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W. RANSOM DIED UNEXPECTEDLY

Not Confined to State Limits

were loved and admired as none others

of the statesmen of his time.

While Senator Ransom was one of the

most polished orators in the Senate,

he seldom spoke. He was, however,

never negligent to the interests of his

people, and it is common knowledge

that he did more for the state in a

practical way than any one who has

Possessing almost the modesty and

timidity of a woman, Gen. Ransom

never failed to look after North Caro-

the state. And in the capacity of chair-

man of one of the most important of

all congressional committees, he wielded

a strong influence upon national legis-

Everywhere I went today I heard sin-

ere expressions of deepest regret when

THOS. J. PENCE.

ever represented the state in congress.

Bless Your Mother." Dying Statesman. Brilliant Career of the State's Most Distinguished Citizen. Personal Tributes

family burying grounds near his splenhis last did country home. Pays, do right

The Reputation He Gained in the Senate Was

ecount From Weldon

the death of Gen. Ransom was mentioned. One of those most deeply touched by the sad news was Col. Henry G. Williams, who served as secretary to General Ransom for some time and who was more or less intimately associated with him throughout his senawith him and he health and took noblemen," was Col. Williams' comdiscussing current

cause profound her greatest citizens-one, who will be While here Thursmissed." a feelingly of the mi paid a beautia grand old man

as setting on the expired.

His. last man's former comrades in arms reside ment.

Death Deplored at Asheville

General Ransom was the greatest of SLASPED OVER

GEN. RANSOM'S CAREER

Half a Century of Public Lite -- His Sarvice to

Hon. Fabius H. Busbee of the Raleigh bar, an intimate friend of the dead statesman, prepared the following sketch last night at the request of The Post:

Matt Whitaker Ransom, the oldest son of Robert Ransom, was born in Warren county October 7, 1826. His mother, Priscilla Whitaker, was a member of the Whitaker family of Halifax, which has always been prominent in the history of the county.

After an academic education in Warrenton, he entered the University of North Carolina, and was graduated in the class of 1847, being a class-mate of Gen. J. Johnston Pettigrew, Senator John Pool and other men of note. The commencement was the notable one at-Ransom, afternoon at 4 o'clock. He was a mem-tended by President Polk, and the ber of the Masonic Lodge at Warren- English salutatory address of the ton and wil be buried with Masonic young graduate was one of the feathonors. The interment will be in the ures of the occasion.

Soon after graduation he entered upon the practice of law in Warrenton, and at once attained marked success. While a very young man, about 1853 he was a candidate for attorney general, and although a Whig he was elected by a legislature which contained a small Democratic majority. As a prosecuting officer he was cloquent, fellow man." Washington, Oct. 8th .- Special .- The forcible and successful, but never vindeath of Ex-Senator Ransom, which dictive or implacable. Amonk other was announced on the bulletin boards notable cases he secured the convicof all the city papers shortly before tion of the wife murderer Parker Pernoon, occasioned the deepest sorrow ry, in Wake county, despite the efforts in Washington. Though this honored of the strongest lawyers in the state citizen of North Carolina had not to save him.

visited the scene of his greatest tri- He resigned before the end of his umphs since his retirement from the term and removed his residence to the Senate, his name was honored and county of Northampton, having mar- the Congo Free State or to The Hague revered in this national capitol, where ried Miss Pattie Exum of that county. he had spent the best part of his life, From that time he was largely engagany and usefulis representing his ed in planting. In 1858 he was a memstate. No less in a national way was ber of the House of Commons from

