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Ritchie and His Mates Well in Lead in Race Against Opponents

Democrats Sweeping to Victory; G. O. P. in Desperate Straits

Voters Throughout State, Awake To Dangers of Republican Rule, Rallying to Ritchie.

DEMOCRATS TICKET DOOMED, IS CRY

Workers Realize He and Colleagues Are Laboring For Lost Cause.

Victory for the entire Democratic ticket in Maryland, a majority of the ticket in Carroll and the election of the Democratic legislative and local candidates of the county is an outlook today on the eve of the election. The hard fought campaign is at an end and the county at the entire state, in fact, are in excellent shape as the result of the campaign waged by the Democratic candidates.

Summed up briefly today the situation shows the Democrats of Baltimore are united and working shoulder to shoulder, with all elements of the party driving under the single command of Frank A. Furst.

In the counties, taken as a whole, the Democrats show a solid front in half of the state ticket and they are working with an enthusiasm that has never been exceeded.

Candidates on both tickets and their supporting speakers have presented their respective sides to the dependent voters, with indications that the latter have to a large extent been attracted to the Democratic ticket.

The Republicans, their backs to the wall, are hitting out in wild attacks and bitter charges, which Ritchie and his running mates are meeting square and answering in detail as each is presented.

A careful survey of the entire state a few days before the election indicates that the Democratic state ticket will come to Baltimore city with a plurality and that the result here will pile up the lead of Ritchie and his running mates.

The great outpouring last night of enthusiastic voters attending a Democratic rally almost on the eve of the election was a sharp and telling comment to the lethargy and lack of interest displayed not only in Baltimore but in many of the counties a bit more than a month ago. The crowds themselves were the story. It was an awakening of the citizens of Maryland to the realization that his support is necessary for good government of the state for the next four years.

At the viewpoint of the Republican outpouring the G. O. P. forces display a hope that something may happen at the last minute to give them a victory, and barely holding on, with a victory of which they tell a month ago and which was achieved from their hands last week when the Republican campaign financially collapsed the G. O. P. members began to hit out wildly with charges, which were quickly and effectively answered in person by Ritchie.

To add new confusion to the G. O. P. however, their hopes that the Baltimore Democracy would not unite behind the Ritchie candidacy were shattered last Friday when the Democratic City Committee for the first time since the primary election held a meeting and called in a body on Frank A. Furst with the request that he take charge of the campaign.

When members of the committee rallied men both pledged themselves to Mr. Furst to work in harmony under his directions, for the full and for success. Convinced that the Baltimore Democracy is behind Mr. Furst accepted the invitation and took charge at headquarters Monday. Since that time the Democratic campaign had gone with a rush and with an old-time victory.

At the direction of the campaign in Baltimore by Mr. Furst lies

a most significant and important fact. For several weeks the Democratic leaders have wanted Mr. Furst to take charge of the campaign and the request was made. He declined to act until convinced that the two factions of the party organization were willing to lay aside their own differences and actually join forces and work in harmony for the entire ticket. As soon as Mr. Furst was convinced of this he expressed his willingness to come out of retirement and temporarily accept the position of leader. The result has been told.

Harried to the point of desperation and hard put to find some issues on which to continue their fight, Mr. Nice and his forces during the past few days began a series of personal attacks. They faced the continual argument that Ritchie has a record of public achievement and Nice has none with a recital of Ritchie's work as a public official for many years against the record of Nice of having been only a holder of minor political offices. Then Mr. Nice trotted out the statement that the Democrats should be reproved for their extravagance because Bernard M. Baruch, chairman of the War Industries Board, had been given \$150,000 in connection with his visit to the Peace Conference as an expert for the American Government and because Mr. Ritchie had been paid \$15,000 per year as counsel of the War Industries Board in Washington during the war.

