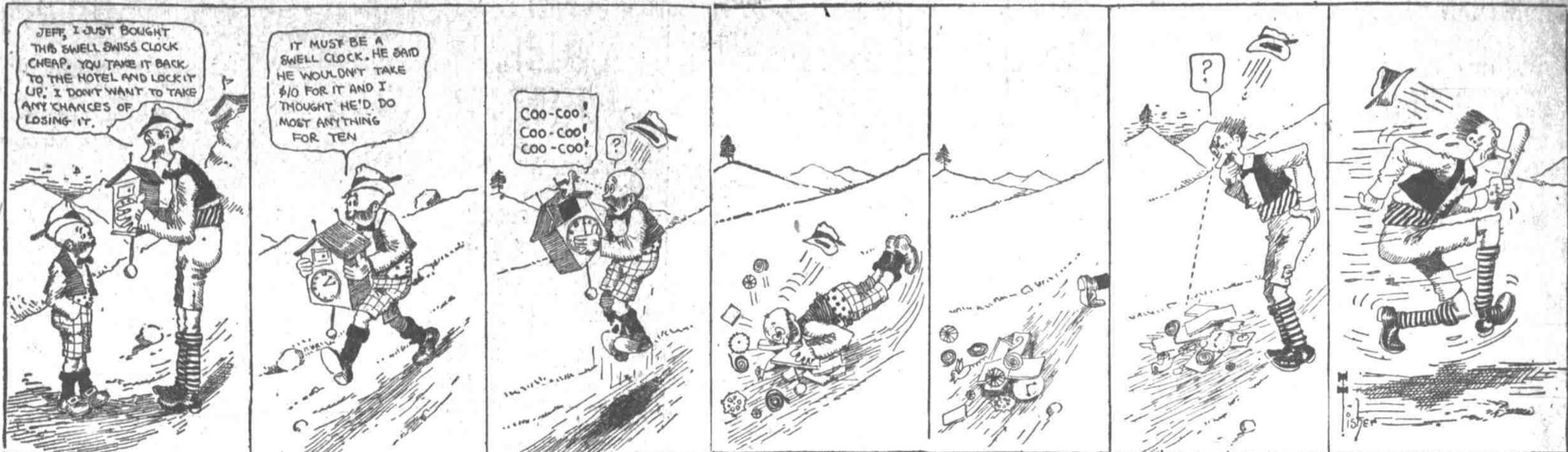


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YOUTHFUL WOLGAST CONQUERS NELSON

Referee Stops Fight in 40th Round—Nelson Badly Battered.

Point Richmond, Cal., Feb. 23.—Today this city holds a new champion. In the place of Oscar (Battling) Mathew Nelson, the lightweight champion, belongs to a new man, Adolph Wolgast.

All confidence, smiling and with all arrangements made for a triumphal tour across the country, Battling Nelson entered the ring at Point Richmond, confident that he would come out of it the winner of the fight with Wolgast and still be king of lightweights.

With fully as much confidence, with youth and vitality behind him, Adolph Wolgast entered the ring and after 40 rounds of battering tactics was carried away on the shoulders of his seconds. His ambitions realized and the king of the lightweight division.

Youth Again Wins.

It was the old story of youth and stamina helping the winner. Nelson, for years the champion of his division, had gone his route, and when he did not dispose of his opponent as early as has been anticipated, the stamina which had for years characterized his fighting waned and the conqueror of Joe Gans was conquered himself. In his place today stands a younger, yet much the same kind of a fighter.

The end of the fight came in the forty-third round of the scheduled 45 round contest. Referee Eddie Smith motioned Nelson to his corner and lifting Wolgast's gloved hand above his head proclaimed him the lightweight champion. There was no question about it. Nelson was whipped and the stopping of the bout only saved him from probable serious injury.

Wolgast Is Nelson's Double.

Throughout the fight Wolgast showed unmistakable signs of being the same kind of a fighter as was Nelson himself. Repeated punishment inflicted on Nelson's body, together with an ability to fight more punishment in the same regions than his opponent gave him his victory. Wolgast showed himself to be a better man at Nelson's own game.

The opening of the fight gave the better who had placed their coin on Nelson at the 7 o'clock prevailing odds at the opening of the fight every hope of success. He started after Wolgast in the same crafty style which he has assumed in every fight he has ever fought. He passed the first two rounds without much effort, seemingly, to damage his opponent.

Wolgast in these opening rounds showed the plan he was fighting under, for at every opportunity he sent hard blows to the kidneys and body and with one left hook to the nose brought the first blood. Nelson came back in the fifth with the advantage all his and later in the seventh, eighth and ninth rounds. The tenth was even, but the eleventh showed one of the most grueling yet exciting rounds. Nelson was pressing his opponent hard and swung hard to the body and kidneys several times in this round. Wolgast, however, absorbed all that was given him without the flicker of an eyelid and came back with hard smashes to the face and ears. It was anybody's round and more damage was done than in any of the 19 preceding rounds.

