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SIX PER CENT

The proposal to limit business profits to six per cent looks like a more immediate possibility than was indicated yesterday - more actual, nearer at hand. Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau disclosed today that experts of the Treasury have already started drafting the plan - whereby no corporation will be allowed to retain more ~~XXXX~~ than six per cent of profit. Anything above that would be taken by the government in the form of taxation. This - for the duration of the war emergency.

Secretary Morgenthau suggested the six percent limitation yesterday in a statement to a congressional committee. Today he indicated the scheme was being made ready to be presented to Congress. A staff of experts is working out the details - "So that if and when Congress wants it," said the Secretary, "We will have it ready in legal form."

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He justified the idea by saying that the profit motive should be removed from war. "Eliminate it completely," were his words. To which one may remark that the six per cent limitation of profits certainly would eliminate the motive and the profit. It

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would mean, of course, that you might make less profit than six per, or you might incur losses. You might lose twenty per cent on your investment, but you wouldn't be allowed to gain more than six.

Secretary Morgenthau recalled that in the last war - "A lot of people stayed home and made a lot of money," as he expressed it. "That's no way to have morale and unity," he added. "No one should get a special advantage." He pointed out that hundreds of thousands of men in the army are getting only a dollar a day.

He was asked whether he thought big business would go along with the six per cent plan, and he responded - Yes. "I think", said he, "that ~~X~~ big business is as patriotic as anyone and I think they will cooperate."

He said the profit limitation plan would be made as fair as possible. "However," he added, "somebody has got to be hurt.

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We cannot live as we have been living. →

We cannot continue to live the way we have and still be the arsenal of Democracy," said he.

The Secretary of the Treasury revealed that he has had the six per cent plan in mind for some months, and explained why he is presenting it right now. "The complacency of this country called for something like this from me," he said.

BASEBALL

Here's one to cheer us up! -

I don't often quote a news dispatch verbatim, word for word, but I certainly can't match the eloquence of the following United Press bulletin. It reads:- "Boston, September twenty-fifth. Sing it from the house-tops: shout it from the storm cellars, tell everybody from the fabulous land of Flatbush to Frisco's Golden Gates - the Dodgers are champions!"

Well, since I'm not so good at singing from the house-tops or shouting from the storm cellars, I can only relate ^{pro} ~~pro~~ ^{ly} that the Dodgers today beat the Boston Braves, six to nothing, while the Cards were losing to the Pittsburgh Pirates by a score of three to one. So Brooklyn's beloved Bums clinched the pennant. All they have to do now is ~~to~~ beat the New York Yankees. ^{Now we'll} ~~wait~~ ^{wait} to see how beloved the Bums turn out to be after the ~~World~~ ^{World} Series.

WINDSORS

An important question of protocol was settled today, with the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor to Washington, ~~He~~ How were they to be addressed? The Duke, of course, as a Royal Prince of England and a former King - Emperor of the British Empire, is entitled to the honorific - "Your Royal Highness". But, what about the Duchess - the American woman whom British Court usage has never admitted to the Royal rank of her husband? There has been a lot of argument about this. Some have insisted that she too be called - "Your Royal Highness". Some argued for the less stately address - "Your Highness". So what happened in Washington today?

The matter was squarely up to George T. Summerlin, Chief of Protocol of the State Department. He's an expert on all such matters of propriety, and he it was who greeted the Duke and Duchess upon their arrival. So what did he say?

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Naturally he addressed the Duke as "Your Royal Highness". To the former Wallis Warfield, he said "Duchess". So the dialogue might go like this:- "I'm delighted to make the acquaintance of ~~Yo~~ Your Royal Highness, and I'm happy to meet you Duchess".

I am sorry to say that the Washington throng that greeted the famous couple upon their arrival were not such experts on matters of protocol. They hailed the Duke ~~and~~ and the Duchess in the same way, each with the same kind of protocol.