is life and his energies to its cause, hovering over the land, in 1861 broke and his memory will live for time to into the storm of war, the lawyer- Slogan by Which Herrick Wil come, for his was a glorious careet. planter was among the first to volun-Vance and Ransom! Who will forget teer. He became colonel of the thirtythose two magic names? Both the fourth North Carolina, the present greatest statesmen North Carolina has chief justice, Walter Clark, being at produced in modern times, their ser- one time the adjutant of his regiment. vices to their country are appreciated He was afterwards promoted to be fully as much by the nation as in the brigadier general, and distinguished state of their nativity, where they himself by conspicuous gallantry in Senator Ransom, in many respects, at- to Gen. Hoke, and was greatly comtained greater reputation than any mended. At Fredericksburg he held other citizen who has represented the line at Marge's Heights withstate in the federal congress. From matchless courage, and at Five Forks the standpoint of length of service no and other historic fields, his reputation other senator has ever served the state as a skilful and fearless soldier was in the Senate so long. He first entered forever established. After the close of that greatest of all deliberative bodies the war General Ransom resumed the in January 1872, and until his retire- life of a planter and lawyer, and had ment March 3d, 1895, some twenty-three a large and lucretive practice, espeyears afterwards, he was regarded as cially in Warren, Halifax and Northone of the leading and ablest members ampton counties. When the hired minof that great forum. It has been the ions of Kirk held the truest men of distinction and privilege of few citizens the state in custody, and the state of this country-less than a score-to courts seemed powerless to relieve, serve longer in the upper branch of con- General Ransom applied to Judge gress. But it was the ability and lead. Brooks for the writ of habeas corpus, ership of the man that counted for so and in co-operation with the veterans much. He easily took rank as one of of the bar, Bragg. W. H. Battle, B. the foremost members of the Senate. F. Moore and others brought about His wisdom and experience gave him a the release of the prisoners and the prestige that placed him at the fro; : restoration of the reign of law. In January, 1872, when the senate of the United States had declined to ad-

utation in his fight against the Force mit the great tribune, Zebulon B. Bill, for it is generally understood that Vance, to a seat in that body, because the powerful aid he gave Senator Gor- his disabilities had not been removed, man resulted in the overthrow of this General Ransom was elected by the malicious and obnoxious measura. Not General Assembly of North Carolina only his eloquence, but his powerful in- as Senator of the United States. He fluence among lifelong friends in the remained, by successive re-elections, Senate helped to overcome the meas- a member of that body until March ure, which was conceived in sectional 4, 1895, having had the longest term of service of any North Carolinian.

His services for nearly a quarter of a century are a part of the political history of the country. He entered the Senate when the passions engendered by the war were still glowing at white about the reconciliation of the warring sections. While he would speak with matchless eloquence and force, as was shown in his great argument in the Louisiana case, his chief work was done in committee room and on the floor, day by day and year by year in bringing about a more perfect union of states and peoples.

He was ever alive to the interest of his state and section and was for twenty-five years a potent factor in bringing the beneficent agencies of the federal government to the development of the south. In the improvement of rivers and harbors, in the erection of public builidngs, he was of more service than all others in public station combined, With rare tact and unfailing courtesy, handsome presence, magnetic charm of manner, he was a senator of whom the whole state was proud. And when he spoke, which was not as frequently as

torial career. "He was one of God's a charm that was all its own. But this is not the time to recount at ment. "North Carolina has lost one of length the public services of Gen. Ransom. Today we mourn the loyal friend and staunch comrade, the gallant soldier, the faithful public servant.

Gen. Ransom, during his whole life, was a peace maker, not only in his public career, but in his private life. Of ed that an authoritative statement will

birthday. His life by passed away a feeling of personal showed by his faith large investments the statutory provisions regarding the generalities, such as befitted his aud- out argument. But the point at issue court house tonight and was largely and the premi- loss came over them while tears sprant in lands in Northampton and Halifax. time limit within which the perma- lence, and were delivered in a force- called forth in Secretary Fish's ruling attended by Rowan voters. Richard N. due at twelve to their eyes. Captain J. P. Sawyer. He became probably the largest cotton nent appointment to fill the vacancy ful style. His clear, strong logic quite and the point at issue in connection Hackett of Wilkesboro, who is stumplived up to that president of the Battery Park Bank, planter in North Carolina, and with the must be made. who was in General Ransom's brigade, aid of his sons managed a princely do | There was some talk today that the effort was declared to have been the now building in this country for Rus- est of the ticket, was the speaker of Place Monday said that excepting Senator Vance, (Continued on Page Two.)

Russian and Japanese Delegates to the Peace Congress Join Hands

Boston, Mass., Oct. 8 .- The international peace congress assembled today for the closing of its thirteenth annual meeting. President Paine introduced Jiro Abratani of Tokio to speak for Japan. Mr. Abratani said he was willing to admit that militarism was on the increase in Japan, but he declared House today it was said that he would there was good ground for the expectation that when the present conditions were brought to an end peace would

be the moving spirit of the nation. Dr. John Chirug, delegate for Russia, asked for a moment in which to correct a statement made yesterday by John Burrows of England, and this was granted. As Dr. Chirug passed to the platform, where Dr. Abratani was sitting, a woman delegate arose and said; "Dr. Chirug, it would gladden my heart to see you shake hands with Mr. Abratani-Russia and Japan in friendly clasp."

