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Sporting News

BALTIMORE TO RETURN TO MAJOR LEAGUE

Washington Franchise to be Transferred—Jack Dunn to Get Job with N. Y. Yankees.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 27. — Baltimore, after being enmeshed for 14 years in minor league baseball, with its despised draft rule and classification which ranked it in the great national pastime with cities far inferior is to be restored to the American League.

Ban Johnson, who has always been a stumbling block to Baltimore's major league ambition, is now in accord with Clark Griffith's plan to close up shop in Washington and come to Baltimore, where Sunday baseball is expected to regain for the Old Fox and those who sunk their kale in the Washington club the big loss sustained in the last two years.

Jack Dunn, owner of the Baltimore International League team, who has always stood faithful to organized baseball when the Federal League opened the war is, according to arrangement, to be given the management of the New York Yankees, where his skill in developing young players is expected to make a success. He has disposed of his star players, Barber, Fewster, Lamar and McAvoy, and the other desirables are on the market.

The plan to shift the Washington franchise here is the outcome of the suit of the Baltimore Terrapins against organized ball, Charlie Weeghman, Jim Gilmore and a few others. It is said that this was agreed to when the famous suit was so suddenly withdrawn from the United States District Court at Philadelphia. The local Feds will be given the controlling stock in the club, with Clark E. Griffith retaining the big block he already holds.

The American League, it is said, has been brought around to the side of Baltimore by the outpouring of fans at the recent Sunday games. When Hughey Jennings went away from here some time ago after his Tigers had engaged in an exhibition brush with the Duncans, he took along with him just \$2,300, and this was a good bit more than the Detroit club received for an entire series at Washington. Jennings as much as admitted when he was here that the game was a sort of "feeler."

When Dunn has raked in all the coin he can he will return his franchise, probably for a little more cash, to the International League, which will transfer it to Syracuse, N. Y., a hustling little burg that is clamoring for class A ball.

TO STOP GAMING AT BALL FIELDS

Boston, Aug. 25. — Patrolman Ring of Brighton is keeping up his batting average in arresting young men who attempt to gamble at Braves Field. For the past week he has arrested two men every day for gaming. Yesterday he arrested Paul Kelsey of 14 Hazlewood street, Dorchester, and John A. Fay of 549 Massachusetts avenue.

Chicago, Aug. 24. — In an effort to stamp out gambling in the Boston baseball parks, President Johnson said today the National Baseball Commission will issue an order tomorrow directing the presidents of the two clubs to refuse admission to men convicted of betting.

YOUNG GIRL A NOTED SWIMMER

Miss Thelma Darby, the 14-year-old Indianapolis swimmer, won four women's championship medals at the Central A.A.U. meet in Detroit last Saturday. She won the mile in 21m. 2 2/5 s., the plunge for distance, the 100-yard breast stroke in 1m. 59s., and the 100-yard back stroke in 1m. 54s. Her time in the mile was only 70 seconds slower than that of John Metzger, who won the men's title. Of course, the fast time is accounted for by the fact that there was a current aiding the swimmers.

The Angola correspondent for the Cadillac, Mich., News and Express writes as follows: "Bert Allen has a real easy job for the summer waking up horses for R. G. Peters."

China is beginning to export pig iron from what are believed to be the greatest deposits of iron ore in the world.

MAJORS MAKING USUAL PURCHASE FROM MINORS

Highlanders Buy Smallwood—Baltimore Sells McAvoy and Shannon to Philadelphia Athletics.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 24. — Jack Dunn today disposed of two more of his Orioles, Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics purchasing Catcher McAvoy and Shortstop Shannon. McAvoy was formerly with Berlin in the Canadian League. Shannon is from Seton Hall School.

Both are youngsters, but McAvoy has had a couple of trials in major company. Shannon was first signed by the Braves, but was farmed when he failed to make good. He has played sensational ball at times this season, but does not appear to be much of a hitter.

Connie Mack no doubt will give them a good try-out next spring, and if they do not show the required amount of class Dunn probably will get them back again.

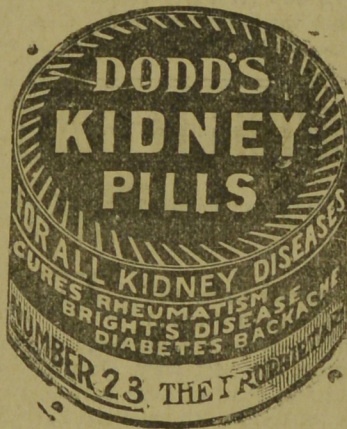
The local owner has disposed of six players this season. Barber to the Cubs; Fewster, Thormahlen and Lamar to the Highlanders, and the pair to Mack. However, Dunn has signed a young southpaw named Howard McFall, so he is starting early to build up his 1918 team.

Smallwood Sold to Highlanders.

Montreal, Aug. 24. — Walter Smallwood, star pitcher of the Newark Baseball Club, has been sold to the New York club of the American League, so President James R. Price of the Newark club announced here tonight. President Price said if Smallwood joins the United States army the deal will be off.

Smallwood recently passed a physical examination for the U. S. army, and was described by the examiners as the finest sample of physical manhood they had seen.

Apparently knowing that a guard on duty is forbidden to use his gun except in an emergency, a big red fox keeps a guard at Colfax, Cal., company at night, coming within 15 feet of him. The fox sits upon its haunches and eyes the guard's basket, and if granted a crust it grabs it and leaps into the brush, but soon reappears for more.



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