

FIGHTS BRING AD WOLGAST \$240,000

Lightweight Coins Money Under Jones' Management in Four Years.

Taft's Salary Exceeded

Cadillac Youth Has Amassed More Than \$150,000 in Last 2 Years. Battling Nelson Orders Unique Rings for Portland Bride.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. When "Cherokee" Tom Jones confided to local sporting writers that Ad Wolgast had cleaned up \$240,000 in the four years under his wing, he spoke in parables of truth.

Wolgast has been a busy little shuttler in the fist-cliff world since November, 1908. He has fought 47 battles of sufficient importance to be chronicled in the records and has bobbed back and forth across the continent like a fugitive verse.

Tom Jones sat down in the Press Club the other afternoon, and, over a stein of amber, rattled off nearly \$150,000 from memory, that the Michigan Assassin had earned within 24 months.

Wolgast has it on President Taft in that respect and in others for the Cadillac lightweight settled his Mexican revolution without the formality of delivering an oratorical ultimatum to a flock of white haired wisecracks.

List Is Formidable One.

Here's the list of Wolgast's earnings, outside wagers, in 1911 and 1912. 1911—February, Knockout Brown, Philadelphia, \$5500; March, Knockout Brown, New York, \$1850; March, George Menais, Los Angeles, \$245; March, Antone La Grava, San Francisco, \$1500; April, One Round Hogan, New York, \$750; May, Frankie Burns, San Francisco, \$7500; June, three dubs, Grand Rapids, \$2100; July, Owen Moran, San Francisco, \$1600.

1912—May, Willie Ritchie, San Francisco, \$5000; May, Freddie Daniels, St. Joseph, \$2500; May, Young Jack O'Brien, Philadelphia, \$4500; July, Joe Rivers, Los Angeles, \$20,000; September, Kid Black, Grand Rapids, \$1650; October, Teddy Maloney, Philadelphia, \$4500; October, Freddie Dan, Quincy, \$2500; November, Joe Mandot, New Orleans, \$10,250; November, Willie Ritchie, Daily City, \$15,500.

The Washington birthday bout at San Francisco will net Wolgast \$3500 and he will likely clean up a few thousand on wagers if he wins and places his money as he says he expects to. Ad showed the writer a telegram from Coffroth offering \$3500 and transportation for two to San Francisco.

Wolgast Keeps Moving.

The ex-lightweight champion has been one of the busiest fighters in modern history, and, like as not, his earnings in the ring will exceed the harvest gleaned by any other gladiator. Ad Attell not excepted. Wolgast has fought close to 100 battles since entering the ring in 1906, over 90 showing in record books.

"The thing for a fighter to do is to keep moving," said "the kid," explaining his wanderlust. "I've been back and forth across this country and I guess, since I became prominent in pugilistic circles."

While Ad Wolgast has been monopolizing public publicity within the past week, his rival, Battling Nelson, has not been altogether idle.

"Bat" Has New Idea.

The Dane, as usual, is out with something new. Slipping cartoons of himself and "Bride, Miss Faye King, of Portland from the collection amassed by his wife, the Dane entered a Chicago jeweler and engaged him to turn out two costly gold rings, the said cartoons, done in color and studded with gems, to loom up like red noses at a temperance meeting.

"I'm going to wear the ring with the cartoon of myself on my right hand," says "the Dane," who wrote to the writer (for the rings are intended for her, "and the ring with the cartoon of my left hand, close to the house."

According to Mrs. Nelson, the Hegewich boxer is planning a trip abroad to his home at Copenhagen, Denmark, some time this coming Summer.

Amateur Athletics.

The basketball game between the Aetons and Silvertown quintets on February 22 on the Amicus floor will mark the third meeting of the teams. Each team managed to score a victory and should the Amicus players win on February 22 they will claim to be the Willamette Valley championship. Silvertown defeated Dallas recently and until they meet defeat they were unbeatable for several years. Both teams are practicing hard and a good game is expected.

The Portland Academy and Jefferson High School basketball teams, of the Portland Interscholastic League will play their scheduled game tomorrow on the Portland Academy floor. The game will start at 8 o'clock.

The Studebaker baseball team, which made a great showing last year, has organized for the coming season. Dr. Akerman, trainer of the Portland Northwestern baseball team, has been engaged to coach the Studebaker nine. The following players have already declared their intention to wear the uniform: Biege, Wilson and McAllen, catchers; Maxmeyer, Martin, Wilford and Gravelle, pitchers. Maxmeyer is a former Portland Northwestern League player. The following is a list of candidates for fielding positions: Gertz, Montas, Tauscher, E. Dixon and Irvin. Montas and J. Dixon will hold down first base; Studebaker second base; Biege, third base. Sigaby, Cummings and Schilt will try out for shortstop.

