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| Cardinals | 0 | — |
| Pirates | 0 | — |
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U. S. Drafting Profits Bill

Morgenthau Believes Big Business Will Go Along

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, asserting that the profit motive must be eliminated from this nation's defense effort, told a press conference today that Treasury experts had started drafting a bill to carry out his plan to limit corporation profits to 6 per cent for the duration of the emergency.

Mr. Morgenthau suggested his 6 per cent limitation of profit regarding in testimony before the House Banking and Currency Committee in late control legislation.

Speakers were told when it was learned that the Treasury had begun work on the bill. Leaders grouped in the more than 3 points and 100,000 share transactions took place in the third hour. Offerings extended later and, near the final period, extreme losses were reduced in many cases.

He said today that his staff of financial and legal experts had started work drafting proposed legislation to carry out the 6 per cent plan "so that if and when Congress wants it we will have a ready in legal form."

Studied for Months.
Mr. Morgenthau said he had studied the 6 per cent plan for some months and had suggested it yesterday because "the complexity of this country called for something like this from me."

"I have been wanting to say for patriotic as anyone and I think they will co-operate."

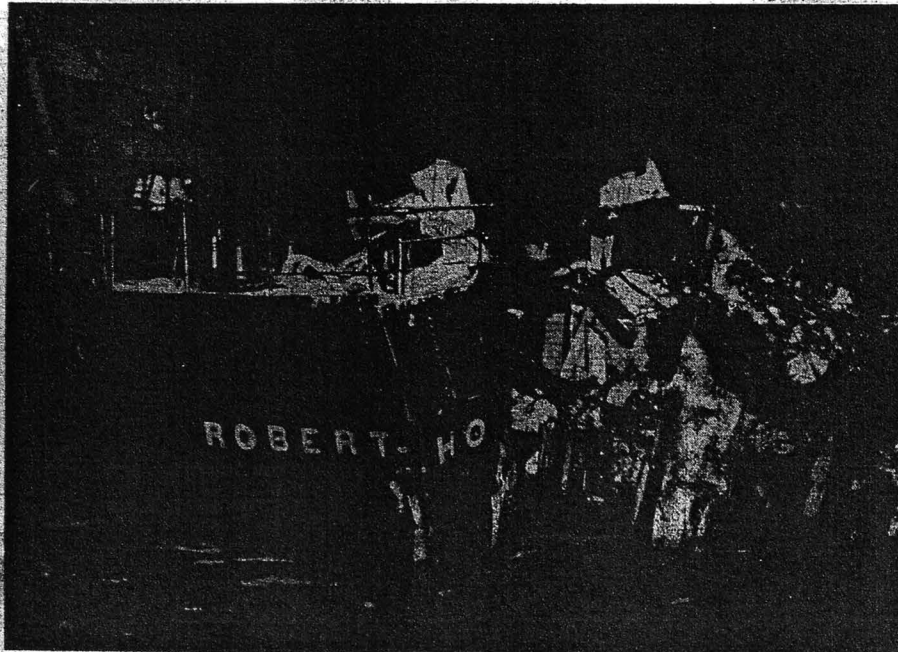
Mr. Morgenthau said he saw no reason for some individuals and corporations to be allowed to make large profits from the war when hundreds of thousands of American men are serving in the armed forces for \$1 a day and while many other sections of the American population are making sacrifices.

He recalled that in the last war "a lot of people stayed home and made a lot of money."

"That's no way to have morale and unity—no one should get a special advantage."

Will Try To Be Equitable.
Mr. Morgenthau said the Treasury staff would attempt to work out the 6 per cent legislation so that operation of the law, if enacted, will not be inequitable. "However, somebody has got to be hurt," he said. "We cannot live as we have been. We cannot continue to live the way we have

Tanker and Collier in Collision



Sliced almost in two by the impact of the 10,500-ton collier Jason, the tanker Robert E. Hopkins is berthed at Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, after her crash in Ambrose Channel last night. Her superstructure smashed and shipping water badly, she was towed to anchorage as police patrol and Coast Guard stood by. Story on Page 9.

TWU Urges Browder Release

Warner Quotes Nye's Praise Of Film He Now Condemns

Parallel Seen To Murder Of Rosenthal

Negotiations for Surrender Of Policy Slip Racketeer Revealed by Prosecutor

John Harlan Amen, special prosecutor investigating the possible connection of certain members of the police force with the policy slip racket, declared today there "was proof that more than a score of patrolmen had been taking protection money from the murdered Abe Bechick."

Following "definite substantiation" of this long suspected tieup, Mr. Amen immediately convened two extraordinary grand juries and called "plainclothes men, a Brooklyn lawyer and other witnesses" to testify about the possibility of "official corruption."

The scope of the inquiry was revealed by Edwin L. Rea, administrative assistant to Mr. Amen, who admitted that 15 policemen were to testify. Among them were inspectors, captains, lieutenants and sergeants, in addition to patrolmen.

