

NELSON TO TRY AGAIN FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Does Not Consider Himself Member Down-and-Out Club—Says He Was Fouled at One Time by Wolgast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 23.—Battling Nelson is not dismayed today at the outcome of yesterday's fight and today joyfully referred to his membership card in the down-and-out club. Instead of considering himself all in, the Dane mapped out a careful plan for the recovery of the title from Ad Wolgast, and if it does not go awry, he is confident that within six months he will again be 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 eye, where Wolgast landed a hard right uppercut at close quarters. The groin was black and blue. Nelson claims that had he not worn a protector the blow would have disabled him and Wolgast would have lost the fight on a foul.

Nelson to Try Again.
Nelson will remain in the bath-houses all day, as his face is badly in need of nursing. Tomorrow or next day he will leave for his ranch at Ober, N. M., and remain there two or three months, building himself up. After having increased his weight to about 145 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 tryouts he will go after Wolgast for a return match.

"I don't think 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 talk any credit away from Wolgast and I am not knocking on Referee Smith's decision, but I am sure as I am standing here that I could have gone through the full 45 rounds."

Wanted to Throw Up Sponge.
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 old seconds, would have tossed the sponge into the ring. Robinson was restrained by main force from hoisting the signal of defeat, Dick Wheeler and George Meyers holding his arms while Abdul sat on him. As the battle went on there was nothing to it but Wolgast. He outboxed and outgeneraled Nelson throughout and was in danger but once, and that was in the 22d 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 away, he claims, was due to instructions from Tom Jones to play safe and not take a chance. Be that as it may, he landed often with full right swings and long uppercuts on Nelson's jaw, apparently cutting 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 his 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 to a 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. Every fighter who sticks to the game long enough and trains often has the same trouble.

The tissue that goes into muscle in the early part of a boxer's career vanishes, and when this stage is reached the flesh comes off too

rapidly, there being nothing but flab to work on. It was the ease with Gans and it was the ease with Nelson, and it has been the case of every fighter who has trained too often and too long.

The fight yesterday was one of the hardest ever fought beneath a California sky. Both men showed wonderful endurance.

From the tap of the gong Nelson started forcing the fight, but Wolgast kept coming back.
A description of the hardest fought rounds follow:

Wolgast to Ropes.
Round 4—They exchange left jabs to head. Ad lands right to head. Wolgast swung left to Nelson's head. Nelson forced him to ropes and jabs Ad on nose with left without return. Nelson blocked hard swing and planted right to stomach. Wolgast landed right to stomach and turned Nelson half round with left to head. Nelson looked confused at bell.

Nelson Lands Hard.
Round 7—Wolgast sent left to head and repeats. Nelson chops ear with right. Ad sent series of lefts to face without damage. Wolgast rips left to stomach. Nelson hooks right to head, then almost sends Wolgast through the ropes with a right and left to head. Wolgast sent two rights and lefts to head, but Nelson came back strong and swung left and right to head. Nelson sent right to short ribs. Nelson's round.

Great Damage Done.
Round 11—They spar. Both are tired and although trying all the time they cannot land a damaging punch. Wolgast coming back with solid lefts and rights to jaw, staggered the Dane. Wolgast lands hard left to mouth just as bell rang. More damage was done in the last 30 seconds of this round than throughout the ten rounds preceding.

Half Through Ropes.
Round 14—They fight and clinch. Wolgast sends light right and left to Bat's mouth, then staggers him with right swing to chin. They clinch. Wolgast pounds kidneys. Nelson sends right to eye. Wolgast stops half through ropes and Nelson helps him back. Boys rest, then Wolgast wades in with right to bleeding ear. Wolgast swings right around head, then hooks mouth twice with left. They were sparring at bell. Anybody's round.

Nelson's Round.
Round 16—They fly at each other like tigers and fight furiously in a half clinch. Wolgast got far the better of the exchange. Nelson's face is a sight. Wolgast uppercuts face with right, then sends right and left to against ropes. The bell. Nelson's stomach. Nelson hammers short ribs with right, then sends in left.
Wolgast is practically unmarked, while Nelson's left ear, nose and lips are swelling almost twice their normal size.

Nelson's Face Damaged.
Round 17—They exchange light lefts to head and Wolgast sends light right to stomach. Wolgast swings heavy blow to stomach. Bat blocks. Nelson leads weakly and seems to head. Nelson sends heavy left to force, throwing little right to Wolgast's jaw and receives right uppercut on chin in return. They clinch against ropes. The bell. Nelson's face looks worse than it did at the conclusion of his long fight with Gans at Goldfield. Even round.

Wolgast Cautioned.
Round 18—Wolgast sends light right to jaw and repeats it. Nelson hooks chin with left and they clinch. On the break both jab chin with lefts. Nelson gets Wolgast against ropes, but Ad ducks two hard rights. Nelson jabs nose with left. Wolgast slips to floor in a neutral corner. Wolgast butts Nelson fairly on the side of the head twice and is cautioned. Nelson came back with heavy swings to head, Wolgast replying in kind.

