

# SURGEON'S KNIFE PUTS WOLGAST OUT

### Lightweight Champion Undergoes Operation on Eve of Big Battle.

## RECOVERY EXPECTED SOON

### Appendicitis Attacks Fighter in Night and Few Hours Later Trouble is Removed—Cancellation of Bout Blows to Fans.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29.—On the eve of one of the greatest battles of his life and one in which his title to the lightweight championship was held in the balance, and for which he had brought himself supposedly to a state of physical perfection, Adolph Wolgast, lightweight champion pugilist of the world, lies tonight in Clara Barton Hospital, recovering from an operation for the removal of his vermillion appendix.

The illness of Wolgast came as a bolt from a clear sky. In sporting centers the report was not believed for hours. "It's another of those tales that always bob up just before a great battle," was the answer all gave. But they were wrong.

Wolgast retired last night after partaking of a hearty supper, feeling, he said, as well as he has ever felt in his life. With Wolgast at the training camp in Vernon suburb were his sparring partner, "Hobo" Dougherty, and his manager, Tom Jones. There were three little beds in the room, one for each man. The party retired for the night at 9 o'clock promptly. At 4 o'clock Wolgast was in the hospital being prepared for the operation.

### Champion in Great Pain.

"At 2 o'clock," said Dougherty, "I was awakened by Ad calling me. He jumped up and going to his bed, he said to me he was in great pain. It was merely nervousness, due to hard training, and possibly some worry over his coming battle with Welsh. I tried to comfort him but in half an hour he began to grow worse and I called Jones."

"At 3 o'clock we decided to call a doctor and doctor he was called. The doctor hurriedly called Dr. Pollard and the doctor came at once in his automobile. As soon as he saw Ad he said: 'That appendix is the trouble.'"

### Wife in Suspense.

Manager Jones, as soon as his protégé had been placed in a ward at the hospital, started for Venice in an automobile for Mrs. Wolgast and Mrs. Jones. He stopped at the way in which Freddie Welsh's training camp and awakening the English fighter, told him the news.

"For a moment Welsh was dazed. Then he said: 'Well, that's too bad. I certainly hope Ad gets out of this. I don't care so much for the financial loss as I do for the sake of my two good friends.'"

### Wolgast Hears Decision.

Manager Jones was acquainted with this decision and informed Wolgast. "All right, Tom," the champion replied. "All right, I'll go through it, but I'll fight with him on Saturday for me. Just tell them to strap me down tight and then go to it. I can stand it."

It was just 9:30 A. M. when a white-capped nurse gently placed a sponge under the champion's nostrils, and it was just 45 minutes before the door to the operating room was again opened. When the champion was wheeled back to his room and put to bed.

At 2:30 o'clock Wolgast came out of the stupor caused by the anaesthetic, and Mrs. Wolgast and Manager Jones were admitted to see him for a few minutes.

### Quick Recovery Predicted.

Dr. Pollard made a statement tonight to the effect that the operation was entirely successful and that the champion would recover rapidly.

News that the little Dutch athlete had been brought to the door of death rapidly, and scores of the champion's admirers stood outside the hospital awaiting word as to the outcome of the operation. It was a solemn assembly from the haunts of sport, judging from facial expressions, acute appendicitis was synonymous with death.

The 25-round Thanksgiving day battle at Vernon, of course, is off. The house had been sold out early in the week, and the gross receipts, estimated at \$11,000, will be returned to the seat purchasers. Wolgast was to have received \$13,000 for his share.

### Wolgast is Unlucky Fighter

Operation climax of Series of Misfortunes—Money Loss Big.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Local sporting circles were never so keenly disappointed as today when the lightweight championship fight scheduled for tomorrow had to be called off. They feel thankful, however, that Wolgast's chances for recovery are so good.

Manager McCarey had looked forward to a \$20,000 house. His loss will be heavy, but he says that fact does not bother him in the least. His heart fighter and his one desire now is to see Wolgast pull through.