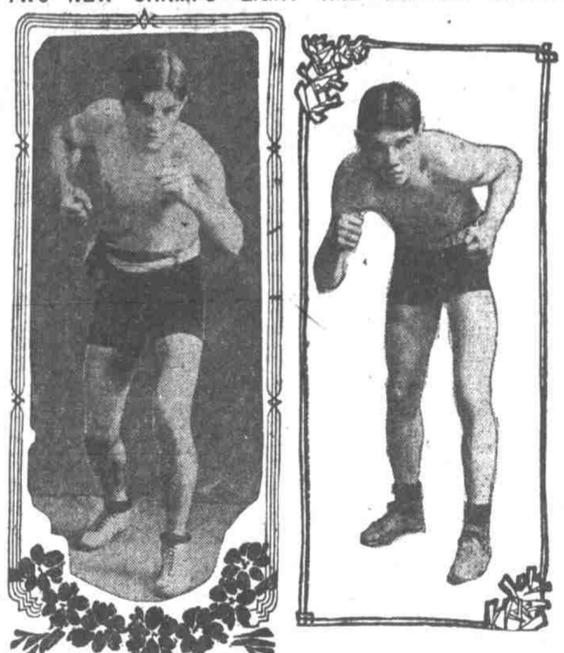
From the tenth round up till the twenty-second the sparring was about even with the fighters taking turns practically at having the advantage and with the crowd wildly cheering each man. Nelson was taking much punishment during these rounds and his face was practically unrecognizable. At the end of the seventeenth round his face was worse marked than it was during the whole of his long fight at Goldfield with Joe Gans, while Wolgast came out practically unscathed.

Wolgast Falters.

Round 22, Wolgast's nearest approach to real danger, was preceded, strange to say, by a round in which he had a decided advantage. In the twenty-first Wolgast battered Nelson's face and kidneys in regular precision, the Dane fighting back gamely. Wolgast had him against the ropes once and landed no less than a dozen times with telling effect, yet in the next round came near taking the count.

The Dane came out of his corner with a jump in the twenty-second and almost duplicated the punishment which Wolgast had forced on him the preceding round. A hard right to the jaw floored Wolgast and he took the count of three. As he came up Nelson went at him like a bull but did little damage. Nelson fought the champion off and although the round was one of the most savage ever seen in a California ring, and although he seemed badly dazed at its close, Wolgast had fought a game round.

TWO NEW CHAMPS—LIGHT AND BANTAM WEIGHT



Ad Wolgast, who defeated Battling Nelson. Frankie Conley, who defeated Monte Attell.

opponent was holding on, fighting him even and had given him even more punishment than he had received himself. The betting crop from 10 to 7 favoring Nelson up to even money and it could plainly be seen that the younger man had a good fighting chance to win.

With head lowered Nelson strove to find some point of advantage in his favor. He fought for openings apparently realizing that if he was to win that fight he must end it soon. He came out of his corner at the start of the rounds with hands up ever alert yet seemingly tiring a little more at each attempt. The old championship form was slowly ebbing and a younger, yet never a gamier or more courageous man, was before him anxious for the opening which would give him the right to be the king of champions.

As the rounds wore on, Nelson grew weaker. He gave a pitiful attempt at trying to appear jaunty as he went to his corner after each round yet it could be seen that he was slowly dropping and apparently no effort that he could make could keep him above the water. Wolgast was after him from round to round and his punishment was telling mightily.

Result Dawns on Nelson.

It was a pitiful sight indeed when the Dane, champion that he had been and game fighter as he was, was motioned to his corner after a few seconds of the 40th round and Wolgast was declared the winner and champion of the lightweights. Nelson begged and implored Smith to let him continue but it was useless as the police were already climbing into the ring to keep the fight from continuing should the referee allow it.

The closing rounds of the fight were as follows:

Round 25—They fiddle. Wolgast dashes in with left light to head. Nelson chases Wolgast around the ring but can't land. Nelson lands two lefts on the stomach but there is no steam behind them. Wolgast sends light right and left to mouth. Both miss. Wolgast sends left right to stomach, then jabs Bat's face with left. Wolgast chops right to jaw. Nelson is swinging wildly and Wolgast crosses right to jaw. They were locked at the bell. Wolgast's round.

