

burgh will be the first visiting team, and then the remaining eastern aggregations will follow.

Manager John McGraw of the Giants has stirred up a fine little mess by trying to sign Benny Kauff, the star outfielder of the Federal league, under contract to Brooklyn Tip Tops. Kauff became dissatisfied in Brooklyn because he was fined \$50, and went to McGraw.

The Giant pilot, who does not care a thundering lot about obligations and contracts, put him in uniform and tried to play him against the Boston Braves. Apparently McGraw did this on his own hook, as he has lots of power in directing the Giants, and did not consult President Hempstead.

President Gaffney of the Braves refused to allow his team to play against Kauff, contending that the outfielder was an outlaw and would remain one until reinstated by the national commission. Umpires Quigley and Eason became mixed up, Quigley forfeiting the game to the Giants and Eason to the Braves. Then President Tener came through with a telegram to the effect that Kauff couldn't play and that Boston should have the game if McGraw persisted in his intention.

McGraw took water immediately, removed Kauff in favor of Snodgrass and then said the battle was only an exhibition. Evidently he is not acquainted with the rule that prohibits teams from the same league playing exhibitions against each other during the league season. President Tener decided that the game counts in the records. The Braves slammed Marguard, Magee getting two triples and a double, Maranville a pair of doubles and a single, Cather a homer and two singles, and Gowdy a homer and single, the four-base blow coming with the bases full.

McGraw has precipitated a nasty mess. President Gilmore of the Federals has suspended Kauff, and the jumper may find himself without a job anywhere. There, certainly

should be little difficulty preventing him playing with the Giants, as his contract with Brooklyn is supposed to be ironclad. It is possible that the leaders of organized baseball will force McGraw to give up all claim to Kauff, as his act will give organized ball a black eye if allowed to stand. And it also comes at a time when the decision by Judge Landis in the baseball suit is expected, another unfortunate angle.

McGraw is desperate. His team has been slapped viciously by the other easterners and he was also blocked in his effort to trade Outfielders Murray and Robertson and Pitcher Perritt for Outfielder Wheat of Brooklyn. The outlook for Muggsy isn't bright. Merkle had his arm busted during the Brave game and will be on the bench for a month.

Demaree was hit hard by Brooklyn. Phillies lost, though Bancroft maced a homer and triple.

McHale scattered Red Sox hits and Yanks won another.

Tigers won on batting of Veach, Crawford and Kavanagh. Pitcher Boland won his third straight for Detroit.

Miscellaneous Scores

Evanston 12, Morton 3.
Proviso 18, Desplaines 10.
La Grange 4, Thornton 2.
Austin 21, North Division 10.
Wendell Phillips 6, Oak Park 4.
De Paul 5, St. Ignatius 4.
St. Rita 11, St. Patrick 5.

AN OX IN THE MIRE

It was Sunday and two small boys were industriously digging in a vacant lot, when a man who was passing stopped to give them a lecture.

"Don't you know that it is a sin to dig on Sunday unless it be a case of necessity?" asked the good man.

"Yes, sir," timidly replied one of the boys.

"Then why don't you stop it?"

"'Cause this is a case of necessity," replied the little philosopher, "A feller can't fish without bait."