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Wolgast Says Money Comes Too Easy to Quit Fighting Game Now.

Overnight 1915 in The Evening World. We were talking over the "fighting game" with Ad Wolgast yesterday afternoon. Ad didn't see why any one who can fight should have any financial worries.

"I thought I'd retire once," said Ad, "but then along came that Nelson and insisted upon my giving him a ten-round match in Milwaukee, and I made so much money out of it that it seemed a shame to quit when the picking was so easy. I wasn't anxious to knock him out that night. It was to be his last fight, and I felt sorry for him. After having it my own way for six rounds I let up. And what do you think that old fighting son of a gun did? Why, he hit me one of the hardest pokes I ever got—broke two of my ribs. After that I had to do some of the best footwork I ever did. If he landed there again it would have been curtains.

"As soon as my ribs were mended I went back to fighting. Just before I boxed that ten rounds I had made up my mind to forget all about the ring. But after fighting for years a fellow feels just about the same as I do. So I suppose I'll be busy for a few years more. It isn't the money entirely. I like to be fighting, and I believe I'm better than I've ever been, and that if I take a little time for hard training I can beat Welsh and his cheap 'old sains'.

"I've always been my own best matchmaker," Wolgast went on. "I made the biggest money when I fixed up my own matches. I left Tom Jones when I was no longer a champion, and went right along making money better than when I had the title. If I'd listened to Jones I'd be lucky to have \$10,000 now."

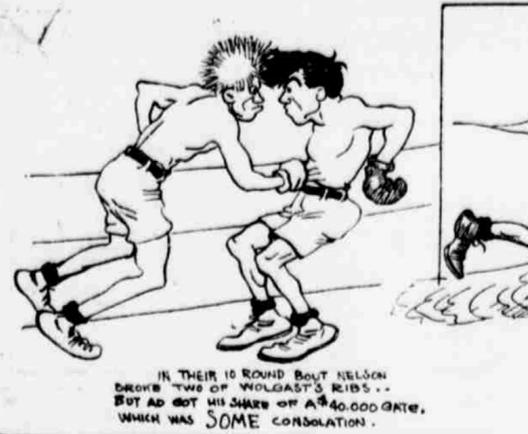
"Wheel," said I, "and if it isn't asking too personal a question how much have you?" "Oh," said Wolgast, "I have a plenty." And he grinned. "Let me see the record book," he suggested, "and I'll tell you what I got for some of my fights. Before I was champion I didn't get much. A thousand dollars, or fifteen hundred, or two thousand at the most, looked mighty big to me. When Jones was making a match he used to come to me and say, 'Now, Ad, I've said we won't fight for less than \$400, but you've got to see that fellow and say you'll fight him for \$750, and come down to \$500 if you have to. Maybe we can get that much.'"

"The fight with Nelson for the Championship drew \$29,000. Nelson got \$12,500 and I got \$5,500. Knockout Brown and I drew over \$20,000. New York, with Memphis in Los Angeles I drew \$19,000, and my own was \$5,500. That two-round fight with Hogan—the soft one—drew \$1,000, and my share was \$4,500. That was about the easiest money I ever picked up. I got \$5,500 for fighting Oakland Frankie Burns and \$2,500 for Anton La Grava. Pretty good!"

"I made the match with Mandot in New Orleans myself, and that got me \$10,000. I got Rivers and the fight drew \$42,072. Rivers got \$7,500 and I got \$15,000. The Ritchie match Jones made, and he allowed them to pick Jim Griffith for referee. The fight drew \$28,000.

"After losing the title to Ritchie on a 'foul' I made the next match for myself with Tommy Murphy at Daly's."

HOW WOLGAST GATHERED THE COIN



AD THINKS HE COULD BEAT WELSH, BUT ADMITS HE'D HAVE TO TRAIN HARD TO BE IN SHAPE TO CATCH HIM.

IN THEIR 10-ROUND BOUT NELSON BROKE TWO OF WOLGAST'S RIBS... BUT AD GOT HIS SHARE OF A \$40,000 BATTLE, WHICH WAS SOME CONSOLATION.