Round 27—Wolgast dances around the ring, then dashes in with lefts to face. Wolgast sends right under heart. Nelson hooks right to ear. Wolgast swings heavy right to head. They exchange rights to head and fall into a clinch. Wolgast beating stomach. Wolgast jabs mouth with left. Nelson crosses right to jaw but it lacked force. Wolgast cuts in with right and left and Nelson totters. Wolgast jabs face three times without return. Nelson tried with a feebly right and is turned around with right swing. A right to the jaw sends Nelson half through the ropes but he was up quickly. Wolgast rushes in with hard left to chin. Nelson was all but out at the bell. Wolgast's round by a mile.

Round 28—Nelson sends right after Wolgast but misses. Nelson sent Wolgast back with left but Ad comes right back and gets Nelson with three rights. Nelson sends weak rights to head. Wolgast swings with left and they clinch. On the break Wolgast lands a right to the face. They break and Wolgast jabs face with left. Nelson sends rights to ribs. Nelson keeps going after him but Wolgast slows him with two rights to head. At the bell Wolgast was punching face with rights and lefts. Nelson wobbled to his corner.

Round 29—Nelson came out of his

STATISTICS SHOW TREND OF FIGHTERS

Interesting Facts Presented to Fans Concerning Past Battles of Champions.

Now that the Nelson-Wolgast and the Conley-Webster fights are over, the fans are naturally turning their attention to the dapper scrap of them all, the affair between Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson next Fourth of July.

Here is some statistical matter that will be of deep interest to the fans. It required a comprehensive delving into the records to bring the matter to light, but from a fight standpoint some extremely interesting matter has been brought to light.

The statistics show the following to be true:

Jeffries.

Number of fights, 20.
Rounds fought, 184.
Won decisions, 3.
Knockouts or stopped, 15.
Draws, 2.
Won in 1 round, 1.
Won in 2 rounds, 4.
Won in 3 rounds, 2.
Won in 4 rounds, 2.
Won in 5 rounds, 1.
Won in 8 rounds, 1.
Won in 9 rounds, 1.
Won in 10 rounds, 2.
Won in 11 rounds, 1.
Won in 20 rounds, 1.
Won in 23 rounds, 1.
Won in 25 rounds, 1.
Draw in 20 rounds, 2.
Not counting first bout with Jack Munroe at Butte, an exhibition.
Average length of fights in rounds, 9 1-4.
Average knockouts or stopped, 5 14-15.

Johnson.

Number of fights, 71.
Rounds fought, 622.
Won decisions, 15.
Knockouts or stopped, 31.
Draws, 6.
Lost decision, 1.
Knocked out or stopped, 2.
Won on a foul, 2.
Lost on a foul, 1.
No decisions, 13.
Won in 1 round, 3.
Won in 2 rounds, 2.
Won in 3 rounds, 4.
Won in 4 rounds, 6.
Won in 5 rounds, 1.
Won in 6 rounds, 3.
Won in 7 rounds, 5.
Won in 8 rounds, 1.
Won in 9 rounds, 1.
Won in 10 rounds, 1.
Won in 11 rounds, 1.
Won in 12 rounds, 3.
Won in 13 rounds, 1.
Won in 14 rounds, 1.
Won in 15 rounds, 7.
Lost in 2 rounds, 1.
Lost in 3 rounds, 1.
Lost in 5 rounds, 1.
Lost in 20 rounds, 1.
Average length of fights in rounds, 8 5-7.
Average knockouts or stopped, 6 1-8.

BANTAM WEIGHT TITLE WON BY FRANK CONLEY

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 23.—A second world's champion was newly created yesterday when Frank Conley landed a well earned victory over Monte Attell in the 42nd round of a scheduled 45-round fight. With the title goes the McCarrey diamond belt.

Conley puzzled Attell with a defense apparently impregnable and an ability to take punishment such as he had never been credited with. Besides that, he was able to come out of his defensive positions with more than an even break in the fighting back. From the 33rd round, when with a terrific right drive to the heart Conley staggered Attell, the fight slowly but surely shaped itself into a Conley victory and when Conley drove his right to the jaw in the 42d after a series of punches in which Attell had been forced to take great punishment, Attell fell to the floor and for two minutes lay stunned. His face and ears were battered and torn and he was in no condition to continue the fight. Conley was a popular victor.

High Schools to Play.

Lincoln High and Washington play basketball tomorrow afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, corner of Sixth and Taylor streets. There is much rivalry over the game, and the game will be hotly contested by both teams. Lincoln wants to make up for her defeat at football, baseball and track. The game will start at 3:15. The admission will be 25 cents.

The emperor of Germany owns 350 horses.

BAT NELSON PLANS TO FIGHT AGAIN

By Ringsider.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Feb. 23.—Battling Nelson, defeated but undismayed, refused today to accept a membership card from the Down and Out club. Instead of considering himself all in, the Dane mapped out a careful plan for the recovery of the title he lost to Ad Wolgast and if it does not go away he is confident that in six months he again will be the lightweight champion of the world.

