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## FEDERALS HAVE BEEN ON THE JOB GRABBING UP PLAYERS

New York, Aug. 3.—When early in the season the Federal League moguls declared they were not going to stop at picking up major league stars but intended also to enter the minor league field and carry off any promising talent found there, Organized Baseball was inclined to pull a snicker up its cuff. O. B. wanted to know how the Feds could swoop any talent when the league would be in the discard by July 4.—They would have no need for talent then, said O. B., who couldn't see the Feds with a Yankee telescope.

But the Feds have kept right on the job and have been making good their threat by grabbing players whenever the opportunity offered.

The signing of Larue Kirby of Mobile, by the St. Louis Federals, affords a good illustration of how the Federal League can hamper organized baseball. Kirby was the leading pitcher in the Michigan State League last season and along towards the close was sold to the New York Giants for a hundred dollars. After giving Kirby a trial Manager McGraw figured that the youngster was not quite ripe for the big show and sent him to the Mobile club in the Southern League.

It wasn't very long after Kirby joined the Mobile team that he began to show the genuine article. He not only took his regular turn in the pitcher's box but played in the outfield when not doing slab duty. In fact, it was in the outfield that he particularly glistened. He soon developed into a fancy gardener as well as one of the leading heavy hitters of the league. His fine work caught the eyes of a score of big league scouts and it wasn't long before major league clubs started in to bid for his services.

It looked pretty soft for the Mobile club, owning a star performer whom the "big yarders" were bidding their heads off to land. The Chicago Cubs bid \$2,000 for Kirby but Mobile refused the offer. She figured that the Boston Braves were ready to raise the ante to at least \$10,000 in real money.

While the Mobile club was doing the "hesitation" a Fed scout, who

was doing no bidding, managed somehow to meet Mr. Kirby. The Fed ivory hunter said as how it was a fine day, that Mr. Kirby was looking fine and that Federal League money was fine, etc. As a result of the friendly four-minute chat between the two Larue Kirby ditched the Mobile club and became a member of the St. Louis Federals. For this accommodating hurdle the St. Louis club presented Larue with \$4,000 cash and a contract calling for a dancy salary Mobile is out \$8,000 and Kirby is fondling a \$4,000 bank roll.

The Kirby case has caused Southern League managers, and the managers in other minor leagues as well, to lie awake nights trying to figure out a scheme that will enable them to save their players from the clutches of the dreaded Feds. For Kirby's flop is believed to be but a forerunner of numerous other instances of the same kind that are likely to happen this fall when the Federals go after the minor league players.

Ignoring the minor league clubs entirely and dealing direct with the players seems to be the trump card of the Federals at the present time. It not only places the minor league clubs in a mighty bad place but it deals a vital blow at the very foundation of organized baseball. Already there are rumors of minor leagues, here and there, getting ready to withdraw from organized baseball unless the organization takes some effective steps to protect the interests of the minors.

Nowadays the minor leagues derive a large share of their income through the sale of promising players to leagues in a higher classification. If the little fellows should lose their income organized baseball would be on the rocks in short order. And then the minor leagues probably would lose no time in doing business with the Federal League in the same manner in which they have traded with the majors in the past.

The Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor advocates a law to exclude from employment in tobacco factories in the State all girls under the age of eighteen.

## SEPTEMBER MORNS TIED IMPERIALS LAST NIGHT

League-Leaders Had Surprise Sprung Upon Them  
 --Score was 3 to 3 and Overeagerness on Part of V. O'Ree Prevented Morns From Scoring Winning Run

The September Morns who put one over on the Pets Thursday night almost did the same to the Imperials last night. As it was the score was 3 to 3 and if Venner O'Ree had not interfered with Karl Walker as he was running bases in the last inning the Morns would have won 4 to 3. O'Ree through over eagerness helped Walker to his feet after he fell between third and the home-plate.

The game was a see-saw. The Morns took the lead by scoring one in the second. They blewup in the third and the Imps made three but came back strong and would have won in the fifth but for the incident referred to.

The home run by Karl Walker was a feature.

