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MARIETTA, OHIO. January 1935

The Honorable,
Governor Albert C. Ritchie,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir: -

The enclosed item, written as an editorial in one of our larger news publications, seems to be very splendid evidence that the Governor of Maryland IS NOT doing his constitutional duty in trying to round up the criminals who were so recently implicated in the "mob" murder which occurred within the bounds of your state.

This evidence conclusive proves the failure of Maryland's State Law Enforcement Department. Otherwise, it could only convey the conviction that Maryland's Governor and his Staff, are wholeheartedly in sympathy with the cowardly, brutal conduct which accompanies any so-called "mob" murder.

But, we ask, what else can anyone expect in a State whose Governor is in sympathy with anti-prohibition; sympathies which are extended to traffic in liquor, the greatest crime producing and debauchery of all humanity: - a scourge which causes more heartaches, distressing accidents, and sorrow, than any other unnecessaryness within the annals of the human race.

We are convinced in our foregoing convictions, because WE KNOW that Governor Ritchie certainly is not in sympathy with Prohibition, and because we ALSO KNOW that "mob" rule is usually the result of temporary suspension of reasoning powers, and temporary suspension of reasoning powers generally results from too much "bad" liquor. In other words, - "mob" rule and traffic in liquor are constant companions and work together hand in hand towards a common interest and purpose. Just what that purpose actually is, I shall leave to your conjecture.

Prohibition is the greatest law which was ever placed on the statutes of either State, or Federal Constitutions. It is for the best interests of everyone but more especially the common people. It has brought happiness and peaceable homes to thousands and thousands of families where otherwise, strife, poverty, heartaches, brutal conduct, and other disparaging conditions could - and would - only exist.

Knowing this to be literally true from years of observation, we are sorry and also amazed to know that the Governor of Maryland is so strenuously fighting the most worthwhile amendment which was ever added to the Constitution of the United States.

In Justice to West Virginia.

IN MAKING some comment on Maryland's failure to get any concrete results in its investigation of the Salisbury lynching, The Dispatch stated that it was without information as to whether any progress had been made in fixing responsibility for the West Virginia lynching, of about the same date.

We are glad to say now, to the credit of the latter state, that at least two men are in jail, awaiting trial for complicity in the mob murder. That is a big step in the right direction, and if the prosecuting authorities shall handle the case with an evident determination to secure conviction and adequate punishment if evidence warranting it can be found, the state will have cleared itself of blame.

Meanwhile, the Maryland case makes no real progress towards an honorable outcome, and evidence accumulates that it is getting badly mixed up with politics, and that, too, in a broader field than Maryland's eastern shore. In all such cases, the best politics would be a drastic fulfillment of official duty.