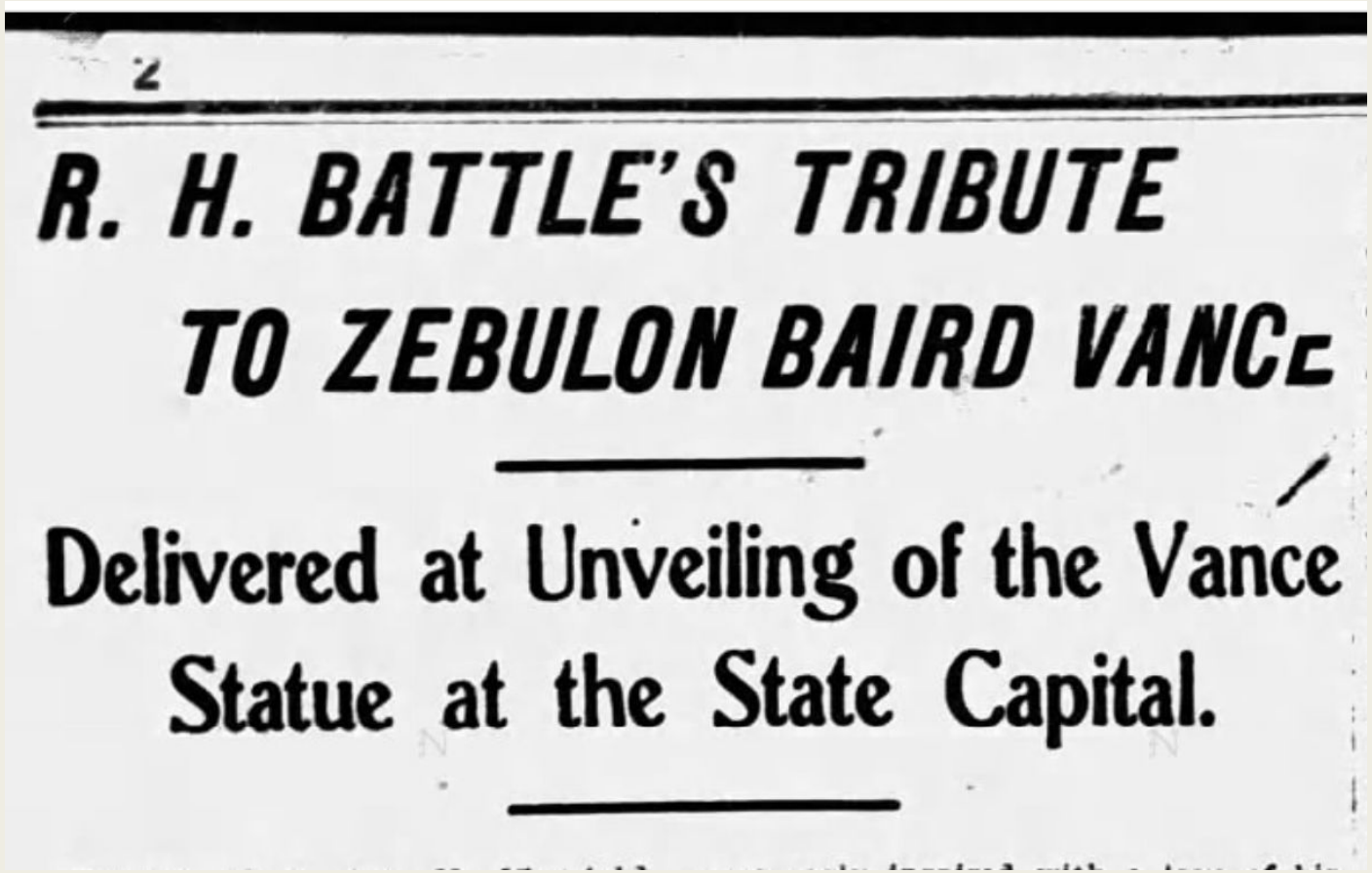
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R. H. BATTLE'S TRIBUTE TO ZEBULON BAIRD VANCE

Delivered at Unveiling of the Vance Statue at the State Capital.

by the legislature. The result is the erection of that statue in its enduring form and it represents one ideal North Carolinian. What manner of man he was and what are the interesting and prominent features of his remarkable career will be told you by one of his most intimate personal and official friends, Hon. Richard H. Battle, whom I have the honor of presenting to you, ladies and gentlemen, as the orator of the occasion." **Col. Thomas S. Kenan**

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One evening a few days after Sherman had crossed the Cape Fear, on his victorious march toward Raleigh, he and I were walking towards his residence at the foot of Fayetteville street. I said, "Governor, I suppose nobody can longer doubt that the end is near at hand." His reply was "No, it must be so, but so far as I am personally concerned, and but for my wife and children, I would rather die than to see it." He spoke with much feeling and

with tears in his eyes. The gaudium certaminis was strong in him; he drew the sword and threw away the scabbard when he entered the army. He was ever ready to sacrific life for the cause; he foresaw the desolation and degradation of his beloved state if it failed, and he imagined unexampled horrors as the result of the sudden emancipation of 4,000,000 slaves. And then the ardent wish of his heart that the honor of North Carolina should be maintained, and the faith she had pledged to the sisters of the south redeemed to the utmost' . . . **Richard H. Battle**



“Amalgamation is so odious that even the mind of a fanatic recoils in disgust and loathing from the prospect of intermingling the quick and jealous blood of the European with the putrid stream of African barbarism.”