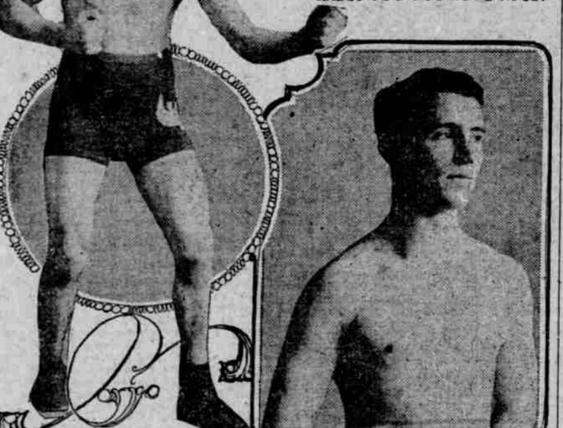
The Jewish Boys' Athletic Club will hold its second annual basketball dance tonight and each member of the team will be presented with a sweater bearing the monogram of the organization. The Jewish boys' quintet has made a wonderful showing so far this season, having scored 14 straight victories. In the 14 games the Jewish boys scored 417 points against 118 for their opponents and claim the 140-pound city basketball championship. The following men will be honored: Louis Goldstone, Hyman Schwartz, James Gilbert, Morris Weinstein and Captain Manuel Walter.

The Jewish boys' first team will play its next game with the Mount Angel College on the Jewish boys' floor next Wednesday evening. As a preliminary to the big game the Jewish boys' second team will engage in a game with Columbia Park Athletic quintet.

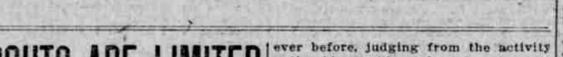
PORTLAND AND CANADIAN ATHLETES WHO WILL APPEAR IN HEADLINE BOUTS AT MULTNOMAH CLUB FRIDAY NIGHT.



Hatch, V.A.C. 135 Pound Wrestler



Barrieau, V.A.C. 135 Pound Boxer



McCarthy, M.A.A.C. 135 Pound Wrestler

BOUTS ARE LIMITED

Fifteen Minutes Allowed for Amateur Grapplers.

MULTNOMAH TO KEEP RULE

New Law of Athletic Union Will Be Observed at "Winged M" and Vancouver Interclub Affair Next Friday.

Portland lovers of bright, snappy boxing and wrestling programmes will witness no more 45-minute amateur grappling contests, which have been possible under the Pacific Northwest Association rules governing interclub competitions. The new Amateur Athletic Union ruling limits wrestling bouts to 15 minutes, and the new law will be observed in the bouts at the Multnomah Club-Vancouver, B. C., bill of Friday night.

Edgar Frank, president of the Pacific Northwest Association and chairman of the indoor athletics committee of Multnomah Club, received word yesterday from Secretary Sullivan, of the National Amateur Athletic Union, of the 15-minute ruling. Sullivan says that no special rules of an organization permit it to violate the National agreement, and that when a man wrestles more than the specified 15 minutes, he disqualifies himself.

"This is explicit enough, so the Friday smother wrestling bouts will be of 15 minutes length or to one fall instead of best two in three falls, with three 15-minute bouts if necessary," says Frank.

"I believe that it's to the best interests of wrestling to give the boys more than 15-minute competitions, yet I suppose the shorter bouts will be liked better by the public. Oftentimes a man loses one fall on a fluke and could win under the old rules of three falls, but now a man must take care of himself, for one slip means defeat."

The wrestling bouts of Friday night will be at 135 and 155 pounds. Clibborn F. Montague, of the "Winged M," will tackle Smith, the Vancouver lightweight, while Al Hatch, former welterweight champ, meets McCarthy, the Portland boy who holds the Northwest middleweight title.

The headline boxing bouts, Barrieau vs. Knowlton and Williams vs. Hughes, are attracting much attention, while the four special mitt affairs are already the subject of much argument among the friends and admirers of the contestants.

Frank Barrieau holds the welterweight boxing championship of Western Canada, but will make 135 pounds for "Fireman" Knowlton. Hughes is the Canadian 115-pound champ, but in Walter Williams he meets the Pacific Coast bantam crown-wearer.