Mr. Nice did not take trouble to obtain the facts, however, and Mr. Ritchie supplied these when he told that of the \$150,000 given Mr. Baruch the latter had disbursed \$25,000 for the expenses during five months in Paris of a large commission of experts who were called to France by the American peace delegates, and had returned \$125,000 to the American Government, not having accepted a single dollar for salary himself and having paid his personal expenses from the time he left America until his return. Mr. Nice also failed to explain in his speeches that Mr. Baruch and the commission of experts made the trip abroad after Mr. Ritchie has severed his connection with the War Industries Board and had returned to Baltimore.

Further Mr. Nice also failed to explain the facts that Mr. Ritchie, when called to Washington to aid the Government, had notified Maryland's Comptroller that he would draw no salary as Attorney General during his stay in Washington or that Mr. Ritchie within the first week in the national capital had examined the records and, finding that the counsel of other War Boards were drawing lesser salaries, had arranged with Chairman Baruch to immediately reduce his salary from \$15,000 to \$10,000 per year; or that on his decision to go to Washington he had withdrawn from his private law firm and had participated no further in private practice. Such were the attacks made by the Republican candidates and other speakers with a suppression of real facts, which were readily supplied by the Democrats.

The result during the past few days has been that the voters, apparently listless, have awakened throughout the state. Mr. Ritchie, and his running mates, Major E. Brooke Lee, Thomas J. Keating and C. C. Magruder, candidates for Comptroller, Attorney General and Clerk of the Court of Appeals, respectively, have moved their seat of operations and attack from the counties to Baltimore city and during the final days are meeting the voters of the metropolis. Scores of meetings have been arranged for the final days with the campaign due to end on Saturday night.

Had substantiation of the unity of the Democratic forces in the city been needed, it was given by the outpouring of the rank and file of voters for the Lyric meeting, and the presence of the platform and in the boxes of leaders of business, professional and labor elements, who have not for years identified themselves with politics: Not only the younger men of the party, who had plunged into the fight as aggressive workers in the Ritchie League, but the old-time workers in politics were on hand, helping to whip it up with a degree of spontaneous enthusiasm not seen in years. The keynote of the whole gathering was Unity, Enthusiasm and Confidence. Mr. Ritchie's reception when he was introduced by Robert Biggs, the presiding officer was wildly enthusiastic and lasted for many minutes. His masterly countering of the gradually weakening blows of the ex-



ALBERT C. RITCHIE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

hausted and discouraged Republican orators, and his clear logical and truthful exposition of the record of accomplishment of the Democrats brought frequent interruptions of applause. Particularly encouraging, as it indicated the real harmony of the city Democrats, was the presence at the meeting of former City Solicitor S. S. Field. This disposed most clearly of the G. O. P. fostered charge of lukewarmness on the part of the Mahon and Preston forces, and Mr. Field was given a real ovation. While the Republicans are continuing their campaign and holding meetings, the enthusiasm which they claimed they would work up for the closing days of the battle has failed utterly to materialize. They are hopeful, in a half-hearted sort of way that at least some few of their various local tickets may be pulled through. However, about their state acquaintances and in the reports coming in from the counties, there is no "pep." The steam has gone and the workers are laboring dis-spiritedly to keep their voters from getting the real truth—that their cause is a lost one.

VOTE! Vote early! Vote for prosperity! Vote for better schools! Vote for improved highways! Vote the Democratic Ticket!

Church of God to Lay Corner Stone.

The Church of God of Westminster is planning for great things to happen on November 9th. At this time there will be a corner stone service. Much preparation is being made for that day. A special program is being prepared, all of outside talent, both as to speaker and music. The church extends a cordial invitation to all readers of this paper to be present on this occasion. Come and bring your friends. The above announced services will be held on the foundation, located on Center street. The carpenters have finished the work on the girders and joists and temporary floor. A large platform has been erected for the speakers and the choir. The chairs from the firemen's building will be rented and there will be seats for many people.