"Hiya Eddie?" ~~"Hiya"~~
They shouted: [^] "Hiya Wally?" which was not at all in the correct style of a royal court.

The Windsors paid a visit to the White House, and were nearly half an hour with President Roosevelt. It had been on the schedule for them to have luncheon at the White House, but that was cancelled at the last moment - because of the death of Mrs. Roosevelt's ^{brother,} ~~brother,~~ Hall Roosevelt, who died last night, had been quite a person, a World War veteran, an engineer of travel and adventure, *a man of great charm and warmth of personality.*

The Duke and Duchess made a series of calls in the National Capital. This afternoon he was greeted by the gentlemen of the press, while the woman's press Club entertained the Duchess for tea at the New Willard. In point of business, the Duke in Washington is ~~talkign~~ talking over affairs connected with the shipping shortage, as this pertains to the Bahama Islands - of which he is Governor.

MOVIES

In the movie investigation, a sprightly item was introduced by Harry Warner, of Warner Brothers. One of the motion pictures described as war propaganda is the feature of a couple of years ago - "Confessions Of a Nazi Spy". And one of the isolationist Senators on the committee investigating Hollywood war propaganda is Senator Nye. So that made it interesting when Harry Warner testified today that Senator Nye had seen "Confessions Of A Nazi Spy"., had attended ~~an~~ a preview of the picture - and had ^{praised} ~~promised~~ it highly.

The Senator was quoted as giving the following opinion:-

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"The picture is exceedingly good"said he. "The plot may or may not be exaggerated, but it is ~~an~~ one that ought to be seen by every patriotic American".

So what has the Senator to say to that? He was queried in Boston today and responded that ^{he} doesn't remember clearly - but ^{he} may have endorsed the film. "If the picture is the one I recall," said he, "it was a very powerful message on avoiding war".

All of which leaves things in a paradoxical state indeed.

"Confessions of a Nazi Spy" is indicted as war propaganda, and

Senator Nye praised it as being a powerful message on avoiding war. How does it all add up?

SPIES

At the New York spy trial a secret was disclosed today, though it will hardly come as a secret to a lot of people in this country - especially United States Army and Navy fliers. We are informed that the Nazi Air Force got the idea of dive bombing from the United States. Well, if that's a secret - so is the fact that this program has something to do with Blue Sunoco.

Testimony at the trial was to the effect that American dive bombing tactics were transmitted to Nazi Germany by Udet - that same Ernest Udet who was so well known in American aviation circles, and who now is one of the heads of the Nazi Air Corps.

NEUTRALITY

A bill to repeal the Neutrality Law was introduced in the Senate today. And the sponsor of the repeal proposal is Senator McKellar of Tennessee. "We made a mistake in passing the law," he declared. ^{The Senator} ~~he~~ contended that the statute ~~for~~ conflicts with the traditional American policy of freedom of the seas, and therefore should be abolished.

The war news is brief tonight. Moscow and Berlin unite in telling of violent fighting in the siege of Leningrad. The Soviets claim that what they call "~~The Peoples' Army~~ Peoples' Army", scored a brilliant victory, driving the blitzkrieg forces back six miles.

Berlin counters with the statement that Nazi units have fought their way through the inner defenses and are battling ⁱⁿ the suburbs of the second largest Soviet city.

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There's a little news concerning the encirclement east of Kiev. Berlin claims that the Soviet counter-attacks have failed, and that the great Soviet forces in the trap are being subjugated with heavy fighting.

One significant thing may be a German drive into the Crimea. That, it would appear, has begun - with Nazi forces pushing through the narrow neck of land into the great peninsula that extends almost to the region of the Caucasus.

The most striking of war news today comes from Serbia, the Balkan country conquered by the Nazis last spring. All sides agree in telling of ~~no~~ renewed hostilities - with Serbian irregulars

fighting against the Hitler forces. Berlin speaks of a chase of what it calls "bandits". Other sources picture a virtual ~~insurrection~~ insurrection by the fierce Balkan mountaineers - battling in their mountains. The Germans and Italians have been compelled to send large forces into Serbia to keep the lid on.