BASEBALL LEAGUES PLANNED

Present Activity Indicates Extensive Interest This Season.

More Portland amateur baseball leagues will be formed this year than

WHY DID MANDOT CANCEL? IS ASKED

Wolgast, Not Illness, Is Reason Ascribed by Michigan Fighter Himself.

COFFROTH MAY BE "GOAT"

Cassel Divulges Some "Inside" Information and Tells What Ad Had to Say; "Split" With Tom Jones Also Is Analyzed.

BY JAMES H. CASSELL. Did Ad Wolgast double-cross Joe Mandot when he agreed to substitute for the New Orleans lightweight against Harlem Tommy Murphy at San Francisco on Saturday, or did Mandot and Wolgast conspire to hold up Promoter Coffroth?

These questions are well worth discussion, for Wolgast, and not illness, caused Mandot to cancel the scheduled bout with Murphy in Coffroth's Mission-street arena, just across the San Francisco line in San Mateo County. The ex-lightweight champion pleaded guilty to this heinous offense against the peace and dignity of the promoters, admitting that he, and not an attack of la grippe, was responsible for the cancellation of the Mandot-Murphy scrap.

Ad evinced no surprise when informed last week of the sudden illness of Mandot, although at the time he had received no word from Coffroth regarding the \$5000 offer of substitution.

"Mandot isn't so very sick," declared Ad, after he had scorned the \$5000 berth in vitriolic terms. "I'll tell you something," he confided to the writer a moment later. "I'm responsible for Mandot's action."

"You see, it's like this: We can make more money fighting ten rounds at New Orleans than he can fighting Murphy 20 rounds at San Francisco. So we'll fight down there before long. Mandot wasn't offered very much by Coffroth, as he isn't a very good card in San Francisco."

"However,"—after a hesitation of a few seconds—"don't get anything about this now or I'll get in bad with the promoters. I tried that once before in Los Angeles and it hurt."

Then followed Ad's demand for \$10,000 to fight Murphy, a figure the Michigan Dutchman must have felt was prohibitive, but for Coffroth's dilemma. But when "Sunshine Jim" agreed to fight ten rounds at the training expenses, or the option of 50 per cent of the gate receipts, Mandot was temporarily forgotten and Ad accepted the bout.

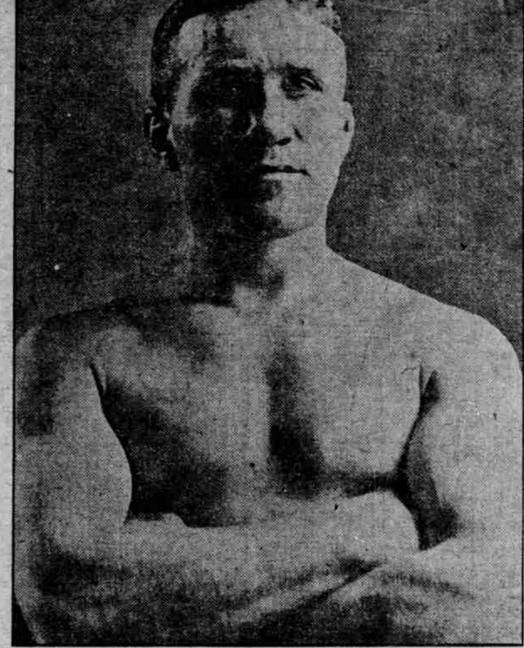
Now the question is: Will Wolgast "square" himself with Mandot by paying a part of the prospective fee for the fight? Or will he, as he has done in San Francisco to New Orleans to give the Southerner a chance to get a crack at the gate receipts?

The writer cannot but believe that Wolgast and Jones conspired to separate with an eye to influencing the waning of the Murphy fight, and abandoned the scheme when certain plans went awry.

If this is the correct solution of the problem, then Wolgast decided to forsake Jones, as a too-costly appendage, and yielded to a resumption of the interest shown by the business men of the field last year and will complete this season: Twilght, Business College, Railway, Archer & Wiggins, Grammar School, Interscholastic and Bankers' Leagues. Active practice will start soon if the weather permits.

Two Soccer Games Today. Two soccer football games are to be played on the Columbus grounds this afternoon, between the Mount Scott and South Portland and the St. Johns and Portland Heights teams, in the Oregon Soccer League struggle. The first game will be the South Portland-Mount Scott contest, beginning at 2 o'clock.