Mr. Amen hinted that the killing of Bechick might parallel the Herman Rosenthal murder, which rocked the New York underworld and other circles 29 years ago. Police Lieut. Charles Becker was sent to the chair for slaying Gyp the Blood and three other gunmen on the gambler, Rosenthal.

Bechick, who made money in the policy racket so as to have cash to get into biggest crap games, was found murdered yesterday morning in a parked sedan within sight of the Empire Blvd. station in Brooklyn.

Mr. Amen declared he had been dicker for some time with a lawyer for the surrender of Bechick. Bechick would have been a good grand jury witness, but even though he is out of the way there is enough evidence at hand to warrant departmental charges against many patrolmen, Mr. Amen said.

"Complaints have been made to this office which substantiate the fact that Bechick paid protection money to police to operate," Mr. Amen said. "We are delving further into official corruption." The mysterious murder of the

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Slain Gambler Paid 20 Cops

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policy racketeer, the Special Prosecutor said, does not come within his jurisdiction and he pointed out his office was being careful not to interfere with any probe that District Attorney William O'Dwyer may be making.

The morning Grand Jury was at work at noon and the evening jury swung into action shortly after. It was recalled that an announcement from Mr. Amen's office several weeks ago revealed that one of the Grand Juries was expected soon to hand up a presentment naming police who allegedly took protection money from policy bankers.

"If Bebchick had lived there is no doubt he would have been indicted on a lottery charge," Mr. Amen added. "But, more important, his connection with official corruption probably would have been uncovered."

Indication that the 1941 Bebchick is comparable to the 1912 Rosenthal came today when Mr. Amen was asked:

"Is this a war of extermination against your witnesses in the police corruption investigation?"

Mr. Amen replied:
"A program of intimidation against potential witnesses in this investigation has been in operation for some time. It is more than likely, according to our information, that this is another move in the same direction."

Rosenthal was the gambling king of his day. A sweeping investigation of gambling was launched. Pressure was put on Rosenthal and he decided to tell how gambling was permitted by paying off conniving police officials.

Lieut. Becker knew that if Rosenthal talked the jig was up. He sent four cold-eyed killers—Gyp the Blood, Lefty Lous, Dago Frank and Whitey Lewis—to close Rosenthal's mouth. They did, shooting him down on a Manhattan street. The scandal shook the city and later the four gunmen, together with Lieut. Becker, died in the electric chair.

Big Operators Sought.

Meanwhile, as Empire Station detectives raided Bebchick's reputed headquarters and arrested four men alleged to be still carrying on the policy bank business, it was learned that police were looking for Frankie Shields and Max (Fats) Feldman, called the two biggest crap-game operators in the city.

Shields is reputed to run a big crap game in the Mulberry Bend

section of the lower East Side, within hailing distance of the Elizabeth St. police station, and not far from police headquarters. It was here Bebchick is alleged to have won \$20,000 in a dice game a few hours before he was taken for a ride.

Winning as much as \$20,000 in this upper bracket establishment was not unusual, it was said, and, none of the winning players ever had been known to have been robbed on his way home.

Confederates Questioned.

The other operator police are said to be seeking, Fats Feldman, is supposed to concentrate on the Brooklyn trade. His State St. headquarters recently was raided by police. Fats was not present. It is believed that Fats and Shields combined their organizations after the State St. raid.

The four alleged confederates were questioned for hours by the Empire Blvd. police, who were satisfied then that the quartet knew nothing of the Bebchick killing. They were booked for running a policy bank. The men are:

Morris Hecker, 46, of 15 Herzl St.; Phillip Gross, 30, of 1280 E. 18th St., and Jack Meyer, 37, of 280 Troy Ave., all Brooklyn, and Meyer Rabinowitz, 31, of 21 70th St., Guttenberg, N. J.

Police recalled that one of Bebchick's many aliases—which included Schwartz, Fenner, Belizak and Jew Murphy—was Morris Hecker. He gave this name once when picked up for peddling slips.

Won \$20,000.

The raid last night was in an office at 626 Lincoln Pl., in Brooklyn. Police said the four men were sorting 325 envelopes, each containing several hundred policy plays.

Police called the headquarters the "nerve center" of the "mutual horse racing policy." The four prisoners appeared in the lineup this morning and told Acting Capt.

John G. Stein they had made a statement at Mr. O'Dwyer's office. They were not questioned further and were returned to Brooklyn for further quizzing by the District Attorney's staff.

When the still warm body of Bebchick was found in a parked convertible sedan on Empire Blvd. near Albany Ave. yesterday morning, police first believed he had been murdered because he boasted he was going to "take over" the lucrative Brownsville policy racket.

Then it was revealed that Bebchick had walked out of the Mulberry Bend dice place a \$20,000 winner. Only \$30.05 was found in his pockets. Later, the theory was, Bebchick had cached his winnings and had been killed because of that.

Still later a new possible motive developed—that Bebchick lost about \$20,000 in a crap game several weeks ago and couldn't pay his IOU's.

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