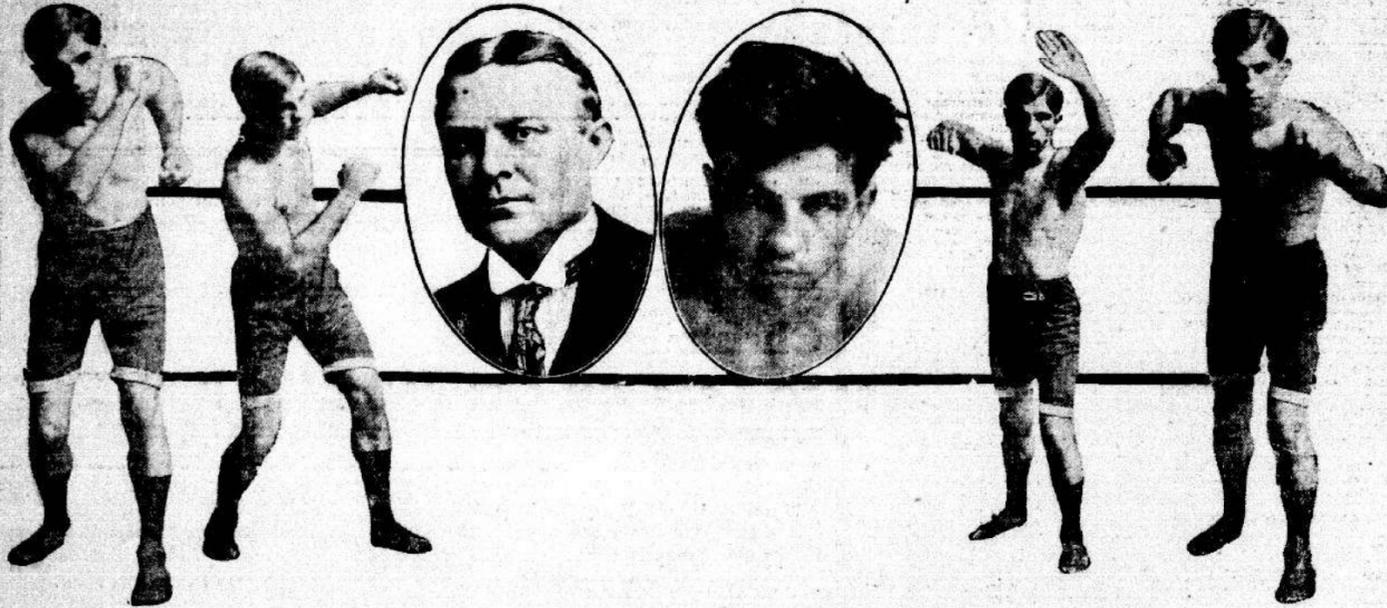


# Battling Nelson Has a Stiff Contract on His Hands



AD WOLGAST.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 25.—If Battling Nelson, now accredited with being the best lightweight pugilist, keeps his promise, the man who will have the first chance to wrest it from him in many moons will be Adolph Wolgast. The "battler" has promised that he will meet Wolgast in January, and the challenger is hoping that Nelson will see his way clear to keep the promise rather than give Freddie Welsh the chance to take the crown.

For the past two years Ad Wolgast has been campaigning the country as a featherweight. He got his start in the fighting game in Grand Rapids, Mich., five years ago, but went at it rather slowly for a while until he

landed in Milwaukee, then the hotbed of pugilism. He was ready to take on all comers and the result was never against Wolgast. In his entire career Wolgast has had but one decision given against him, and that was his third battle when he was ruled a loser by a questionable decision with a young fighter whom he had knocked out in their first meeting.

But it was last summer that Wolgast really came into the limelight. There wasn't much chance for him to meet featherweights, and he had been taking on lightweights and giving them plenty of weight, but still was able to get away without defeat. Then last July he was matched to meet Battling Nelson, and they went over the 10-round

route. What happened to the champion is history, for Wolgast had Nelson outclassed from the start and no one has taken pains to deny this assertion. Then he came across to meet Lew Powell in November. Powell was counted a coming candidate for coast honors. He had it on Wolgast in weight and was a strong favorite in the betting. But the outcome of that fight is also history. Wolgast made Powell look like a novice and easily won the decision.