"HARLEM" TOMMY MURPHY, TOUGH LIGHTWEIGHT, WOLGAST'S OPPONENT IN WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY BOUT.



TOMMY MURPHY.

Lightweight, among the possibilities of the lightweight division. They recognize the ability of a man who can knock out the rugged Sammy Troit in six rounds, and are looking forward with much interest to his next appearance in the roped square.

Lightweights who have their eyes on Ritchie and the title will witness Bud's next affair with considerable trepidation, for another victory chalked up to the credit of the Northwesterner means another tough proposition to dispose of before Ritchie may be approached.

Tom Jones, manager of Ad Wolgast, takes credit for the matching of Cyclone Johnny Thompson and Bob Moha at Milwaukee for tomorrow night. Tom was in Chicago when these aspirants for the 175-pound, or commission weight title opened negotiations, and, as he has once handled Johnny, assisted the duo in getting together.

Bob McAllister, the Olympic Club amateur who holds the middleweight and light-heavyweight championships of the Pacific Coast, steadfastly refuses to turn professional. However, when the ante is raised sufficiently, it's hard to figure how he can remain a holdout.

Tom Jones is willing to bet \$500 that McFarland and Britton will meet in the ring again. He has little regard for the fighting ability of either, and says that Wolgast could whip them on successive nights.

Gus Rulan, age 19 years, height six feet two inches, and weight 175 pounds, is the "white hope" Harry Forbes presides to ringdom. Tom Jones weath the ante is raised sufficiently, it's hard to figure how he can remain a holdout.

Rudolph Unholz is one of the boys in the Nelson and Thompson class of last-fighters. He is plugging away in the Middle West, winning nearly every bout.

Tom Jones deprecates the weak hands carried about by Jess Willard, but is confident that if some good man—meaning Jones—took hold of the Kansas, a new heavyweight champion would soon be trotted forth to be admired by the public.

Johnny Kilbane alternately looks like a simon pure whampon and a second rate. He gave a poor exhibition at Brooklyn last week against Young Driscoll, working on the wild swings and keeping away from the wild defenses of his novice opponent.

Carpenter, the French light-heavyweight or heavyweight, was a featherweight in 1910, and now has trouble making 175 pounds. He is in the Cyclone Johnny Thompson class.

Tommy McFarland once had a chance to win the lightweight title, but declined, according to Billy Nolan. Nolan was afraid that Gans would die in the ring when matched to meet Nelson for the second time at San Francisco, so advised McFarland to train for the fight, the plan being to substitute

FANS ENGROSSED IN COUNTING BOUT

Harry B. Smith Predicts Big House for Wolgast-Murphy Go.

AD FAVORITE IN BETTING

San Francisco Sport Writer Recalls Harlem Tommy's Creditable Ring Career—Believes Wolgast May Be Declining.

BY HARRY B. SMITH. (Special.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The Wolgast-Murphy match, which will take place next Saturday afternoon, is engrossing all of the attention of the local sporting community, and from the interest that is displayed, there will be a banner house out at Coffroth's Mission street arena. When word came from New Orleans that Mandot was ill and would therefore be unable to compete, it looked as if there wasn't much in sight.

A total of nine lightweight, none of whom figure very far up in the scale, offered their services, but Coffroth declared the only man he would think of using was Ad Wolgast. At the outset, as you are well aware, it didn't look as if the match would be consummated. Later, however, the pair reached each other and everything has turned out for the best. We really have a better card than would have been the case with Mandot.

Wolgast is liked here as a fighter because of his aggressiveness and willingness to work and the last few months the local fans have come to respect the gentlemanly little chap who is to be his opponent.

Murphy Will Have Backers. Indeed, there will be not a few who will wager their coin that Murphy can win, among them some astute judges of pugilistic form.

They will readily agree that Tommy Murphy doesn't seem to like his body in punches and that Wolgast punishes an opponent after that fashion. At the same time, they don't think that Wolgast is the Wolgast of old and declare that in all probability he will have gone back even since his match with Willie Ritchie.

There is no question, of course, but that Wolgast will be the favorite. Tom Corbett, who is well up in such matters, has expressed the opinion that Wolgast will be something like a 10 to 7 favorite. Before the match was applied over by Ritchie, he would have been an overwhelming favorite against such a man as the old and faded Tommy. Now it is a different story, and you will find there are a lot of San Franciscans who will be at the ringside rooting for the New Yorker.

