

to give him a thorough trial at the station before seeking Fred Merkle, who, at best, would be merely a makeshift.

The Cubs are in the throes of reconstruction. Nothing much is expected of them this season. The fans have caught that humor, and Mitchell can afford to experiment at the expense of his percentage. A team of developing men, trying all the time, will prove a greater attraction than a combination of fellows whose path is nearing the end, even should the latter combination succeed in winning a few more games than the former.

Ping Bodie with a triple and three singles beat the Red Sox. His triple was the winning hit and would have been a homer if there had not been a man on first base.

Yanks swept Washington series, again beating Walter Johnson, who relieved Dumont. Caldwell was effective. Baker got three hits and Foster four.

Speaker and Cobb each got two hits. Indians overcame big lead and hammered Daus.

Giants bunched hits, Fletcher getting single, double and homer; Zim triple and single, and Burns and Herzog a couple of one-spots each.

Cincinnati had 16 men left on base and Caris beat Toney. Cruise and Cueto got three hits each.

Toledo won a game in the American ass'n after losing eight straight and immediately thereafter the clubhouse and a small part of the grandstand burned down.

Johnny Kilbane knocked Matt Brock down four times in ten rounds at Cleveland and won easily. It was rough work all the way. In a preliminary to the fight, Luke Ginley was knocked out by Jimmie Berry and died in a hospital shortly after.

Charlie White outfought Walter Mohr in ten rounds at New York, scoring one knockdown.

Minor league magnates declare that if the government puts a tax of

10 per cent on baseball receipts their organizations will have to close the parks. Representatives of the Three-Eye, International, Western and American ass'n circuits will go to Washington and explain this, at the same time admitting the justice of the tax.

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ARE OUR RICH MEN SLACKERS? INCOME TAX PUBLICITY WILL TELL

By Basil M. Manly.

Washington, April 20. — Are John D. Rockefeller, J. Pierpont Morgan, George J. Gould and the other over-age multi-millionaires "doing their bit for their country" by paying their income taxes?

Nobody knows except the secretary of the treasury and a handful of officials, and they won't tell.

If this country is to carry on a successful war it is absolutely essential that returns of income taxes be made public, to do away with the possibility of fraud.

The present law forbids every one except the treasury officials to find out or publish the facts that would show which of these men on whom Uncle Sam is relying to pay a part of the cost of war are doing their duty and which are tax-dodging slackers.

We know many of them are evading income taxes and robbing the treasury of millions of dollars now sorely needed, but we can't find out which ones.

And the treasury dep't, with only 275 revenue agents to collect the tax for the entire country, one for every 365,000 people, is absolutely powerless to find out.

We are entitled as American citizens to know who is paying for the war and who is evading his responsibility, as much as to know who is going to do the fighting.

The way to make sure of knowing who the income-tax-dodging slackers are is to write your congressman urging publicity of income tax returns,