

Mr. Ritchie served as Attorney General from December 20, 1915, to December 20, 1919. He organized the first State Law Department of Maryland, which took over the legal work of all of the State Departments except the Public Service Commission, thus doing away with the employment of numerous special counsel and resulting both in economy and increased efficiency to the State.

Mr. Ritchie was one of the delegates at large from Maryland to the Democratic National Convention held in St. Louis in June, 1916, which nominated Woodrow Wilson for his second term, and also delegate at large to the Democratic National Convention held in San Francisco July, 1920.

On June 3, 1918, Mr. Ritchie was appointed General Counsel to the United States War Industries Board, serving in this capacity until December, 1918, when the Board was dissolved. He secured a leave of absence from his duties as Attorney General, and moved to Washington, in order to devote his entire time to war work.

In September, 1919, Mr. Ritchie was nominated without opposition as the Democratic candidate for Governor of Maryland, and on November 4, 1919, he was elected to that office.

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*Secretary of State:* PHILIP B. PERLMAN (Democrat), Baltimore.

Philip B. Perlman was born in Baltimore City on March 5th, 1890. He attended the public schools, and was graduated from the Baltimore City College with the class of 1908. During his senior year he was the college correspondent of the Baltimore American and, after his graduation, he became a regular member of the reportorial staff. He attended special courses at the Johns Hopkins University. In the fall of 1909 he entered the Law School of the University of Maryland, at the same time resigning from the American to become a member of the staff of the Baltimore Star. He passed the Bar examination in 1911 and began the practice of law. He was graduated from the University of Maryland in 1912 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In April, 1910, Mr. Perlman left the Star to become a member of the first staff of the Evening Sun. For a time he was court reporter and special writer, and in the latter part of 1913 he was made City Editor of the paper.

In January, 1917, Mr. Perlman resigned the City Editorship of the Evening Sun to accept an appointment from Albert C. Ritchie, the Attorney-General, as an Assistant in