the United States Senate in 1922. He battered down a sacred tradition of the Wolverine State, inviolate for 70 years, that no Democrat could be elected to the upper house of Congress from Michigan, and won the Senate seat from Charles E. Townsend by a margin of 13,000

ALWAYS SCHOOLMASTER

Michigan's "Good Gray Governor," as Senator Ferris was called during the two terms he served as the State's executive, was in his seventy-first year when he entered the Senate; a thin, spare, slightly stooped figure, with lean, speckled face and eyes that flashed energy and power. He was always

the schoolmaster; rarely the politician.

The first time his name appeared in State political circles, in 1904, when he was the Democratic standard-bearer for Governor, he threw a scare into the Republican ranks by running ahead of his ticket, even in the face of President Roosevelt's popularity and the general unpopularity of the Democratic party in Michigan.

In 1912 Mr. Ferris again was a gubernatorial candidate, and this time he was elected. Two years later he was re-elected, winning over Chase S. Osborn, a former Governor.

LOSES THIRD RACE

After serving two years as Governor, Mr. Ferris resumed his school work at Ferris Institute, which he had founded at Big Rapids, leaving his books only in 1920 to seek the Governorship again, and going down with his party in the Republican landslide.

His election to the United States Senate in 1922 climaxed one of the most spectacular campaigns ever waged in Michigan. "Newberryism" was the Ferris battle cry.

A log cabin on a wooded farm near Spencer, Tioga county, New York, was Mr. Ferris's birthplace, January 6, 1853.

In 1875 he established the Freeport Business College in Freeport, Ill.

There followed years of varying success in educational work, including five years during which Mr. Ferris was Superintendent of Schools at Pittsfield, Ill. He moved to Big Rapids, Mich., in 1884.

TARIFF BILL AUTHOR LIKELY APPOINTEE

LANSING (Mich.) March 23. (AP)—Joseph Warren Fordney, a Republican, former Congressman and co-author of the Fordney-McCumber tariff law of 1921, tonight stood out as the most likely appointee of Gov. Fred W. Green to the United States Senate to succeed Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris, Democrat. Close political friends said Fordney probably would be offered the place.