Now Wolgast seeks another bout with Nelson. It is easy betting that Nelson will stick out for a long bout. He declares that he knows Wolgast's weak point and can wear him down in his own inimitable style that made

him a champion. Wolgast went just as fast in the twentieth round of his fight with Powell as he did in the first. If he can keep up the gait in a bout with Nelson the lightweight championship will have a new home at some not far distant date. When the two meet again it will be in one of the greatest battles the ring has ever known. Wolgast is clever, quick as a cat and hits with either hand from any position. At no time is his opponent in a position to get away from his rushes, for his blows land with lightning rapidity.

But Nelson is not the only man Wolgast is looking for. Two others, Packey McFarland and Abe Attell, would be accommodated. Wolgast will

make the featherweight limit for Attell for a championship fight, but as yet there is nothing doing in the way of matching the pair. Weight is a trouble maker in the bout also. McFarland will not take anything less than 133 pounds four hours before the fight, while Wolgast sticks for three hours before, which you will have to admit is still heading some odds by a little fellow who is willing to make 122 for a chance at Abe Attell's title.

Wolgast is being managed by Tom E. Jones, who brought Billy Papke into the limelight. Under his tutelage he has advanced by leaps and bounds in the pugilistic world and the manager declares he surely will be the next lightweight champion.

## Baltimore Wrestler Is Good



AMERICUS, THE BALTIMORE WHIRLWIND.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Americus, the Baltimore star, who made such a wonderful showing with Mahmoud, the Bulgarian, in the recent bout, is the author of a system of wrestling all of his own and known as the Americus system. It consists of rolling and seining, a complex department of the game which has made Americus what he is today. It worked on Mahmoud, who tried to master his intricacies through his training with Charley Postal, who is not unlike the Baltimore man in daring and prowess. Americus weighs in at 190 pounds. His training in Chicago was done at the Chicago Athletic club, with Charlie Cutler and others. It is probable that a match with Dr. Roiter will be the result of his wonderful work while in Chicago.

## BASEBALL NOTES

W. J. Buckley of Rochester has applied for an umpire's berth in the Eastern league.

Arthur Irwin is now mentioned for the position of manager of the Philadelphia Nationals.

The American league averages show big slumps in hitting on the part of a number of players who were formerly bear cats with the willow.

Al Twarney, the new president of the Three I league, is one of the leading promoters of semi-professional baseball in Chicago.

First Baseman Stein of the Boston Nationals has been sold to the Sioux City club of the Western league.

Jake Wells was re-elected president of the Virginia league at the recent annual meeting of that organization.

Andy Coakley's indoor baseball team has quite a bunch of stars. In the lineup are Kleinow, Jordan, Keeler, Evers, Browne and Zimmerman.

Duffy Lewis, the California outfielder secured by the Boston Americans, is touted as being the boy able to show Niles and Thoney how to play the game.

It will look kind of strange to see a Buffalo team minus Natty Natress. It is declared by some authorities that Natty has played in Bison Center ever since the town was incorporated.

Mahesh Kittredge has been appointed manager of the Scranton team in the New York State league. Malachi won a pennant in Scranton in 1936 and turned the trick again last season in Wilkesbarre.

Joe Catillon, the deposed manager of the Washington team, says that George Stallings helped to knife him on account of Joe turning up that signal system in operation on the New York American league grounds.

One of the first jobs received by

Horace Fogel, the new president of the Philadelphia Nationals was a polite request for an increased stipend from Mr. Charles Dooan, the popular singing catcher of the Quakers.

Johnny Evers of the Chicago Cubs will coach the Williams college baseball squad next spring.

Bill Dineen is thinking seriously of checking up his job of umpiring next season and becoming a minor league manager.

## WITH THE FIGHTERS

Manager Tom Jones is trying to get Battling Nelson real mad, for he thinks that he will then start on a run for a Lattie with Ad Wolgast.

A bout between Dave Desler and Young Donohue for the lightweight championship of New England is expected to be arranged soon.

Jim Harry is still waiting for a chance to take on Al Kaufman, Jack O'Brien or Tony Ross.

Once more Packey McFarland has arranged to sail for England. Packy says he will float January 5.

Jack Deyer, a heavyweight from Leipsic, O., has been making quite a name for himself in California recently.

Big Mackey made a good impression in his first bout in Boston. He will be matched to meet Al Delmont again.

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