

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.

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.

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.

In September, 1930, Governor Ritchie was renominated without opposition for a fourth term, and in November, 1930, he was re-elected by a majority of practically 66,000, the largest majority by far ever received by any candidate for Governor in the history of the State.

Maryland has elected her Governors by popular vote since 1838, and ever since the Constitution of 1864 there has been no prohibition against any Governor succeeding himself. But no Governor of either party ever did so, and no Democratic Governor was ever renominated, until Governor Ritchie broke both precedents by being nominated and elected for four successive terms, with majorities of 165 in 1919, 40,000 in 1923, 60,000 in 1926, and 66,000 in 1930.

Governor Ritchie was Delegate-at-Large to the Democratic National Convention in 1932.

Secretary of State: DAVID C. WINEBRENNER 3d (Democrat),
Frederick, Maryland.

David C. Winebrenner 3d, the elder son of D. Charles and Eleanor Nelson (Ritchie) Winebrenner, was born in Frederick, Maryland, on June 16, 1897. He received his early