

# GOVERNOR EXPECTED TO APPOINT FORDNEY TO SUCCEED FERRIS

Held Probable Choice, as  
He Would Step Aside  
at End of Term.

## VANDENBERG, SLEEPER ALSO ARE MENTIONED

Colleagues of Senator to Ac-  
company Body to Big Rap-  
ids, Mich, Tomorrow.

MAY COME BACK



JOSEPH W. FORDNEY.

Lansing, Mich., March 23 (A.P.).—Joseph Warren Fordney, a Republican former representative and 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, who died today.

Although Gov. Green was noncommittal as to who he might name, his close political friends said Fordney probably would be offered the place.

The belief is based largely on a theory that Fordney would step aside at the completion of the short term to which he would be appointed, allowing those who wish to contest for the Republican nomination and election this fall for the regular term to make the race without opposition by an incumbent.

### Retired in 1923.

Fordney retired from Congress March 4, 1923, after having spent nearly one-third of his life as a Michigan representative. During his last term he held the coveted post of chairman of the ways and means committee and played an important part in making the laws of the first session of Congress under the Harding administration. Fordney, a veteran politician, has exceeded in his life span, threescore years and ten. He is 75 years old.

The governor's appointee will serve only until December 1.

Senators for a short term from December 1 to the following March 4 and for the regular long term beginning next March 4 will be chosen in the regular elections this fall.

### Two Others Mentioned.

Two other men, both regarded as aspirants for the Republican nomination for senator this fall, have been mentioned as possible appointees if Gov. Green should decide not to appoint Fordney. These are Arthur Vandenberg, Grand Rapids publisher, and Arthur E. Sleeper, of Bad Axe. Gov. Green could resign and himself be appointed to the Senate seat, but he announced definitely today he would not do that.

Coincident to the death of Senator Ferris, a special committee of the Democratic State central committee today announced the "drafting" of three prominent State Democrats as organization-approved candidates for the senatorial nomination this fall. They are Prof. William D. Henderson, of Ann Arbor, director of university extension work and a protege of the late Senator Ferris; Dr. Angus McLean, of Detroit, and George W. Weadock, of Saginaw.

### Body to Be Taken Home.

Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris, former "good gray governor" of Michigan and the first Democrat in 70 years to break through that State's normal Republi-

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# GOVERNOR LIKELY TO NAME FORDNEY FOR FERRIS' SEAT

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can majority for election to the Senate in 1922, will be laid to rest Thursday in Big Rapids, Mich., near the educational institution he founded nearly a half century ago.

At his bedside in the Washington Hotel when death came at 6:15 o'clock yesterday morning, were his wife and two sons, summoned a week ago when his failure to respond to treatment following an attack of pneumonia caused physicians to despair of his recovery. He began to sink rapidly Thursday, and it was in vain that stimulants were resorted to.

At 3:15 tomorrow afternoon the body of the 75-year-old veteran of stirring State and national political battles will be taken by train to Big Rapids over the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad. In the funeral party will be members of the immediate family and close friends from both houses of the National Legislature. Burial in Big Rapids will be at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Only two weeks ago the senator from Michigan announced he would not be a candidate for reelection because of his advanced age. Simultaneously he declared his decision was based on no fear of the outcome in the event he was again a candidate.

## Republican Successor Likely.

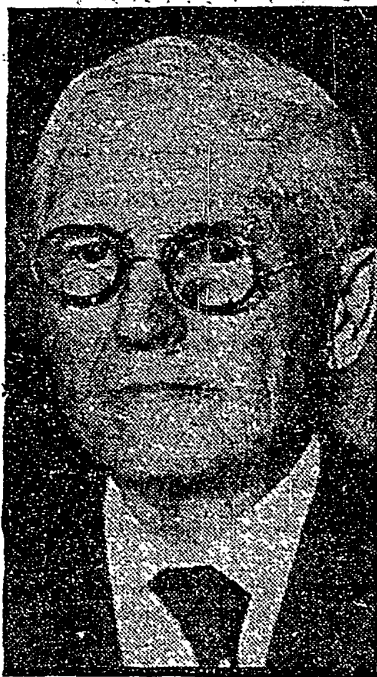
"I feel it is time I had a vacation and really took time to live," he said. At the same time he indorsed the candidacy of Senator Walsh, of Montana, for the Democratic presidential nomination. It is predicted that his death will decrease by one vote the Democratic strength in the Senate, as Gov. Green of Michigan, who will name his successor, is a Republican.