# JOHN DAY PROJECT BEST SAYS SLOAN

### Stanfield Man After Aid to Get Abandonment of Umatilla West Extension.

## SITUATION BELIEVED GRAVE

### Farming Population is Declared to Be in Favor of Larger Irrigation Scheme With Exception of Few Speculators.

Expressing his belief that with the exception of a few land speculators in Umatilla County, the farming population of Umatilla, Gilliam and Morrow Counties is a unit in favor of the abandonment of the West extension of the John Day project, which, at something over double the cost will irrigate more than three times as much land, Frank Sloan, a wealthy rancher of Stanfield, Or., was in Portland yesterday to urge the influence of Portland business men upon the Government.

Mr. Sloan has been a resident of Umatilla County for the past 40 years. He says that in no way is he personally concerned by whatever decision the Government may finally make. "My own lands are not affected," said Mr. Sloan. "I am only taking up this work on behalf of Umatilla County people generally and particularly because if the west extension is carried on it means the ruin of 55 families at present farming irrigated lands on the proposed site of the west extension dam and reservoir."

### Plot is Alleged.

The pushing forward of the West extension of the John Day project, is a deliberate plan to "put President Taft in a hole" with regard to Oregon. He says that of the 50,000 acres which the extension would irrigate, more than 20,000 acres are held by private interests and that for this reason alone the President probably would exercise his veto should Congress attempt to vote in favor of a grant of \$4,000,000.

"While the President would be acting with the best possible motives, the opposition to his renouncing the government would endeavor to show that he had been acting against the interests of Oregon and that might determine the vote against him, not only in this state, but in Washington, Idaho, which are also vitally interested in irrigation," said Mr. Sloan. "As a matter of fact, of the 50,000 acres that would be irrigated by the west extension, more than 30,000 are now cared for by private ditches completed or in course of construction. It is, of course, understood that the Government has announced that the Government will take over these ditches, but that means that only 30,000 acres will be added to the wealth of Oregon, and that at a cost of \$4,000,000."

### Portland Would Benefit.

"On the other hand," the John Day project would cost \$9,000,000, according to the Government's own estimates, while 200,000 acres, which would include the 50,000 acres of the west extension, would be irrigated. In sum, the west extension would cost \$40 per acre and would support a family on every ten acres, that means a man, woman or child on every 10 acres would all remain on the land. It is a tributary to Portland—every acre of it."

The John Day project involves the construction of a dam at Thirty-Mile Creek, on the John Day. At this point the sides of the river are precipitous, running to 200 feet in height. In summer, when the snows have melted, the volume of water pours along the stream and thence into the Columbia. The present Umatilla project proposes the construction of a dam at Butter Creek, against lands of the Reclamation Service, Mckay Creek and a number of others tributary to the upper waters of the Umatilla in the endeavor to assign them two and a half times as much water annually. Settlers on these creeks have been using water for 25 years. It is the contention of Mr. Sloan that the present Umatilla project is inadequate and he instances that at the present Umatilla project around Hermiston 21-acre feet of water an acre were supplied last year by the Government.

### Advantage is Pointed Out.

"By the John Day project we shall conserve the water for the users on these tributaries and the water will eventually be able to irrigate hundreds of thousands more acres on the basis of community schemes. For the reservoir of the west extension the Government plans to condemn from 6,000 to 10,000 acres of land. Director Newell, of the Reclamation Service, when in Portland in September, said that with irrigation this land was worth \$150 an acre. The land-owners assert that their land is worth \$100,000, or 6 per cent on an investment of \$2,500,000. They say that but one-sixth of their lands are under the furthest possible income. Mr. Sloan points out that if these persons are allowed to develop their lands, in a few years they will merit a valuation of \$10,000,000."

### Bigger Scheme Preferred.

"The settlers of Umatilla County are not against the west extension," said Mr. Sloan, "but they want a bigger and better water service. The amount of land at present proposed by taking the waters of the John Day river, a much larger amount than the Umatilla, and one that will drive no settlers away. 'The project dam below Stanfield will drive away 55 families. This year these people produced 14,720 tons of alfalfa alone. 'The project would increase 50-fold the return from 200,000 acres. Much of the land is now, actually, what is it wonderful what a little irrigation on it can accomplish. The water from the John Day could easily be carried so as to irrigate 200,000 acres.'"

