Senator Ferris of Michigan Dies

Death Comes at 75 After Brief Illness

Washington, D. C.: March 22.—(AP)—Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris of Michigan died here at 6:15 o'clock this morning from an attack of pneumonia. The 75-year-old veteran of Michigan political battles succumbed after a little more than a week's illness, which began with a heavy cold he could not shake off.

SHATTERED MICHIGAN G. O. P.

Ferris, the school teacher, shattered the rock-ribbed Republicanism of Michigan when he overcame a normal Republican majority of half a million votes and was elected to the United States Senate in 1922. He battered down a sacred tradition of the Wolverine state—a tradition inviolate for seventy 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.

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 reflected, winning over Chase G. Osborn, a former governor.

A log cabin on a wooded farm near Spencer, Tioga County, New York, was Mr. Ferris' birthplace Jan. 6, 1852.

Young Ferris' education was carried on, he said, with a degree of regularity that "defied storms and ordinary ailments."

Establishes School

When he was 14 years of age Mr. Ferris entered Spencer Union academy. There followed alternate periods of student life and teaching at rural schools. At Oswego Normal Mr. Ferris met Helen Frances Gillespie, to whom he was married Dec. 22, 1874, and a week later Mr. Ferris and his bride began teaching at the Spencer academy. A year later they moved to Illinois and established the Freeport Business college at 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. They moved to Big Stupida, Mich., in 1884 and established Ferris Industrial school—later Ferris Institute.