

ROPER IN FAVOR OF NATION-WIDE PLAN

To Observe Jan. 18 as "Law and Order Sunday."

Prohibition no Longer Question for Debate or Contention He Says.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Daniel C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue, has given his endorsement to the plan for the nation-wide observance of January 18 as "law and order Sunday." In a statement given out today, Mr. Roper says that the question of whether prohibition is a wise policy is no longer a debatable question; that this step on the part of the people has been incorporated as an integral part of the constitution of the country, effective January 18, when the prohibition amendment becomes operative and that all law-abiding citizens will demand its observance.

"The American people have declared through due process in favor of national prohibition," says Mr. Roper's statement. "The eighteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, giving the most solemn legal authority for this, becomes effective January 16, 1920. The congress has seen fit to place in the bureau of internal revenue the important responsibility for the enforcement of prohibition."

Whether prohibition is a wise national policy is no longer a question for debate or contention among good citizens. This step on the part of our people has been incorporated as an integral part of the constitution of our country, and all law-abiding citizens will demand its observance.

"The law explicitly imposes enforcement responsibilities upon all the officers of the federal and state governments, and their sub-divisions. It is well that this is so, for no one agency or single group of officers could, without the co-operation of all other officers of the law and all law-abiding citizens, meet their responsibilities in this connection effectively and satisfactorily."

"As an officer of the federal government I can have no different standard with regard to the enforcement of prohibition than with respect to the enforcement of any other law, and I shall, therefore, insist upon the same strict observance of this law as we endeavor to attain with respect to all of her laws the enforcement of which is lodged with this bureau. I cannot believe that any state or political division will consciously bring discredit upon itself by failure to respond promptly to its full and moral responsibilities of initiative and co-operation in connection with the enforcement of the national prohibition act."

"It is not for the success of the bureau of internal revenue that we appeal, but for the success of the American people in sustaining the majesty of the law and the honor of our American flag. For this end we need for this law, and for all our laws, an aroused public conscience with respect to law observance and law enforcement."

"I observe that January 18, 1920, is being suggested as a day of national observance, set apart and designated as 'law and order Sunday' throughout the country. I sincerely trust that this will be generally observed; that clergymen throughout the land will bring to the attention of their congregations the vital importance of law as the cornerstone of Americanism. Law and order has always found in the clergy its strongest champions. Their clear expression of right and their ringing challenge to the American spirit of our citizenship was never more urgently needed than it is at the present time."

"May 'law and order Sunday' mark the beginning of a nation-wide movement toward an every day law and order observance."

Incidentally Commissioner Roper has just expressed his confidence in the future of and appreciation for the past services to officials and attaches of the internal revenue bureau in a letter sent to "My co-workers in the internal revenue service." "In the calendar year, 1919," Mr. Roper wrote, "the internal revenue bureau collected more than five and a half billion dollars for war expenditures. This is an epochal year in world history, no other nation having accomplished so great a fiscal feat. That it was done without destroying productive endeavor and business enterprise and without bringing chaos to the nation, is a great compliment to the taxpayers and to the internal revenue service. Many of us may differ as to methods of financing the war or as to the character, extent or duration of certain forms of taxes, but it is well to remember that as during the war so now we have more things in common than we have differences, and that our differences may be composed largely through the things that we have in common."

THE NAVAL SEAPLANE NC-4 ARRIVES AT CHARLESTON

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 1.—Commanded by Lieutenant Commander Albert C. Reed, the seaplane NC-4, first aircraft to cross the Atlantic ocean arrived in port at noon from Key West and Jacksonville. An uneventful flight was reported. The plane will leave Charleston tomorrow for the next day for Norfolk. The mother ship Ingham, with the NC-4, this is the seaplane's second visit, having been here about two weeks ago on a recruiting mission.

JACKSONVILLE LIVESTOCK

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 1.—Hogs: Receipts, heavy; prospects, steady; choice heavy, 12.25 to 12.50; good heavy, 12.25 to 12.40; bulk, 12.50; rough heavy, 11.25 to 11.50; lights, 11.25 to 11.50; heavy pigs, 9.25 to 9.50; light pigs, 9.25 to 9.50. Cattle: Receipts, light; prospects, strong; steers 5.00 to 5.50; bulls, 4.50 to 5.00; yearlings, 4.50 to 5.00; cows, 4.50 to 5.50; heifers, 5.00 to 5.50; veal calves, 9.00 to 12.50; canners, 3.50 up.