Wolgast May Feel Self Slipping. This training in Portland may be all right so far as Wolgast is concerned, but you must remember that the Michigan fighter has been taking life rather easy of late and that he will need more strenuous exercise than is ordinarily the case. I judge from his telegrams, sent to local fistic writers, that Wolgast is well and instead of boxing is bound to bolster up his courage by telling how easily he will dispose of Murphy.

Harlem Tommy arrived the first of the week. It appears that he failed to get the telegram ordering him to stop off in Chicago to await the outcome of the trouble with Owen Moran, and he got through. That happened to be fortunate as matters turned out, because it has given him all the more time in which to get ready.

He no sooner reached San Francisco than he went to his training quarters at Billy Shannon's place and started to work. He will no doubt be here until the first of the week, however.

Murphy is not concerned because he has Wolgast to meet instead of Mandot. On the contrary, he is delighted at the change.

"I think I am playing in luck," he told the writer. "I consider that Wolgast stands next to the champion, and if I can beat him I will have an opportunity to meet Willie Ritchie for the title next Fourth of July. As to my going against Owen Moran, I would like to win 15 rounds, that is all talk. Don't you remember that Frankie Burns was shooting off the same sort of talk before we met, and I guess you remember what happened to Burns."

Perhaps a little of the dope on what Murphy has done in San Francisco may not be out of the way. His last appearance here was in February, 1910, when he boxed Owen Moran. The little Britisher was going at top speed in those days. For 15 rounds or so, he boxed Murphy all over the ring. Then the tide turned, and Murphy began to pick up in the closing rounds, until it looked as if Owen Moran would not be able to last. Eddie Smith, the Oakland referee, once said, gave the fight to Murphy, although in the judgment of many, it was extremely close. It might better have been a draw.

Murphy's Career Traced. Then Murphy went East, where he didn't do so well. Finally, in October, 1911, he was brought back to San Francisco to meet Packer McFarland. No one gave the New Yorker a look in. They thought it was a cinch that he would be knocked out, and the betting was extremely low. Murphy lost the decision, but his was the battle at the end, and he gained as much credit in that match as in any other that he has had here in the West.

A little later he boxed a 20-round draw here with One Round Hogan. Then came his famous fight with Ad Attell, the only time the cause so much comment because it was claimed Attell tried to get Murphy to quit. Murphy kicked Attell around and won the decision handsomely enough.

His latest contest here was with Frankie Burns, who has decided that it gave him quite enough of the ring. Frankie didn't mind the contest, and his friends had to throw the sponge in the ring to admit defeat.

Now, all this has made the local fight fans respect Murphy more than ever, and there are a lot of them who give him a good chance of whipping Wolgast.

Practice Will Start Soon. Southern Coast League Teams to Report February 24.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—After a whole week, baseball will occupy the attention of both fans and players. Active practice for every member of the Southern Coast League teams will commence February 24, barring rain or accident.

The players have been asked to report at that time and most of them are expected to be on hand.

McMinnville Wins Two Games. McMinnville, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—In a double header played here last night between the first and second teams of Pacific University and McMinnville College, McMinnville won both games. The first team scores were 14 to 11 and the second team's 29 to 8.

MOUNT ANGEL SECOND BEATEN. Town Team Administrators First Defeat of Season to College Boys.

MOUNT ANGEL, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Mount Angel's Young Men's Club won from the second team of the college in an interesting basketball game here, administering the first defeat the college aggregation has experienced this season. The score was 29 to 22.

Duda and Windishar carried off honors for the town team, while Vaughn was star for the college boys.

The town team is anxious for games with any junior or high school team in the state.

Only three Indians have made good in baseball—Sockalexis, Meyers and Bender. Johnson, who tries out with the White Sox this season, aspires to enlarge the trio to a quartet.

LARGEST SURF-BATHING CONTINGENT IN YEARS EXPECTED TO MAKE GEARHART BEACH TRIP SATURDAY ABOARD WATKINS' SPECIAL.



SCENE AT MIDWINTER SPLASH INTO OCEAN.

When the Multnomah Club special train pulls out of the North Bank Depot for Gearhart Beach Saturday morning at 10 o'clock it is expected to carry a load of over 130 enthusiasts eager for midwinter surf-bathing thrills.

Frank E. Watkins, chairman in charge of arrangements, has arranged for an orchestra to accompany the cool waters of the Pacific Ocean is also scheduled for the more hardy ones. The return trip will be made Sunday night, the special reaching Portland between 8 and 9 o'clock. Quite a number of the junketers will remain at the beach resort for longer visits.