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"Perchers" Must Pay Tax. Persons who sell seats on any roof or structure overlooking a baseball park will be obliged to pay a war tax to the United States Government, according to an announcement issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. The tax must be collected and paid by the enterprising owner or occupant of the building who receives payment for the seats occupied by "perchers." The announcement says that in one city a woman whose yard adjoins the ball park has been selling seats in a tree, the price being 5 and 10 cents, depending on how high the patrons have to climb. Recently the price has advanced to 6 and 11 cents, the extra cent being added to the war revenues.

# In The World Of Sport

## Sporting Notes

**A Detroit follower of the turf who is notorious for the "winnings" he has garnered writes that he was trimmed several times when he first began to bet on the races. A good title for his life history would be "From Fish to Shark."**

**Donie Bush of Detroit is making a tentative attempt to bat left-handed. It's great to be optimistic, but here's being it will be "back to the bush" for Donie if he continues his experiment for any length of time.**

**A baseball player must have personality if he wants to be popular with the fans, advises a sport writer. Similarly, a fan must have personality if he wants to get in right with the ball players, but he must keep it in his pocketbook.**

**Dopesters doped it out last year that the Detroit Tigers would be the sensation of 1918 baseball. The prophets were right. A Detroit fan must experience a sinking sensation when he looks at the American League team standing nowadays.**

**Fulton is in a fighting frame of mind because the big fight is called off. It would be a great surprise if he were to get mad enough to join the army.**

**"Keep your eye on the ball," will be the first rudiment of golf now that periscope cutters are coming into vogue. The notice will in future be taught to keep his eye on the hole.**

**"Why is the Detroit team called the Tigers?" asks a fan. Probably because of the ferocity with which they are fighting to hold on to last place.**

**A sportsman of the Detroit News laments the fact that Jim Corbett rushed things too much in his fight with Jeffries eighteen years ago. Why lament so soon after the bout? Fight fans will probably be more interested to read stuff about the triumph of Napoleon and the Iron Duke.**

**Pennant Bee in Chicago's Hat. The pennant bee is buzzing in Chicago and at present no gloom hovers over the Cubs' Park. Since the opening of the season the fans have been plating, their faith in Fred Mitchell's team, and the result of the three games with the Giants has strengthened their conviction that before October rolls around Mitchell will be well in the lead for National League supremacy. If the ease with which the Cubs have made a clean sweep of the series with their Giant rivals is to be taken as a criterion, the hopes of Chicago fandom seem to be justified.**

**It is the belief not only in Chicago but in the other western cities that the Giants are a very much overrated team, and that they owe their prestige entirely to the victories they scored over weak teams in the eastern end of the circuit.**

**The fact that the Cubs have fought their way to second place in the flag fight without the services of Grover Cleveland Alexander except for a brief period convinces North Side rooters that their team would have been out in front by this time had the great pitcher not been called to the colors.**

**Kyle in U. S. Army. Andy Kyle, well known Toronto baseball and hockey player, has gone into the army of Uncle Sam, and thus satisfied the demands of two nations. Kyle is of draft age, but being a Canadian, thought he did not have to register in the States. He found out differently and was hauled up and told where to head in. He headed by enlisting.**

**Indian War Canoe Race. By a margin of fifteen feet the Valdez Island entrants won the eleven-paddle war canoe Indian championship of British Columbia at Vancouver. The two-mile course was covered in 12 minutes and 38 seconds. The Cowichan crew came second. Jack of the Sowichans won the single-paddle one-mile race in 6 minutes 20 seconds.**

**Golf Club to Give \$500,000. The Western Golf Association, Chicago, announces that all championship tournaments will be deferred this year for Red Cross exhibitions. The association set \$500,000 as the contribution of its 100 clubs to the Red Cross.**

**Campfire, owned by R. T. Wilson, will not race again. He has a bowled tendon.**

### NEW BOXING CHAMPIONS

May Appear When Germany Has Been Defeated.

A New York writer says: After the Hun has been humbled and the peace-loving peoples of the earth can retire for a night's slumber without danger of being awakened by the explosion of Boche bombs, there promises to be the greatest revival of boxing that ever has marked any branch of vigorous sport. The obvious truth of this assertion is the patent fact that nearly every soldier of the numerous training camps in America has had enough instruction in boxing by an expert to assure a knowledge of the science, or else to instill in him a liking for the sport.

The result is that when Uncle Sam's boys come marching home after hanging a K. O. on the Hun chin, there will be an army of boxers ready to contest for the titles in all classes. There also will be an army of boxing enthusiasts who will be anxious to follow up the sport as spectators.

It is quite unlikely that there will be any change in championship during the progress of the war, for those titleholders who are boxing instructors will be kept extremely busy teaching the recruits during the remainder of the conflict. The champions now in the service, and who will go to the front—Pete Herman, bantam, and Mike O'Dowd, middleweight—will have their troubles holding their titles at the close of the war, for they will lose form through long inaction.

Kilbane, featherweight, and Leonard, lightweight champions, will also have considerable of their form, even though they do a great deal of hard work in the camps.