On motion of Senator Couzens, the Senate passed a resolution of profound regret when it met yesterday morning, and adjourned until today as a mark of respect for the late senator.

Senator Ferris was born in a log cabin on a wooded farm near Spencer, Tioga County, N. Y., January 6, 1853. His early years of schooling were intermixed with much hard work and were described by the senator as "the horror of my life." At 14 years of age he entered the Spencer Union Academy, and from this time on his educational progress was rapid.

His student life was varied with teaching at rural schools. It was at Oswego Normal that he met Helen Frances Gillespie, to whom he was

## SENATOR DIES



SENATOR WOODRIDGE N. FERRIS.

married December 23, 1874. A brief week afterward the young couple began teaching at the Spencer Academy, and a year later established the Freeport Business College at Freeport, Ill.

## On Ticket First Time in 1904.

Of the years that followed, Mr. Ferris spent five as superintendent of schools at Pittsfield, Ill. In 1884 he moved to Big Rapids with his wife and established the Ferris Industrial School, now the Ferris Institute. After teaching many years in the school, Mrs. Ferris withdrew in 1901. She died March 23, 1917. Mr. Ferris married Miss Mary Ethel McCloud of Indianapolis, August 14, 1921.

The first time his name appeared on a political ticket was in 1904, when he was the Democratic candidate for Governor of Michigan. Republicans were surprised when he ran ahead of his ticket in the face of President Roosevelt's popularity and the general disfavor with which the Democratic party was looked upon in Michigan.

Eight years later, in 1912, Mr. Ferris again was gubernatorial candidate, this time a successful one. He was reelected two years later over Chase S. Osborne, a former governor. Later he returned to his school work at Ferris Institute. When he sought the governorship again in 1920 he was defeated with his party in the Republican landslide.

## Was Elected Senator in 1922.

His election as United States senator from Michigan November 7, 1922, was the crowning achievement of his career, climaxing one of the most spectacular campaigns ever conducted in the State. Taking "Newberryism" as his battle cry, he defeated the Republican machine—its first defeat for senatorial office in three score years and ten.

When he entered the Senate he was in his seventy-first year. Throughout the duration of his term he was noted for his reticence while in the chamber. It was said that he only sought recognition from the presiding officer when he wished to present communications from his constituents or answer a roll call. He served as a member of senatorial committees on education and labor, foreign relations, library, and postoffice and post roads.

Besides his wife and two sons, Carleton and Phelps Ferris, at his deathbed yesterday were John McCloud, a brother of Mrs. Ferris, and Garrit Masselink, vice president of Ferris Institute and a former schoolmate. It was in vain that his physician, Dr. G. W. Carver, called in a Navy specialist, Lieut. Comdr. Walter A. Bloedorn, and Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, prior to his death.

A committee of senators, headed by Couzens, his colleague from Michigan was appointed by Vice President Dawes to look after funeral arrangements. Assisting on the committee are Curtis, of Kansas; Fess, of Ohio; Robinson, of Arkansas; Copeland, of New York; Barkley, of Kentucky; Tydings, of Maryland; Dill, of Washington; Steiwer, of Oregon, and Brookhart, of Iowa.

Speaker Longworth appointed the following committee to attend the funeral: Representatives Clancy, Michener, Hooper, Ketcham, Mapes, Hudson, Cramton, Vincent, McLaughlin, Woodruff, Bohn, James and McLeod, all of Michigan; Hill, Washington, Rainey, Illinois; Green, Florida, and Whitehead, Virginia.