COL. ANDERSON EXPLAINS PLAN OF RUM CONTROL

Says Dry Enforcement Is Hopeless Task.

A thousand Chicago industrial exec-
utive, churchmen and others sat down at a banquet in the Stevens ho-
et last night to hear the stenog-
her of the Wickersham commission on law enforcement who the evils of prohibition may be eliminated by closing the liquor market to the boot-
leggers and loopholes through which they control of organized crime.

The wickersham commission member

was Col. Henry W. Anderson of Nichol

man, Va. who was one of the chief

by the Industrial club and the Chi-

cago Association of Commerce to ex-

plain his plan of government control

of liquor, a plan accepted by the

Wickersham group as the only prom-

ising of success if modification is to

be attempted.

Favor State Sale.

"We have eliminated the illegitimate saloon," said Col. Anderson, "we must now take another step forward and eliminate the bootleggers, the speakeasy, and the whole chain of this illegal traffic by eliminating their huge profits and by nothing more than

Against them the irresistible forces of the economic law." The "Anderson plan," as it has been to know, was submitted to congress with the Wickersham report, involve the appointment of a bipartisan commission to

alcohol content and the selling prices of all liquors. The commission would be to the selling agents to be in Sweden and parishes in Canada.

proposed that revenues thus derived by the state and federal governments would be to be devoted to development or as public health, elimination of educational attainment of education, and other purposes
designed to remove the social conditions induced by excessive use of liquor.

Make Rum Pay for Control.

"Instead of permitting those enormou

revenues to go to the criminal classes for the purpose of mounting done, government and destroying saloon, and then spending money in endeavoring to keep that law and to control crime," said Col. Anderson, "the liquor traffic should be required to pay the expenses of its regulation and control and be to be made to do by revenue for the conquest of crime.

The fundamental evil of the failure of this law, such as the alli-
tods of public opinion, the character of the law itself, and the physical conditions to which it is to be applied, and the structural conditions to which its operation are subject, are all beyond the control of the government.

So long as it is considered ideal and there appears to be no way by which they can be to the best interests of the state, little ground for the hopes that the eighteenth amendment and the national prohibition will be observed or can be effectively enforced.

See Conditions Growing Worse.

The hope that prohibition can be enforced, he declared, is an illusion, for conditions are getting much worse in- stead of better. The only solution of the problem, he said, is the control of traffic.

President Hiram Stevens of the Indus-
trial Club, in introducing the speaker stated that in the Anderson plan there appeared to be a way out of Chicago's crime problem.

"In studying the prohibition situation in Chicago," he said, "we find ourselves always coming back to the same realism, that there is a definite hook in between organized crime and government, and we fear that our government is breaking down. It seems to us an absurd situation that in the Anderson plan there is a way out of our difficulty."