### Enlistment Law Scored

Major C. E. Dentler, U. S. Army, Says Military System is Lax.

"Until the enlistment laws of the United States are revised there cannot be a thoroughly efficient military system in this country," was the statement made yesterday by Major C. E. Dentler, Fifteenth Infantry, United States Army, instructor with the Oregon National Guard. He referred to

# BOXING MATCHES TAKE SEVERAL BOUTS AT ARMOY HARDLY PROVE INTERESTING.

## Unequal Affair Between Ryan and Martin Witnessed—O'Brien Outpoints Rennack, Eastern Lad.

Aside from the boxing matches held with Sammy Goodman for three or four rounds, the exhibition between Tommy Ryan, former middleweight champion, and "Denver" Ed Martin fell rather flat because of the bulk of the giant negro.

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### Dr. Roller Falls to Get Fall.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Nov. 29.—Dr. B. F. Roller, a Seattle wrestler who agreed to throw George W. Turner twice in an hour, failed to get even one fall tonight.

### TINY GIRL WRITES SANTI

Milwaukee Miss Sends Xmas Letter to The Oregonian.

Little Miss Helen Allean Shuey has sent a letter to Santa Claus in care of The Oregonian. The letter is evidently from a good little girl, her wants are modest and since Santa Claus on the mailing list no doubt her letter will receive prompt attention.

Milwaukee, Ore., Nov. 29, 1911. Dear Santa, I will write you a few lines to let you now how I am getting along. I am a little girl going to school. I am in the second grade. I like to go to school.

### POINDEXTER SCORES TAFT

President Repudiated His Pledge. Charges Washington Senator.

MINOT, N. D., Nov. 29.—A severe arraignment of President Taft's Administration was made by Senator Poinexter, of Washington, who tonight fired the opening gun in the La Follette campaign in North Dakota in an attack here.

### PORTLAND PAIR WEDDED

Harry Estes and Mrs. Margaret Blakelocke Marry Here.

The marriage of Harry Estes and Mrs. Margaret Parker Blakelocke took place yesterday afternoon at the study of the First Congregational Church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Luther R. Dyott. Only the immediate members of the wedding party were present. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Estes left for the coast for a short honeymoon trip.

### Holdup Gets Diamond Pin.

J. Lawrence, of 225 Fifth street, was robbed of a three-quarter karat screw diamond stud, worth about \$150, by a man who accosted him in Seventh street Tuesday night and asked him for a dime, according to his story to the police. Lawrence describes the man as small, dark complexion and with black mustache.