The box score is as follows:  
 IMPERIALS

	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.E.
Gough, 3b	3	1	1	1	1
Johnson, ss	3	0	1	0	0
Burden, p	3	0	1	0	3
Wandless, rf	2	0	0	1	0
Chapell, 2b	2	0	0	0	2
Hall, c	2	0	1	4	3
A. Johnson, 1b	2	0	0	7	0

Nichols, cf	2	1	0	1	0	0
Shaw, lf	1	1	0	0	0	0
	20	3	4	15	9	3

### SEPTEMBER MORNS

	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.E.
Coward, 3b and p	3	0	0	0	2
G. Walker, p and 3b	3	1	0	0	3
Lafford, 1b	3	1	2	4	0
K. Walker, c	3	1	1	5	0
Kitchen, cf	1	0	0	0	2
V. O'Ree, 2b	2	0	1	2	1
Jarvis, lf	2	0	0	1	0
H. O'Ree, ss	1	0	0	2	0
Stickles, rf	2	0	0	1	1
	20	3	4	15	7

### Score by Innings:

Sept. Morns	01101—3
Imperials	00300—3
Summary—Home run, K. Walker	
Sacrifice hit, Shaw. Hits off G. Walker 1 in 1 inning, off Coward 3 in 1	
innings. Struck out Coward 4, Burden 7. Tolen bases, V. O'Ree, H. O'Ree, Burden, Hall, Shaw. Double play, Stickles and K. Walker. Base on balls, Coward 2. Passed ball, Hall	
Umpires A. Smith and R. Burgoyne.	



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## SPORT OF ALL KINDS

The Boston Braves seem to have a little something on the Chicago Cubs this season, having won 11 of the 15 games played with the O'Day outfit.

Louisville, Milwaukee, Kansas City and Cleveland look to be the teams that will fight it out to a finish for the American association pennant.

The New York Yankees have been playing regular baseball of late, and "Birdie" Croe's big stick is one of the principal factors in the Yanks' good showing.

Manager Jack Dunn of the Baltimore Orioles plans to sell two or three more of his veteran players and finish the season with a team of youngsters.

Evidently a change of scenery was just what Mitchell needed. The former National leaguer is showing some fine wares with the Washington Senators.

Now that Charley Carr has joined the Indianapolis Feds the Detroit Tigers have given up the idea of training at Charley's baseball college in San Antonio next spring.

After making a runaway race in the first half of the Southern Michigan league season the Bay City team has jumped out in front in the second half of the season.

"Long Tom" Hughes, who was a star pitcher in the major league company a dozen years or longer is doing a successful come-back stunt in the Pacific Coast League.

Followers of the Tri-State league consider Mauer, the Trenton shortstop, strong enough for the majors. He is a brilliant fielder and is hitting the pill over the .300 mark.

Third Baseman Metzger, of the Los Angeles Pacific Coast league team, has a record of playing in four consecutive games without having any kind of a fielding chance—either put-out, assist or error.

The former Boston Braves, Hap Myers of the Brookfields and Benny Kauff of the Indianapolis Hoosiers, are having a grand battle for the leadership of base stealers in the Federal league.

Nick Maddox has been released as manager of the Wichita Western league team and "Peaches" Graham has been named to succeed him. Both players were at one time well known National league performers.

After getting away to poor start this season, Tris Speaker has rounded to and is now fairly burning up the American league circuit. The Red Sox star gardener is receiving a princely salary, and he is earning it.

Opinion seems to be divided as to the real condition of Larry Lajole. Some of the Cleveland followers say that Larry will be the star of old after a short rest, while others believe the great second-sacker is "out" so far as his league ball is concerned.

From all accounts that was some riot at Detroit recently between the Washington Senators and Empire Jack Sheridan, with one or two spectators being beamed for good measure. And it was one muss on the Detroit field that cannot be charged to Ty Cobb.

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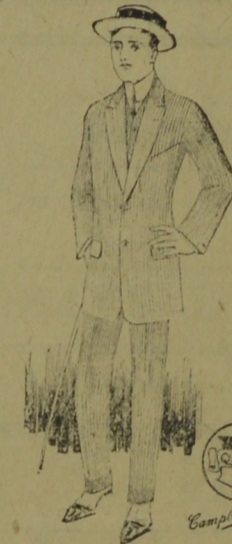
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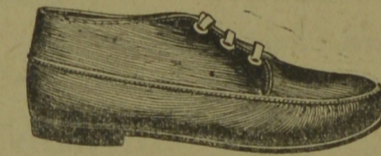
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