SKATER IS DROWNED

FREDERICKSBURG, Md., Jan. 1.—While attempting to save Earl Williams, a skater, who broke through the ice on the Rappahannock river this afternoon, Elmore Baker, 18 years old, was drowned. Williams was rescued. The body of Baker was recovered.

J. N. FRANK RESIGNS

MACON, Ga., Jan. 1.—J. N. Frank, for 15 years treasurer and purchasing agent of the Macon, Dublin and Savannah railroad, resigned today to start business in Miami, Fla. He is succeeded by Geo. M. Norwood, commercial agent.

EVANGELISTIC DEPT. OF BOARD EXTENDS ITS WORK

Baptist Body Increases Activity as Result of Success in Campaign.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 1.—Increased and extended activity in the evangelistic department of the Baptist Home Mission board has already been inaugurated as the result of the successful conclusion of the financial campaign staged by the Baptists of the south during the first week in December. This department, always one of the most important, is being given particular emphasis, according to Dr. B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary and executive head of the board.

With the corps of evangelists and singers considerably augmented, it is possible to conduct evangelistic campaigns in several sections simultaneously, and this policy is being followed with marked success, under the directions of Dr. W. W. Hamilton, superintendent of the department of evangelism, will be one of the features of the January program. Dr. Hamilton, with J. W. Jenkins a singer, will spend the entire month in Panama, where the home board conducts extensive religious and educational activities. Returning by way of Havana, Cuba, he will inspect the Baptist mission plant and college at that point.

Evangelistic campaigns are also scheduled for Tulsa, Okla., and Birmingham, Ala. These revivals will be particularly among the Baptist churches in each city, as is the case when the board's evangelists visit any given community to assist the local pastors in their campaigns. In Birmingham seventy-five Baptist churches will participate, including several in the suburban and rural districts. Many associational campaigns are also scheduled for the next few months.

The evangelistic department now includes thirty-five workers, including singers, but additions are being made as rapidly as suitable selections can be made. It is planned to have fifty evangelistic workers in operation by the time the Southern Baptist convention holds its 1920 meeting in Washington, D. C., next May.

LANE IS EXPECTED TO RESIGN SOON

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—It is generally accepted here in financial circles that Mr. Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, will succeed former governor Edwin Warfield as president of the Fidelity Trust and Deposit company of Maryland, which resigned about a month ago because of ill health.

Van Lear Black or General Bladen Lowndes will succeed Mr. Warfield as president of the Fidelity Trust company, the two corporations to be segregated. Secretary Lane was a recent visitor to Baltimore. He met several leading financiers of the city. Prior to his visit the statement had been made by authority of the secretary that he would resign his cabinet portfolio as soon as President Wilson's health had so far improved as to justify a break in his official family. The president's recovery is reported to be so well established that Mr. Lane will be in a position to resign and come to Baltimore on January 1, when the board of directors of the Fidelity company will be held to elect a new president.

GOLF RESULTS ON PINEHURST COURSE

(Special to The Citizen.) PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 1.—First sixteen A. L. Walker, Jr., Richmond county, beat J. D. Chapman, Greenville, five and four; F. S. Danforth, North Fork, beat Donald Parson, Youngstown, two and one; beaten eight, C. H. Banes, Garden City, beat Frederick Snare, Havana, four and three. Second sixteen, J. V. Jenks, Harbor Beach, beat J. P. Hotchkiss, New Haven, two up. H. C. Walker, Moore county, beat T. J. Bray, Youngstown, two up, beaten eight, E. T. Manson, Framingham, beat G. W. Mason, Danville, one up. C. L. Becker, Ekwanok, beat G. T. Dunlap, Canoe Brook, one and two.

JEFF SMITH WINS BOUT WITH OKLAHOMA FIGHTER

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—Jeff Smith, of Bayonne, N. J., stopped Art Magerl, Oklahoma, in the third round here today. Magerl was outclassed, and his seconds were forced to throw the sponge in the ring to save him from being severely beaten. George Chaney, of Baltimore, had no trouble in defeating Frankie Brown of New York. Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, won by a close margin from Shubert, of New York. The titleholder was forced to extend himself in order to register a victory.

COMMISSION WILL RECONVENE JAN. 12

Industrial Body Has Not Sought Limelight.

Members Have Tried to Go About Work Quietly—Active Holidays.

By JOE L. BAKER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The new industrial commission named by President Wilson in November will reconvene January 12 to settle down to a task that may prove of great and lasting benefit to the entire country. When members of the commission left Washington for the Christmas holidays, it was agreed among the members that each would give his attention to the problem of industrial relations while enjoying his vacation, and thus, if possible, return to work in January with new ideas and suggestions.