### A Creditable Number.

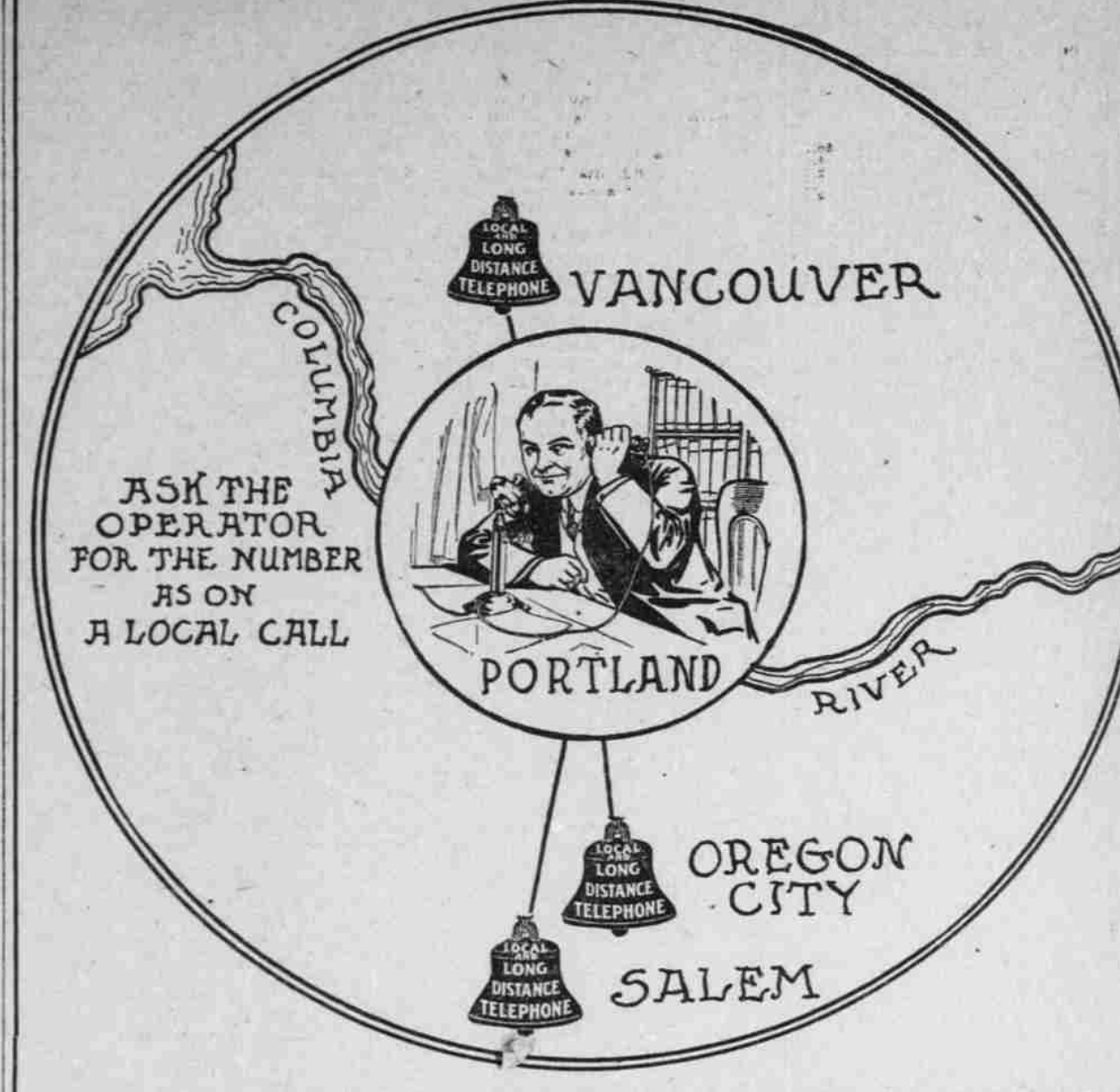
"The Round-Up," describing the recent attraction of that name at Pendleton, Or., and attractively written by Fred Lockley, is one of the bright features in the Pacific Monthly for De-

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# AUTO THIEVES ARE FREED

Victim of Boys Who Stole Auto Asks Dismissal of Case.

Roy Palm, Waldo Stout and Paul Legler, youths were reprimanded by Judge Tazewell in the Municipal Court yesterday when he released them from the charge of stealing an automobile.

# FACE DISFIGURED WITH ECZEMA

Covered with Eruption to Back of Ears So They Hardly Knew What He Looked Like, Used Cuticura Soap and Ointment in 4 Weeks Face Fine and Clean.



"Our little boy Gilbert was troubled with eczema when he was only a few weeks old. His little face was covered with sores even to back of his ears. The poor little fellow suffered very much. The sores began as pimples, his little face was disfigured very much. We hardly knew what he looked like. The face looked raw, raw meat. We tied little bags of cloth over his hands to prevent him from scratching. He was very restless at night, his little face itched."

doctors at Chicago, where we consulted two times. After trying all the medicine of the two doctors without any result, we read of the Cuticura Remedies, and at once bought the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Following the directions carefully and promptly we saw the result, and after four weeks, the dear child's face was as fine and clean as any little baby's face. Every one who saw Gilbert after using the Cuticura Remedies was surprised. He has a head of hair which is a pride for any boy of his age, three years. We can only recommend the Cuticura Remedies to everybody." (Signed) Mrs. H. Albrecht, Box 883, West Point, Neb., Oct. 20, 1910.

## Stomach Blood and Liver Troubles

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