The battered boxer spent the night in Turkish baths and when he awoke this morning, he declared that he felt no worse than he has felt after any of his many tough battles. The worst hurt he complained of was a bruise on his left groin, where Wolgast landed a hard right uppercut at close quarters. The groin was black and blue. Nelson claims that had he not worn a new sort of protector the blow would have disabled him and Wolgast would have lost the fight on a foul.

Nursing His Bruises.

Nelson will remain in the baths all day as his face is sadly in need of nursing. Tomorrow or next day he will leave for his ranch at O-Bar, N. M., and remain there two or three months, building himself up. After having increased his weight to about 144 pounds he will go through a short siege of training and then seek three or four fights in the east. If he finds that his old strength and snap have returned to him after these trysts, he will go after Wolgast for a return match.

"I don't think that I am too old or that I have gone back, but I am going to give myself a thorough test before I seek another match with Wolgast," Nelson said today. "I know right now that I can last better than he can and I know also that he cannot punch hard enough to put me away. I don't want to take any credit from Wolgast and I am not kicking on Referee Smith's decision, but I am as sure as I am standing here that I could have gone through the full 45 rounds."

Manager Would Have Quit.

Jack Robinson, the Dane's manager, admitted today that he wanted to throw up the sponge in the 34th round. He broached the matter to Nelson but the latter declared that if he stopped the fight he would never speak to him again. Seeing the terrible beating that his boy was receiving Robinson decided to take matters into his own hands and but for the interference of Nelson's other seconds would have tossed the sponge into the ring. Robinson was restrained by main force from halting the signal of defeat, Dick Wheeler

and Joe Meyers holding his arms while Abdul sat on him.

As the battle went on there was nothing to it but Wolgast. He out-boxed and out-generalized Nelson throughout and was in danger but once and that was in the 22nd round, when Nelson sent him to the floor with a right to the jaw. Wolgast was palpably hurt, although he was up in a second and managed to stall through the round. He went to his corner dazed but the minute's rest sent him back as strong as ever. Thereafter he fought a brilliant battle and had practically every round until the finish. That he did not put Nelson out he claims was due to instructions from Tom Jones to play safe and not take a chance. Be that as it may, he landed hard and often with full swings and long uppercuts on Nelson's jaw, apparently putting every ounce behind the blows, but his best efforts did not show anything resembling a finisher.

Dane Has Gone Back.

That the Dane has gone back cannot be denied. The old dash was not there and the recuperative power was only a memory. It is the old story of fighting once too often. Nelson's 13 years of strenuous ring work, in which period he took more beating than any three men ever endured, have sapped his strength and with his years have brought him into that stage where muscular degeneration has set in.

That this is the case was forecasted several days ago, when Nelson took one of his numerous layoffs from training. The sports here are planning a big reception to the little lightweight champion, who has made Milwaukee (and Cadillac) famous by beating Battling Nelson, of Hegewisch, Ill. There will be a great celebration, a beating of tom-toms and a series of coronation ceremonies only to be outshone by the arrival of Bwana Tumbo or the coronation of a king when "Ad" comes home.

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makeup, the most serious being the loss of 2 1/2 inches of breathing room:

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| 26 | 25 |
| 133 | 127 1/2 |
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| 67 1/2 | 67 |
| 11 | 11 |
| 11 | 10 1/2 |
| 7 | 6 1/2 |
| 24 1/2 | 23 1/2 |
| 39 1/2 | 37 |
| 27 | 25 |

In waist alone Nelson has made an increase, which augurs ill instead of well. The increase is not in muscle, else the stomach punches that Wolgast landed would not have hurt so much. When in his prime Nelson took many powerful smashes from Young Corbett without wincing, and Young Corbett was twice the puncher that Wolgast is. It will always be a mooted question whether the Wolgast of today could have whipped the Nelson of three years ago, but if a vote were taken it is pretty safe to predict that the majority would favor Nelson.

WOLGAST PLACES CADILLAC ON MAP

Cadillac, Mich., Feb. 23.—Hooray! A new town is on the sporting map today. It is just little Cadillac, but it boasts of being the natal home of one Adolph Wolgast, sometimes called "Ad" and familiarly as "The Michigan Wildcat." The sports here are planning a big reception to the little lightweight champion, who has made Milwaukee (and Cadillac) famous by beating Battling Nelson, of Hegewisch, Ill. There will be a great celebration, a beating of tom-toms and a series of coronation ceremonies only to be outshone by the arrival of Bwana Tumbo or the coronation of a king when "Ad" comes home.

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