This commission has not sought the limelight, but rather the members have tried to go about their work quietly and without the services of press agents. It was realized that to bring about a union of employees and employers, to further co-operation between them and avoid friction, between the two interests would be to accomplish something really worth while. Such a result, it was realized, can be accomplished only with close and intelligent application of the best thought in the commission to the problem and the taking into consideration of the many ramifications of the industrial situation in the country.

In appointing the commission the President announced that the conference had not been called to inaugurate industrial strife where it already existed, but to work out some plan whereby industrial disturbances that may arise in the future may be avoided and a better understanding reached between capital and labor, with the removal of causes of such disturbances as have disturbed the industrial life of the country in the past.

Progress Made. While it is not the purpose of the commission to discuss its work at any length until a final report is ready, it is shown that substantial progress has been made and there is confidence that out of the conference will come some program that will be for the appointment of the industrial life of the country. Although there has been no official announcement of the various subjects that the commission has considered and will consider when it resumes its work this month, it is understood here that they will of necessity include such fundamental propositions as permanent tribunals to pass upon labor disputes; profit-sharing systems; betterment of the conditions of labor; respective rights of labor and invested capital; co-operative agreements and possible partnerships between employees and employers.

While it is true that the report of the commission may not have a binding effect, if it is just in its terms and is supported by public opinion, it is generally admitted that the work of the body will prove of inestimable benefit to the country as a whole and prove the beginning of a new era in industrial relations. It is estimated that the expense of the commission will not exceed \$25,000. The members serve without compensation, and if something tangible results from its work, it will be one of the cheapest and at the same time most profitable investments ever made. The conferees will include former governors, college professors, business men, former government officials and the secretary of labor.

Increased Production. Although it has been but two weeks since there was a general return to work on the part of the bituminous coal operators, a statement issued this week by Director-General of Railroads Walker D. Hines, says the coal production is increasing regularly. This has resulted in affording a great measure of relief in those consuming sections by the central competitive field and in the southwest, in which sections consumers' stocks had been depleted.

"Indicative of the better conditions of such stocks," says Mr. Hines' statement, "is the fact that many of these consumers who were eager during the strike to obtain coal from the fields which had continued to produce in the east, have refused to take such coal which the railroads moved west during the strike to protect such consumers, the additional freight rate from the east naturally entering into the price of the coal. It is necessary under these circumstances that production of the eastern fields again turned into usual channels and usual markets, and among the latter is

the overseas export market. Otherwise, a serious congestion of coal loads will inevitably develop on the railroads."

Mr. Hines also said that during the past two weeks, while production has been on the increase, special provisions have been made for the export of coal to Cuba, necessary there for sugar production, ultimately for this country. This will help before long to relieve the sugar shortage to the United States. It has also been possible in a few instances to take care of vital necessities among our allies and also of foreign consumers whose output was contracted to be shipped to the United States.

AUSTRIA FACES THE NEW YEAR WITH FOREBODING

VIENNA, Jan. 1.—The Austrian republic faces its second year with foreboding. Both the political and economic situations are believed here to have grown daily worse since early autumn.

The holiday season found Vienna with a reduced bread ration, virtually no fats and without fuel. The expected supply of coal from Czechoslovakia has not been received, and public utilities were kept partly in operation only by great efforts and economies.

High hopes had been entertained from the visit of Chancellor Renner to the supreme council at Paris. The people expected that Austria would obtain sufficient credit, food, fuel and raw material for the resumption of their industrial life. Now that the result of his journey has become known the newspapers sound a note of despair. One of them remarks that the decision of the supreme council that Vorarlberg may not separate from Austria means that that province is condemned to suffer along with the rest of Austria until the ordinary navy will have hardly sufficient for

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Other provinces are seeking to free themselves from the burdens of Austria and turn elsewhere for help. There have been rumors of an impending revolt and declaration of independence in Tyrol. It is charged in some quarters that the whole separatist movement in the Austria provinces has been inspired by German propaganda, with a view to establishing a corridor between Germany and Austria.

While Austria seems unable to obtain foreign credit for rehabilitation, there has been much comment here upon the fact that foreign private capital has been diligently exploiting the country. It is asserted that the country has virtually been stripped of articles de luxe, while its remaining factories are unable to obtain raw materials. According to common reports, foreign interests, principally Italian, have acquired enormous holdings of stock in Austrian industrial and mines.

The government is evenly balanced between socialists and conservatives, and thus far has been unable to give birth to constructive legislation looking to the solution of many internal problems facing the country.

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