There will be a band of music which will render a sacred concert in the morning and afternoon. All persons who contribute towards the building of the new house of worship, their names will be placed in the corner stone. If not to contribute, be sure and come to enjoy the program. Come prepared to stay all day. There will be something of interest going on all the time.

Compare the Democratic and the Republican candidates. Then you will surely vote the Democratic Ticket—and vote 'er straight.

G. O. P. Would Trade Votes To Save Theo. Brown.

Republicans Reported Ready To Sacrifice Rest of Ticket for Brown and Melville. Offers Turned Down.

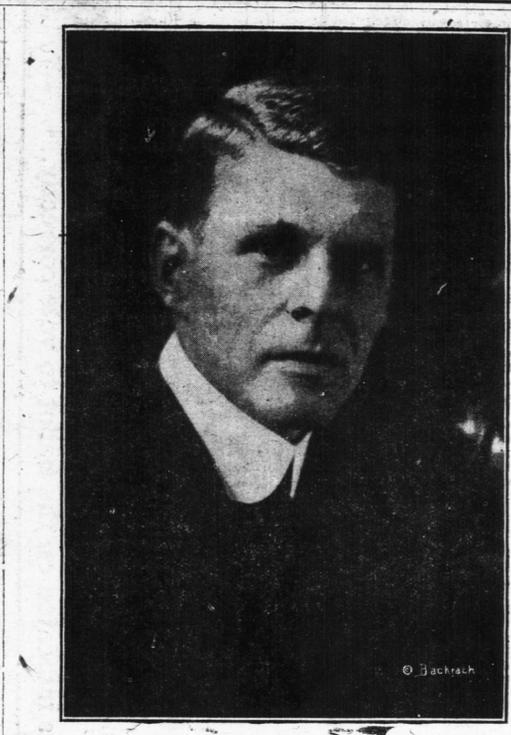
With defeat of their state and local tickets in Carroll county staring them in the face some of the Republican forces, according to last reports, are attempting trades in an effort to save Theodore F. Brown and Charles W. Melville, the G. O. P. candidates for State's Attorney and County Commissioner respectively. During the past few days there have been well authenticated reports in Westminster and other parts of the county that friends of Brown and Melville have sought out Democrats and offered Republican support for virtually the remainder of the Democratic ticket in exchange for votes for their two men. Those to whom such offers were made promptly turned them down. The desire of the Democrats is not only to give a good majority in Carroll for Ritchie, Lee, Keating and Magruder but to elect their entire local ticket. The men named for all the local offices are men of ability and their election, the Democrats feel, will mean the placing of Carroll county's affairs on a straight business basis, with efficiency the keynote and with a square deal for every taxpayer of the county, regardless of his political affiliation.

Ritchie Appeals For Carroll's Entire Democratic Ticket.

A Democratic Senate and House are vital at Annapolis next year to carry out the pledges of the Democratic platform. The men named by the Democrats of Carroll county for the Senate and House are men of high caliber and are real Marylanders. They will be an honor to their county and will, I believe, stand for those things that are best for their county and for Maryland. The other candidates named for the local offices in Carroll county are also men of the highest integrity. They stand on their records, records made in lifetime in the community which has nominated them for office.

If the voters of Carroll county believe that my colleagues on the Democratic state ticket and I are fitted for the offices which we seek and if they honor us with their support and votes it is my earnest hope that they will place in office a Democratic State Senator and Democratic members of the House from Carroll and all the other Democratic local candidates of the county. Baltimore, Md. October 31, 1919.

ALBERT C. RITCHIE.



E. BROOKE LEE Democratic Candidate for Comptroller

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A vote for the Democratic ticket means: A bigger, more prosperous Carroll County; A safe and sane control of Maryland's finances and affairs.