The only titleholders who have done absolutely nothing for the cause are Willard, the heavyweight, and Kid Lewis, welter. It is questionable if either will be in lively demand at the close of the war.

The chances of a new set of boxing champions when an Allied peace is declared are excellent, with the indications that some of the new titleholders will be men who went over the top in the great combat over there.

### HUN BOXER FOUGHT FOULLY, But He Lost to Englishman After a Crude Battle.

Ritchie, Wolgast, "Pakke, and many other boxers of German origin, have won laurels in the ring, but champions of Teuton blood are of recent growth, and very scarce at that. The first German to try for a championship was Tom Juchau, a Prussian, who settled in London in the middle of the eighteenth century. Juchau, known as "The Dishier," claimed the championship of England after he defeated George Millsom in 1763, but his pretensions were denied by Bill Darts, "The Dyer." The German and the Englishman were matched to battle for the title 152 years ago, May 21, 1766. The patrons of the sport hung up \$5,000, a big sum in those days. It was one of the foulest bouts ever fought. From the first Juchau resorted to all sorts of foul tactics, and Darts retaliated in kind. No attention was paid to rules by either man, but they were permitted to fight on, and Darts at length won the victory by planting a very low blow on the abdomen of the German. Juchau apparently disappeared after this contest, for the old records of the ring contain no later references to him.

### WILLARD WORTH \$350,000. Did Not Lay Up a Dollar From Johnson Fight.

When Jess Willard crawled through the ropes to fight Jack Johnson at Havana, April 5th, 1915, he was flat broke. He didn't possess enough coin of the realm to pad the proverbial crutch, and he knew that if he lost he would have a tough time getting back to the States and paying up debts that had accumulated. Less than three years later, last March, to be exact, Willard was rated as the possessor of a fortune that ranged between \$350,000 and \$500,000. If this isn't a record for fortune-making, when it is considered that from the time he faced Johnson until the present day the big fellow has fought only 36 rounds, then we'll buy the cakes.

Fistic champions of the past in all other divisions had a much harder time getting their money. They were not boosted to the position of challengers over night like Willard. And they had to keep fighting from time to time in order to cash in on the titles they had won. Willard's share for fighting Jack Johnson was supposed to have been \$10,000, but expenses were so great that Willard did not get a dollar, according to both Tom Jones and Jack Curley, his joint managers at the time.

Then the big fellow "vodevilled" for a while at a fat salary, and, finally, in 1916, he raked in \$74,000 for boxing Frank Moran ten rounds. So, if it is true that Willard was clean as a Thanksgiving bird when he left Havana, the money he got for fighting Moran is the only money he has earned with his fists. All the rest has been realized by commercializing his title.

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### BASEBALL STRING BEANS.

Some Managers Find Their "Tall Slims" are Regular "Aces."

Some baseball managers, past and present, have insisted that their box-men be above the average in height. John McGraw has belonged to this class, to his sorrow in 1914, when he saw one of his cast-offs, Dick Rudolph, who had been dropped from the Giants on account of his small stature, lead the drive which resulted in the Braves beating the Giants to the wire by a substantial margin.

But as a general rule the great pitchers have been men of the six-foot class. Mathewson, Alexander, Johnson, Bender, Coombs, Plank, Reulbach, Ruth, and Vaughn are all right round six feet. All were great pitchers.

The great little pitchers in recent years have been rather scarce. Ed-Edwards, of 1917 world's series fame; Dick Rudolph; Carl Bays, the submarine artist; Earl Hamilton, the 1918 National League sensation, and George Foster are the most noteworthy. These men have been called diminutive, but none of them is under five feet nine, which in any other line would be considered a fair height.

This brings up the question of the super-pitchers—those ranging far over six feet and their effectiveness. This story was suggested by the fact that "Slim" Love of the Yanks is the most dependable of Huggins' boxmen this season.

Love stands half a foot over six feet, and when he stretches out his long left pitching arm he can almost tweak the batter's nose.

Love is due to become one of the greats in the box game this season, if early indications do not miscarry. As brother string beans on the same club, Love has Ray Caldwell, who measures about four inches over six feet, and Monroe, an inch taller than Ray.

The Giants brag a couple of super-pitchers in Tesreau, six feet three inches, and Sallee, who admits the same height. Across the bridge in Brooklyn "Rube" Marquard towers six feet four inches above his toes.

The St. Louis Browns have a near-monopoly of tall slims in the west with Dave Davenport, whose stretch form sticks six feet seven inches into the air, and Grover Lowdermilk, two inches shorter. When Carl Weiland was with the club he fitted in just between the two.

The navy got two baseball string beans, Eppa Jephth Rixey, whose neck-like figure took up six feet, five inches of horizontal space, and Ernie Shore, who measured six feet four and one-half inches.

### HE'LL KNOW BETTER NOW.

A near-riot was prevented at the baseball game at Chicago on Saturday by a Government agent who came to the rescue of a fan who refused to stand or take off his hat when the "Star Spangled Banner" was played. When several sailors and soldiers leaped at the offending fan, the agent took him in custody and led him away.

Leibold and John Collins become outfield regulars of the White Sox as a result of Joe Jackson's departure. They divided the work in right field up to the time the vacancy was created in left.

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