

producing States to send troops to the mines, Governor Ritchie, alone among them all, declined to send troops to the mines and took the position that the situation should be met by mutual agreement and not by the bayonet. The strike was finally settled by mutual agreement.

Governor Ritchie was elected President of the Maryland State Bar Association for the year 1922-1923.

In September, 1923, Governor Ritchie was renominated without opposition for a second term as Governor, and in November, 1923, was re-elected by a plurality of over 40,000. Maryland has elected her Governors by popular vote since 1838. During all that time no Democratic Governor had ever been renominated, and no Governor of either party had ever been re-elected. Governor Ritchie broke both precedents.

Governor 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, was delegate at large to the Democratic National Conventions held in San Francisco in June, 1920; to that held in New York in June, 1924, and to that held in Houston, Texas, in June, 1928.

In September, 1926, Governor Ritchie was renominated for a third term, receiving a majority in the primary of over 81,500 and the unanimous vote of the Democratic State Convention. He was re-elected in November, 1926, by a majority of practically 60,000, the largest ever received by a candidate for Governor in the history of the State.

At the 1929 Session of the Legislature Governor Ritchie recommended and put through the most extensive program ever adopted in the State for highway construction, new bridges and the elimination of railroad grade crossings. At the same Session important legislation was enacted for vocational rehabilitation, safety in industry, the education of crippled children, and mothers' pensions. The Budget submitted by the Governor completed a reduction in the State tax rate from 36 31/72c for 1920 to 25c for 1930 and 1931. This is the lowest State tax rate since 1912, and represents a reduction during this ten-year period of practically thirty per cent, which is without precedent in Maryland for any year or period of years since the Civil War.

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