Red Cross Service in Methodist Protestant Church—An Address By Captain Shroyer Will Be Delivered. Sunday evening at 7.30, in the Methodist Protestant church, in this city, there will be held an interesting service to which everyone is invited. Addresses will be made from personal experiences by Capt. Shroyer, chaplain U. S. A. on "What I Saw of the Red Cross in an American Hospital," by Lieut. Grimm, chaplain A. E. F. on "What I Saw of the Red Cross in the Hospitals of France," and by M. L. Smith, a member of the 313th Infantry, A. E. F., who was wounded at the battle front on "What I Saw of the Red Cross at the Front." Dr. L. K. Woodward, of the Carroll County Chapter, will give a word about the "Third Roll Call." Special music will be a feature of the evening, anthem by the choir, solo, and selections by the Liberty Quartette. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this service.

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Election Forecast Given by Counties

Returns from County Seats Indicate State Control by Democrats.

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BALTIMORE CITY SAFE FOR RITCHIE

Baltimore, Oct. 31—With the workers of both Democratic organization factions working hard behind the ticket Ritchie and his running mates, Lee, Keating, and Magruder, will win Baltimore city by a safe majority. Estimates of the Democratic majority run from 3,000 to 10,000, the latter estimates based on the indications that Ritchie has won the independent vote. All three Democratic state senators will be elected and an overwhelming majority of the House candidates.

Belair, Oct. 31—Harford county will return a good majority for Ritchie, Lee and the remainder of the Democratic state ticket. The Democrats are working hard here and the independent and soldier vote are standing behind Ritchie and Lee.

Ellicott City, Oct. 31—Because of the bitter Democratic senatorial primary in Howard the Republicans are hopeful of defeating Wolfe, Democrat, for Senate. The county will give the whole Democratic state ticket a good majority.

Towson, Oct. 31—Baltimore county will give Ritchie and his running mates a fine majority, estimates running from 800 to 1,200. The Democrats will also win the local ticket.

Chestertown, Oct. 31st.—With the Barroll and Beck elements in Kent united as never before, and their lieutenants working as in years past, while the Sparks-Raslin forces feud has split the G. O. P. the Democratic state ticket will win by from 400 to 500. At best the Republicans will only win a part of their local ticket.

Centerville, Oct. 31st.—Queen Anne's, "The banner county of Eastern Shore Democracy," is out for a record in this election. This is the declaration of political and the home ballcock of Thomas J. Keating, party candidate for Comptroller, and the places where John E. George managed things for years—and always returned a Democratic majority. There has been and is no friction among Democrats, but the Republicans are sadly split. A majority of 800 to 1000 or better is the slogan.

Denton, Oct. 31st.—Caroline county is going to give the Democratic State ticket better than 400 majority in the balloting on Tuesday. Republicans contest this statement in a half hearted manner, but refuse to put up money to back their denials. Here, as elsewhere on the Eastern Shore, Democratic enthusiasm and confidence is running at the flood tide.

Cambridge, Oct. 31st.—Dorchester, the home county of Governor C. Harrington, and former Senator William G. Applegarth, who have buried their political hatchet to get behind the State ticket, can be counted upon for 300 to 400 Democratic majority Tuesday. Unity between the Democratic elements and a raging bitterness between the Andrews and Phillips factions of the Republican party are largely accountable for this.

Princess Anne, Oct. 31st.—Collector of Internal Revenue Joshua W. Mites, one of the leaders of Somerset county predicts a rousing majority for the entire Democratic ticket, state and local in Tuesday's election. So does Colonel Henry Waters. These two are working together for the first time in years; the oyster vote is content with Democratic rule, and Mr. Ritchie and his running mates have solidified the party by the favorable impression made while here recently.

Prince Frederick, Oct. 31—Indications are that the Democrats will be able this year to reduce the normal Republican majority of 800 in Calvert this year by one or two hundred. The G. O. P. will carry its local ticket.

Snow Hill, Oct. 31st.—Worcester county, home of United States Senator John Walter Smith, is going to repudiate the so-called "People's Party" and return a solid Democratic delegation to Annapolis in January. The entire local ticket, is considered safe, and the State ticket will be given a majority conservatively estimated at between 200 and 250. (Continued on page 8.)