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In The World Of Sport

BIG WALTER JOHNSON IS ON THE MARKET He Got Only Five Hits in Seven

Refuses to Accept Cut in His \$18,500 Salary Next

"Johnson's contract of \$18,500 expires this season, and the speed king had made up his mind not to sign unless Griffith came through with a like offer, which no doubt explains why our boss is letting his star moundsman go," said a prominent member of the Washington American League team in discussing the reported sale

heavy loser, and that every member average of 259. of his team holding a high salary Leading batters who have played ond base while Herzog, is out, and contract would have to accept a big in half of their club's games; Cobb, in doing excellent work. Jim has

makes it look as if the owners of the Boston, .305; Cleveland, .306; Washington franchise are very desir- Lewis, Boston, .305; McInnis, Philious of getting out, for without the adelphia, .302; Harris, Cleveland, marvellous Walter the club would .301; Bodie, Philadelphia, .300. probably be an absolute tail-ender, Cicotte of Chicago continues to and a sure financial failure as well. lead the pitchers participating in 30 No one hesitates in admitting that or more games rated according to the Senators have failed to make expenses at home this season, and as the club has not made any money for the last few years, the deal with the lost fortune before the franchise is shifted elsewhere.

A CHANGE IS NEEDED. To Prevent Draggy Finishes in Base-

ball League. Present lack of interest in baseball due to the fact that both races are, apparently settled nearly a month before the season is over, suggest that some change should be in- forty-five years old, and one fre- worth of players this season. augurated to abolish the draggy quently hears from rival players the finishes that result from these con- charge that it is impossible for him ditions, and to save the club owners to become a winning pitcher after so from the losses that they sustain many years of medicore success, the Chicago American League Ball through opening their parks to ne- without the aid of some magic. Those Club, has sent the Red Cross a cheque gligible attendances and through who talk that way simply do not paying for railroad tickets to send know the facts. The official records \$17,113 contributed by the club this their players somewhere where no of the game show that Cicotte, with one is waiting to meet them. At least the exception of one year, has been Red Cross ten per cent. of the club's a dozen of the 16 major league clubs among the leading pitchers in the will either lose money or do little American League ever since the premore than to break even after Sep- sent system of ranking hurlers by tember 15th of this year.

Shortening the season will do no good, because a race is just as likely time Cicotte has been the second best to be ended a month before the pitcher in the league two different winding up of a 140 games schedule as of one of 154 games. One thing that could be done, however, is to declare a season closed automatically the night that a club has its league's flag cinched. There's no sense in is only a shade better pitcher than playing after that, because nobody he has been. The suspicions are alcares about the games, and few at- most wholly due to the fact that the players, who, under present condi- games for Cicotte than in previous tions, are paid for anywhere from a seasons. Hitherto he has been week to ten days after they have known as a hard luck hurler beceased to render service.

Sam Crawford is Through. The management of the Detroit club is arranging an easy and complimentary way out of baseball for Wahoo" Sam Crawford, the veteran outfielder, who will retire at the

end of this grason. The Detroit management will not actually release the player, who has never been sold, traded or released in his eighteen years of service." He broke into professional baseball in 85: with the Chatham team of the Canadian League, was signed by De-ro't, "iouned" to Grand Rapids, and afterward went to Cincinnati, where he played for four years before being awarded to Detroit in the famous "peace agreement."

Scattle Fan Gets \$1,000.

Edward Kavafian, who was hit by base bleachers at a game of the rise to great heights at times. It North-western League, in Seattle, will be the first meeting between Wash., last year, obtained a verdict the east and west in a number of for \$1,000 against L. E. Dugdale, years in a world's series, and interowner of the Seattle Baseball Club. He sued for \$6,000 for injury to his knee. The defense introduced a number of fans who testified that the third base bleachers, although unprotected by netting, were ideal for view, but every one who sat there ting and fielding and Lajoie was the

COBB DROPS 12 POINTS

Games—Bush Is Best Scorer. Tris Speaker, the 1916 batting

champion, is making a desperate drive to finish second to Ty Cobb for American League batting hon-Averages released show the Cleveland star back in second place with an average of .353, with Sisler of St. Louis, who held the spot a week ago, six points behind him. The averages include games of Wednesday. Cobb fell off 12 points in the week, getting only five hits in seven games, but he is safely in the lead with an average of :374. Bush, of pitcher Walter Johnson to Cleve- the Detroit shortstop, is the leading scorer, having brought in 101 runs. In a conversation with a Washing- Veach, of Detroit, retains the home of the National league despite the ton authority it leaked out that run honors with eight. Roth and loss of Herzog. Seven more victor-Griffith had been endeavoring for Chapman, of Cleveland, are fighting les will see the rag cinched for them. the last three weeks to have John- it out for honors in base stealing. They have sixteen more games to son sign a 1918 contract but that Roth with 45 having a lead of three. play. The Phillies would have to the pitcher refused to accept a cut Chapman continues to show the way win nineteen straight to even tie in salary. A few days ago Griffith to sacrifice hitters with 64. Detroit, them should the Giants win only six openly admitted that the club was a which leads in team batting, has an of their remaining games,

Chicago, .314; Veach, Detroit, .306; The proposed sale of Johnson Chapman, Cleveland, 306; Lewis, earned runs per game with 24 won.