"I should be most happy," the Russian answered, as he moved toward the Japanese and warmly siezed his hand, saying "I am glad to greet a

resolution embodied three questions which they declared should be referred either to a renewed conference of the consin. court of arbitration.

"OPEN THE BOOKS"

Win New York

New York, Oct. 8 .- "Open the books," is to be the Democratic campaign slogan in this state, printed on thousands baners and portraits of Herrick and Harrison. "Open the books," is to be as a memorable rebuke to the system or New Jersey. which they claim is prevalent. The It was authoritatively announced at

state ticket will show an improvement nouncad. of fifteeen per cent. over the vote of It was declared last night on high authe Democratic ticket.

APATHY IN POLITICS

From the Situation

paign, he was drawing comfort from the apathy because he thought it showed that the people were turning from Roosevelt. "Never within my memory," he said, "has there been less excitement at this stage of a presidential cammean, however, that the people are not a third party.' interested in the issue. Their interest is deep enough, but it is not expressed in the old way. People make up their minds nowadays on the issues presented to them by the two great organizations and do not want brass bands and torchlight processions to influence to the Democrats because the more people think, the more the majority must think that it will not be advisable to elect Roosevelt.

It Will Be Cortelyou

Washington, Oct. 8th .- It is expect-

tary appointment to the office of Robert F. Wynne, the first assistant postmaster-general, and now the acting head of the department, in the understanding that Mr. Wynne should withdraw within a few months or as soon as George B. Cortelyou is ready to resign the chairmanship of the Republican national committee. No authoritative statement as to the likelihood of Mr. Wynne's appointment, however, could be obtained.

Although the discussion of a successor to Mr. Payne has generally proceeded on the assumption that George B. Cortelyou would ultimately be made postmaster-general, there is no positive assurance that the president intends to appoint him. At the White not consider the matter of a new postmaster-general for several days.

WISCONSIN POLITICS

ly in the Saddle

lican national committee has recognized Port Arthur. This and Manchuria unless something had happened to the the La Follette state central committee. events, which will decide the campaign Japanese warships of which there is Chairman W. D. Connor of the La Fol- of 1904, are still awaited. Speculation no knowledge here. In any case the lette committee received a telegram to- as to what will be the issue of these Russian ships could not go to the neuday from Col. Harry C. New, of the events has now been exhausted and ac- tral port of Chefoo, but must head for executive committee of the national tual news is impatiently awaitel. committee, asking that i. meeting in That the Baltic fleet will really sail approaching, however, the whole situal Milwaukee be arranged for October 15, is now universally accepted as a fact, ation would be different. When Dr. Chirug had concluded his at which time Senator Fairbanks, the but the answer to the question when statement the committee on questions vice presidential candidate, will make it will start is that it probably depends of the day reported in favor of an an address. This is said to be the first on happenings at the front in he iminvestigation into the present govern- instance of the national committee com- mediate future. ment of the Congo Free State. The municating directly with either of the state committees in arranging for national speakers in the campaign in Wis- that it is only a prelude to a longer

publican caucuses in Milwaukee indi- opening for peace. cate that the La Follette organization | Gen. Romanoff, who was recently in will control the nominations in the command of the sixth division at Liao serves. General Yuen's troops have adcounty convention by a good majority. Yang and who has been invalided home, organization is lost to the Stalwarts. his opinion as to the result of the next

CLEVELAND MAY

New York, Oct. 8th .- Grover Clevethe key-note of all the speeches. Ora- land will probably take the stump for tors in every part of the state are to Parker and Davis after all. It was be instructed to keep it going. Judge semi-officially announced at Democrat-Herrick, when he takes the stump Wed- ic national headquarters today that ef- Japanese can resupply themselves in nesday, will not permit the slogan to forts to get Mr. Cleveland to reconbe forgotten. Demogratic managers are sider his determination not to make six weeks to do so. now absolutely confident they have any speeches had about succeeded and New York won, but they want to make that Mr. Cleveland will make three or their victory so signal that it will stand four speeches, probably in New York

managers are sure of the state for Par- headquarters ten days ago that Mr. ker, but they realize that there is to Cleveland would positively not take the be a great difference between the vote stump. It was stated that his health for Herrick and Parker, and they want was such as to make such a thing into stir up sentiment so as to insure the advisable and Mr. Cleveland had instate to Herrick as well as to Parker. formed representatives of the national State Chairman Meyer is having his committee that he should not be asked second canvass of the state made. This to speak. At the same time he stated is the most minute canvass that has that he intended writing several artiever been made by the state commit- cles in behalf of the Democratic ticket tee. The returns received up to date and would do all he could for the party. are of the most satisfactory character. Democratic leaders have not ceased It can be said on reliable authority their efforts to induce him to change that they indicate that the vote on the his mind since this decision was an-