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From London comes a story of six American aviators who have been dismissed from the Royal Air Force. They joined the R.A.F., and took the course of flying in England. They were trained right up to the minute in the tactics of air battle, and were qualified to fly ~~in~~ warplanes in raids against the Nazis--but No. They refused. They said - nothing doing. Why? What was the trouble?

Today's account from London explains that five of the six American aviators objected - because the pay was too low. Wages in the R.A.F. amount to thirteen shillings and six pence a day - about two dollars and ~~and~~ seventy-five cents. And five of the six American pilots said they wouldn't fight and fly for that kind of money. They stated that in the United States persons who interviewed them for R.A.F. service told them they'd get a lot more. One said he had been offered two hundred and fifty dollars a month. Another stated that he had been informed that the pay would be two hundred and sixty dollars a month. So that's the kind of ~~the~~ pay the warriors wanted, and they weren't

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going to be heroes of the sky for any two dollars and seventy five cents a day.

That was the case with five of the six. What about the other? The London story puts it succinctly in these words:

"He was afraid and ~~didn't~~ didn't want to fight."

So they have all now been dismissed and will be sent back to the United States. The British are confronted with a dilemma - Because the six aviators, in the course of training, have learned a lot of confidential things about the British Air Force. They have been warned that if they disclose any secret information when they get back home, they'll be liable to punishment under the ~~X~~ Espionage Law of the United States.

CATS

If you happen to have some ~~rain~~ goldfish, and you want some cats that won't go after the fish - here's your chance. Just apply to Christopher W. Coates, director of the old New York aquarium. That familiar institution is passing out of existence. The fish are being given away to other aquaria, and director Coates is looking for someone who wants the non-fish-eating cats.

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It appears that in times gone by, the New York Aquarium was bothered by a plague of huge rats - ferocious rodents that preyed on the fish in the tanks. They made a specialty of eating those rare specimens - precious members of the finny tribe brought from far off waters of the tropics. So the Director decided ~~next~~ he'd get some cats. The only trouble with the idea was that cats don't catch rats - at least not the big fighting variety that infested the Aquarium. Those critters were more likely to devour the cat. And, on the other hand, cats like fish, as is well known. So the prospects appeared to be - that ^{the} a cat^s would only join the rats in ^{feasting on} ~~digesting~~ ^{race} the fish.

Director Coates, however, is an ingenious Aquarium expert. He solved the problem by getting a mountain wildcat - guaranteed to whip ten times his ^W eight in rats. This mountain wildcat he bred with Lena, a common house cat of the mouse-chasing kind. The progeny combined the best qualities of both. They were a feline brand of rough on rats.

However, there was no guarantee that they wouldn't eat the fish. That was a problem for Director Coates to solve. *And*

3 He did, ~~He~~ he devised a course of education for Lena, the mama house cat, She simply loved fish - every day was Friday for Lena.

The Director cured her of that by giving her an opportunity to enjoy what appeared to be the biggest fish Friday dish she ever had. He gave her a chance at the electric eel; Lena tried to take a bite out of the electric eel and the shock just about blasted her out of the tank. One taste of electric eel was enough. Thereafter, when Lena saw anything swimming in the water she'd turn tail and run. Not only that, she taught her kittens to hate fish. She just showed them the electric eel - those kittens that she had by the mountain wildcat.

As a result of all this skillful genetics, Director Coates produced a race of cats guaranteed to destroy rats and let the fish alone. The only trouble now is, that, having developed the remarkable felines, he doesn't know what to do

with them. So if you know anyone who wants a non-fish eating half-mountain wild ~~cat~~ pussy that has been sheered by an electric eel - just sing out. And now Hugh will you sing out.

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