> Rousch, of Cincinnati, widened the gap between himself and Hornsgue, averages, including games of scheduled games. Wednesday, giving Rousch an average of .345, nineteen points ahead of his rival.

PITCHER CICOTTE IS 45

He is One of the American League's Most Effective Hurlers.

their effectiveness instead of games won and lost was adopted. In that seasons and eighth once. The averages for this year show that Cicotte is only a little more effective than in previous seasons, consequently he This would not affect the White Sox are winning rather more cause he could not "win" games. He would hold his opponents to one or two runs but his teammates could not score enough tallies to cop.

> Who'll Win World Series? A judge of odds in baseball, says New York will be the favorite over Chicago if they meet in the world's series, with little or no accent on the if," and that the odds will be 6 to 5 and perhaps even 7 to 5. As a matter of fact, both teams are so much alike in general mold and characteristics that it looks more like a case of even money and take your pick. Both teams are well balanced offensively and defensively. They have about the same batting strength of hitters of much the same type. Neither team has an Alex-ander, or a Walter Johnson, or a Babe Ruth ,but both are well equipped with pitchers, some of whom, notably Fredie Schupp and Jeff Tesreau of the Giants and Lefty Russell and Scott of the White Sox, est is sure to run high.

Torontos Well on Top. In addition to winning the International Baseball League pennant the Toronto Leafs led the league in hit-

GIANTS AND CHICAGO ON THEIR LAST TRIP

The Giants Have to Win Only Six Games to Cinch National Pennant.

With Charley Herzog out of the game-perhaps for all time-the Giants are on their last western trip of the season. At his home in Maryland Herzog declared that unless he improves greatly in health he will not return to the game, even for the world's series. He said, he hoped, however, to get into the big games. Finishing up on their pennant should not be hard for the leaders

Jimmy Smith is filling in at seccut or be shipped elsewhere, other- Detroit, .374; Speaker, Cleveland, been knocking 'em far and wide since wise the Senators would be unable to .353; Sisler, St. Louis, .347; Felsch, Herzog turned over the job to him. His blows have been timely. Herzog's absence is hurting the team only in that his pep is missing. Smith is fielding fully as well as the Giant captain and in a few games he has taken part in has hit better than the Maryland star.

> The Chicago White Sox again are on the road, needing seven games to 11 dost, and an average of 154 earnclaim the pennant as their own. They have twelve pastimes left on their

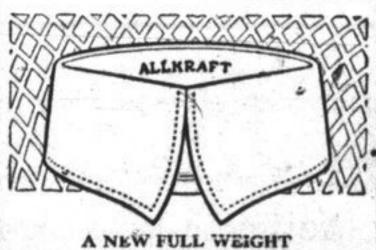
Cleveland may mean the opening by, the St. Louis shortstop, for the must win them all to tie the White batting lead in the National Lea- Sox if the latter win only six of their

Dunn to Sell Whole Team.

Jack Dunn, owner, manager and president of the Baltimore Orioles, announces that he will sell every member of his team. The Orioles have lost much money again this season. Dunn is not hopeful of the Pitcher Cicotte of the Chicago International League outlook. He White Sox, has been accused of being has already sold nearly \$40,000

> \$17,113 For Red Cross. Charles A. Comiskey, president of

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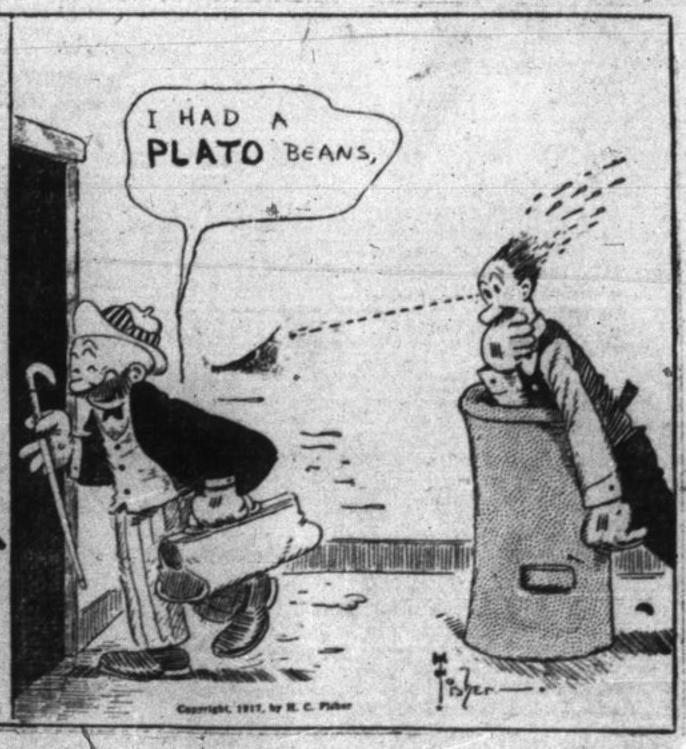
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