1902 for governor. The feature of these thority that Mr. Cleveland had indireports is the remarkable number of cated that he would reconsider and Republicans who, as shown, are to vote take the stump for the Democratic

Watson's Acceptance

New York, Oct. 8th .- Thomas E. Watson, the Populist candidate for Why Taggart Draws Comfort president, has made public his letter of aceptance, which is a document that would cover more than a page. In the New York, Oct. 8 .- Chairman Taggart opening paragraph he says:

heat, and he was perhaps the greatest said today that while he had never be have in turn governed a country and been in course of construction by the not be possible for the United States single force in the Senate in bringing fore known so apathetic a political camsatisfactory conditions, it is but natu- for some time past are almost comral that a third party should arise. pleted and will be shipped to their des- type was shipped to Russia some Citizens who have looked in vain to tination in a short time. Just what months ago. Reports received the two great parties for remedial leg- this destination is can not be posi- Washington from official sources in islation lose confidence in both after tively ascertained, but there appears dicate that at recent tests near St awhile and adopt one of two courses; paign. The apathy throughout the they either submit to the evils of bad ment officials in Washington that the considered remarkable. A number of country is remarkable. This does not government or protest by organizing vessels are being constructed for the submarines of this type and about a

Refused to Carry Mails

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 8th.-Dowell & eral that the Blue Funnel and China dered by Russia some months ago, and them. I think the change is favorable Mutual Lines, operating about fifty orders for thirty of these craft were tion today estimates the total vote in bly would not be released by Russia Washington from government agents. because the vessel was carrying mail It is Generally Assumed That great value to the Japanese govern- found the only one bearing directly on Death visited the home of Mr. and

Gilmer at Fayetteville

captivated his many hearers and his with the submarine boats said to be ing a portion of the state in the inter-

Inaction Prevails at the Seat of War

The Fate at Mukden and Por strengthening his left flank to meet the Arthur to be Decided and Then Will Come Preparations for a Harder Struggle Next Year

London, Oct. 8.-For more than a fort-The LaFollette Faction is Fair- night no authentic news of importance has been received from the fighting cantres i nthe far east except Gen. Stoes- gust 10th. The general opinion is that Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 8.-The Repus- sel's account of the September atack on the squadron could not venture out

However, with the carapaign of 1904 concluded, there is no longer any doubt and sterner one in 1905. As yet there is Nearly complete returns from the Re- no glimpse, not only of peace, but of an

> campaign, which is not an optimistic one. He says he does not despair, but he doubts whether even three hunared thousand men will be able to outflank the Japanese. He believes that Gen. Kuropatkin was greatly hampered by dread of the consequences of a severe lefeat which might have ended the war. Gen. Romanoff is of the opinion that victory will depend upon the collection of an overwhelming force of artillery and an enormous supply of ammunition, but he points out that the a week while it will take the Russians

News From the Front is Meagre

Japanese turning movement, his troops occupying a triangle from Fushun to Mukden and Tie Pass. Over 300 guns have arrived at the front. The activity of the Russian skirmishers below the Hun river creates the impression that Kuropatkin may contemplate assuming the offensive. The war office, however, gives no encouragement of this idea. though naturally, if such a move is contemplated, the war office could not be expected to admit it.

It is now accepted here that the reported naval fight off Port Arthur was purely imaginative. The naval experts of the newspapers dwell on the difficulties which the Port Arthur squadron must experience in breaking out after the disastrous sortle of Au-Vladivostok. If the Baltic fleet were

Russian Battalions Thinned Out

Tokio, Oct. 8th. It is believed that, owing to the number of invalided men, the Russian battalions number only from 500 to 600, instead of 1,000. Only a third of the men invalided have been replaced hitherto. The scouts now are apparently inexperienced. This is considered here to indicate insufficient revanced to Suicheng, on the Manchurian side of the great wall. Their destination is Kinchow, west of the river.