Wolgast's Round.
Round 20—They spar and Wolgast sends light left to stomach. Wolgast sent hard left to head and pounds kidneys with right. Nelson sent light right to jaw. Wolgast jabs nose with right and swings hard to kidneys. Nelson's face is almost unrecognizable and continues to force, trying for Wolgast's stomach, but misses. They were clinched at the bell. Wolgast has light shade.

Savage Round.
Round 22—Betting now even money. Nelson hooks light right to ear. Wolgast hooks light left to face. Nelson hooks left to face then swings staggering right to Wolgast's chin. Wolgast fights back, hammering ear with right. Nelson sent right to eye and left to chin. Wolgast swings left to jaw. Nelson floors Wolgast with right to jaw. Nelson throws in volley of rights and lefts and Wolgast clinches. Wolgast pounds head and body, but his blows were weak. Nelson jabs right on head. Wolgast slows him up with right to head. Wolgast lands hard right up to face and repeats it as the bell clangs. This round was one of the most savage ever seen in a California ring. Wolgast looked wobbly when he took his

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corner and appeared dazed.
Slugging Bee.
Round 23—Nelson came at Wolgast like a wild bull, but Wolgast stood and they exchanged blows in a long drawn out slugging bee. They fiddled around. Nelson has a shade.

Round 25—Wolgast is keeping away to save the 25-round money. They exchange left jabs to nose and Wolgast lands two rights on ear. Nelson fights him to ropes and pounds stomach. Nelson sends long right to chin, but had no force. Wolgast staggers Bat with three rights to head. Nelson sends left and right to face and Wolgast replies with two heavy rights to head. Wolgast sends long right to cheek. Wolgast sends right to jaw and uppercut chin with left, then jabs face with left twice. They exchange rights and lefts at bell. Wolgast has a shade. When the bell rang the 25-round bettors howled with joy. Many big wagers that Wolgast would go that far were made.

Nelson Cannot Smile.
Round 26—In a half clinch they pound short ribs. Wolgast also playing on kidneys. Nelson hooks light left to face. Nelson made Wolgast miss and then tried to smile, but it was a ghastly effort. They were exchanging light punches to head at bell. Wolgast's round.

Nelson's Eye Suffers.
Round 27—Nelson's left eye is almost completely closed. They fight at close quarters. Wolgast doing the harder work. Wolgast sends right to short ribs and jabs head with left. Wolgast uppercut face with right. Nelson crosses light right to head. Clinched at the bell.

Nelson Stops Crowding Fight.
Round 31—Thus far Nelson has done all the forcing and when he went to his corner Robinson advises him to let Wolgast take the aggressive. They fight at close quarters and Wolgast pounds ribs. Wolgast sends nasty back-hander to face. They clinch and play for the stomach. They were sparring at the gong. Wolgast's round.

Nelson Gasps.
Round 32—They rush into a clinch and Wolgast makes Nelson gasp with a right to the stomach. They clinch and Wolgast pounds ribs. They were locked in a clinch at the bell. Nelson was weak when he went to his corner. Wolgast's round.

Nelson's Face a la Hamburger.
Round 34—Nelson's face is a disgusting sight. They clinch and Wolgast lifts Nelson off his feet. Wolgast landed right and left to head at bell. Nelson's face resembles a painted Indian and he is bleeding from mouth, nose and ear.

Nelson Would Be Jaunty.
Round 35—Wolgast jabs nose twice with left, then uppercuts mouth with left, bringing blood afresh. They are fighting at close quarters like demons when the break came. Nelson's face and shoulders were covered with blood. They trade blows, Wolgast doing the better execution. As the bell rang Wolgast jabs Nelson's battered face. Nelson tried to skip to his corner, but it was a pitiful exhibition of trying to appear jaunty.

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ONE LITTLE GIRL IS HAPPY TODAY

Victory of Ad Wolgast Makes Miss Eugenie Howey Happiest of Fianceses.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 23.—One little girl here today is blissfully happy over the victory of Ad Wolgast, the new lightweight champion of the world.

Miss Eugenie Howey, whom rumor designates as the fiancee of the conqueror of Battling Nelson, came to this city shortly before the ring battle of yesterday. She received word of her hero's triumph at her hotel here, but blushing declined to be interviewed.

Friends of Wolgast and Miss Howey assert that the tender sentiment has existed between them for more than a year. It began at a Southern California beach and was nurtured in the balmy southland.

Wolgast's victory brings the day much closer, although none of the persons interested will predict the exact date.

Wolgast's round by a big margin. **Nelson All But Out.**

Round 37—Wolgast dances around ring, then dashes in with lefts to face. Wolgast sends right under heart. Nelson hooks right to ear. Wolgast cuts in with right and left and Nelson totters. Wolgast jabs face three times without return. Nelson tried with a feeble right and is turned around with swing. A right to the jaw sends Nelson half through the ropes, but he was up quickly. Nelson was all but out at the end. Wolgast's round by a mile.