General Tseng Chi, in comand of the

Chinese garrison at Mukden, has informed the authorities at Pekin that the Russians are fortifying the imperial mausoleums in the neighborhood of Mukden and the heights of Tien Chau and Lungyu. The Japanese army disburses daily among the Chinese coolies 800 yen (\$400). The Asahi notes the strange phenomenon that, while Japanese securities have recove ered their tone in the London market, the domestic market shows a further decline and dull business. Foreign trade is good and farmers are prosperous, and yet stocks and bonds which recovered rapidly in 1894, do not recover now in spite of Japan's strong-St. Petersburg, Oct. 8.—The meagre er financial position. The Nichi ness of the news from the front is in- which is a governmental organ, hints creasing the uncertainty regarding de- that a record of the operations at velopments. There is good warrant for Port Arthur will be published soon.

Submarine Boats for Russian Navy

tion in American Shipyards. Official Opinion Is to the Effect That the Laws of Neutrality Are Not Violated

"When two great political parties that two submarine boats which had confiscation or destruction-it would to be a general belief among govern- Petersburg the boat's performance was Russian navy. The submarines will dozen of several other makes are said be taken apart and shipped in sections, to be either in construction in this and it is understood that there is no country or now on their way to Russia ground on which the United States can in neutral vessels.

According to information received Co. today notified the postmaster-gen- today about fifty submarines were orsteamers on the Pacific and Atlantic placed with shipbuilding firms in the the state election of Wednesday about routes, would hereafter refuse to carry United States. Some time ago it was 25,000. There was a 'lg it vote through-United States mail for Japan. The ac- asserted that the shipyards of the out the state, except in those counties tion is taken because Alfred Holt & Co. Lewis Nixon Company was turning out | where there was opposit; in to the Deme the Liverpol operators of the two lines, about a dozen vessels of this type, and ocratic candidates for the legislature have received word of the seized this is said to have been confirmed and for county offices Officials of the state department the matter was a decision by Hamil- Mrs. F. W. Faircloth Thursday afterton Fish, secretary of state in the cab- noon and laid its hand upon their only

inet of President Grant, who held child. Bennett. The body of the little that a torpedo boat craft which could boy, his father's hope and his mother's not cross the seas under her own comfort, was interred in the Episcopal Asheville, N. C., Oct. 8th.-Special. courage and honor undoubted, his be made next week in regard to the Fayetteville, N. C., Oct. 8.-Special. steam. but which had been taken apart cemetery, the Rev. E. C. Sell conducts The news of General Ransom's counsel was always sought in cases of appointment of a successor to the late An intelligent assembly of Democrats and shipped in a neutral vessel, was ing the ceremony. He had been death was received here with genuine private difficulty, and the result was Henry C. Payne as postmaster-general. filled the county court house last night to all intents and purposes merely might and called sorrow. Many of the dead states- almost invariably an honorable adjust- Action in the matter is naturally de- to hear Hon. R. D. Gilmer, attorney merchandise. Of course there could ferred until after the remains reach general, make a capital speech on the be no contention with regard right boys." here and when they read this after- He had the greatest faith in the fu- Milwaukee, although the law offices of issues of the campaign. His words to such merchandise being contraband noon that their chieftain had sudden- twee of eastern North Carolina, and the government have been looking up were on a high plane, dealing with of war, this fact being apparent with- big Democratic rally was held in the

president would make a complimen. best heard here in this campaign. | sia, is entirely based on the question the occasion.

A Number Under Construc- whether the United States, in permitating such "merchandise" destined for a belligerent to be shipped out of its territory, is not allowing its own neutrality to be violated.

Government officials in Washington say that even if official statements should be made to the state department by representatives of the belligerent powers concerning the shipment of such craft to Russia or Japan, it is doubtful whether any action could be taken. It is understood to be the view of those in authority that if the submarines are taken apart, orated and Washington, Oct. 8 .- Unofficial infor- shipped in a neutral vessel-which nation was received in Washington must take her chances of capture and One American submarine of a new

Light Vote in Georgia

Death at Snow Hill

containing financial information of looked up precedents of the case and Snow Hill, N. C., Oct. 8 .- Special

Hackett at Salisbury