Nelson Wobbles.
Round 38—Nelson goes right after Wolgast, but misses. Nelson keeps going after him, but Wolgast slows him up with two rights to head. Nelson wobbled to his corner.

Thirty-Ninth Round.
Round 39—Nelson came out of his corner and got into a clinch. They broke and Wolgast sent light right to stomach. They clinch. Wolgast pounds kidneys. Wolgast jabbed face with left and cut Nelson's ear with right. Nelson clinches, but Wolgast fights off with rights to head. They clinch and Wolgast pounds kidneys. Wolgast sends right to face. Ad jabs same place with left. Wolgast uppercuts face and stomach with left and has Nelson reeling. Nelson comes back and Wolgast sends volley of rights and lefts to head. Nelson wobbled to his corner and the referee advises Nelson to quit, as he had no possible chance, but Nelson said: "No, I'll fight it out."

Finish.
Round 40—Nelson staggered from his corner and went right after Wolgast, but his efforts were futile. Wolgast dashed out of his corner after Bat when the referee stopped the fight. Nelson protested and wanted to continue, but the police jumped into the ring and stopped it. Nelson walked blindly to a neutral corner, where he was taken charge of by his seconds and led to his chair. The fallen champion was a pitiable spectacle. His face was pummeled beyond recognition. His nose was horribly puffed, the left side of his face resembling a huge boil, his cauliflower ear was cut into ribbons and his mouth was puffed to the size of a calf's liver. His chest, stomach and back was as red as a lobster, and his trunks and legs were covered with gore. He took the worst beating ever administered a fighter, but throughout the battle he showed the same wonderful endurance and gameness that has marked him in all his fights. The beating he got today probably means the end of his fighting career, as it is hardly probable that any human being can recover after the horrible beating Nelson took.

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Writes Wife 15 Times a Day.
LIBERTY, Mo., Feb. 23.—Mrs. A. B. Reed, wife of Lieut. Reed, of the U. S. S. Albany, has received in the last three days twenty-five letters from her husband; fifteen the first day; four the second and six the third. The Lieutenant got a leave of absence last fall and got married, but immediately after the ceremony, was ordered to Central America, at the beginning of the Nicaraguan trouble.

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TUESDAY NIGHT'S BOXING SHOW BAD

The Management Was Poor, But the Exhibitions Satisfactory as a Whole—Three Bouts.

The motto of the state of Oregon, with some modifications, might be adopted by the Medford Athletic club. It might read, for instance, that "our boxing bouts manage themselves," for if there was anything in the nature of management at the show Tuesday night it wasn't visible to the naked eye.

The midget contest was called off, and Hildebrand and Burke appeared in the first preliminary and boxed for three rounds.

Strain and Rolland put up a clever six-round bout, what time they were not pushing their hair back from their eyes. A hair cut wouldn't be a bad idea before they meet again. The main event between Wallace and Dalton was disappointing, as Wallace was clearly overmatched. It is true, he was suffering from a cold when he went into the ring, but even at his best he had no business with Dalton. The latter should be careful, though, about fighting so low. He carries his hands low and is apt to land in close fighting lower on his opponent's body than he intends to. Dalton won in the fifth round.

The management was conspicuous by its absence. The contestants were allowed to come into the ring without attendants and sit around and shiver until the bout was called. In the case of Rolland, he had to put on his own gloves, or started to, and was helped out by some of the fans at the ringside.

CANNOT RAISE CROPS ON GRAVES OF PIONEERS

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 23.—The defiling touch of the plow will hereafter not disturb the sleep of 40 Washington pioneers buried in a mound in Lewis county from 1854 to 1884.

The supreme court has decided that John Hutchinson of that county must cease raising crops on the mound, and has granted the injunction asked by descendants of the pioneers to prevent further desecration and allow their visits to the cemetery.

The court said: "Sacred memories cluster around the burial spot, unkempt as it is, and its desecration shocks the moral sense of mankind and brings just reproach upon its author."
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From the first gong to the end of the 20th round the youngsters mixed it furiously. Conley seemed to be playing for the face, while Attell directed his attacks on the body.

After the 20th they fought slower, and as the fight continued both grew weak and the fighting tame. Early in the game Attell was hit in the left eye and was compelled to fight the rest of the battle with the optic closed.

WOLGAST'S HOME CRAZY WITH JOY

Cadillac, Mich., Home of the "Wild-cat," Adopts Name of "Hooray"—Beating of Tom-Toms.

CADILLAC, Mich., Feb. 23.—Hooray, a new town, is on the sport map today. It is just little Cadillac, but it boasts of being the natal home of one Adolph Wolgast, sometimes called "Ad," and familiarized 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 Bat Nelson of Hogewisch, Ill. There will be great celebration, a beating of tom-toms and a series of coruscant ceremonies only to be outshone by the arrival of Bwana Tumbo or the coronation of a king, when Ad comes home.

Train Tries for Record.
SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 23.—Headed by a rotary snow plow, a Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound fast freight, loaded with a shipment of raw silk from Japan, is climbing the Cascade mountains this morning in an attempt to break the Tacoma-New York record already held by the road.
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