Eaton, Chip of Old Block, Takes to Bicycle Career Like Father Before Him

"Kid" of Six-Day Field Now Racing at Garden Is Son of Cycling Idol of 20 Years Ago. RAY EATON in the Garden six-day race this week gives promise of continuing the feats of his famous father, Jay Eaton, once indoor cycle king. Young Eaton is still only a cycle novice, yet he's convinced old-time bike fans in the Garden that he'll soon add another chapter to the family's fame.

Many of the younger generation don't remember probably the exploits of Jay Eaton way back in the eighties. In the days when cycle stars rode high wheels, then graduated to the present type of bicycles. Jay Eaton, for speed, endurance and grace was invincible. He justly earned his sobriquet of "Indoor King." Old Jay wasn't much outdoors. Several stars of that period could consistently beat him, but transfer a race indoors and Jay could show his rear wheel to any one. He was supreme, especially on small tracks. Advancing age slowed up the speed wizard and he retired from active competition. Then after a long lay-off he came back to the Garden and this year in cycling matches in the person of Ray Eaton.

Born in Elizabeth, N. J., twenty-one years ago, the younger Eaton grew into a fine sturdy specimen of manhood. And what grieved the father most was the son's reluctance to take up the family pastime of cycling. "Since I've got more money than I can use in the same length of time when I'm a champion, I've saved \$30,000 clear since I started in again, and that's after taking out all traveling, training and other expenses."

"I may get tired of piling it up some time and go back to the farm," said Ad, setting up and reaching for his hat. "But it isn't yet. It's a little slow on the farm and I'd rather fight than do anything else. I like the excitement."

The Secretary of State's office this year has handled automobile affairs in better shape than ever before. The car number plates for 1916 are now ready, and can be obtained by the owners without a day's delay. They are stacked up in thousands of boxes in Secretary Hugo's office. Every year in New York State can be equipped with new numbers on the first day of January, instead of a month or so later. The new number plates are the best ever issued. The numbers show clearly, and a new device—breaking the long numbers up into two sections with a dash, like this: 12-220, instead of 12220—has made it much easier to see and to remember the numbers. Secretary Hugo has also had the "N. Y., 1916" placed below the number, instead of on a line with it. Secretary of State Hugo leads the most extensive automobile bureau in the world, and this year every possible effort is being made to run it in the most efficient way and to enforce the automobile laws and regulations that are too often ignored by unit drivers and careless owners.

campaign the family cause, to interest the son in cycling. The younger Eaton finally won out and the youth decided to ride a bicycle, just to see what the darn thing felt like. Evidently the sensation was satisfactory, for Ray has been cycling ever since. His first competition was confined to small neighborhood races. Last year he branched out and participated in a twelve-hour contest in Chicago and finished well up with the leaders. Young Eaton entered his first six-day race in Boston last month. In the third day he accidentally crashed against the guard rails and was thrown heavily to the track. His injury was serious enough to cause his withdrawal, but the youngster wouldn't hear of it. After being patched up he returned to the grind and won the first prize offered for a mile sprint. "Just like his father," was the general expression of the youth's gameness.

Entering the present Garden contest, young Eaton teamed up with Eddie Madden, another youngster from Newark. So far the two kids have joined in every sprint. Long-distance riding is the best possible development for a rising star. In the opinion of many young Eaton's experience this week will greatly improve his endurance and speed, and it is to be expected that though he's only twenty-one, will soon take his place with the leaders of the cycle world. Maybe he may reach the top-most position held by his father for so many years.

With several stars on the verge of withdrawing from the week's strain, twelve teams of international six-day cyclists in the garden race whirled around the circular track so fast this afternoon that the best previous marks for the distance were being hourly smashed. At the one hundred and eleventh hour the field were nearly twenty-six miles ahead of the world's mark. And it is the time the weary riders had ploughed their way nearly 2,200 miles since the start last Sunday midnight.

This afternoon twelve teams of the original seven-tent pairs remained in the race, eleven pairs were tied for the lead while Sullivan and Anderson trailed six laps in the rear. That the record speed which had been kept up day and night has worked hardships on the riders is becoming plain—or all the time. Several riders are especially weakening and may not last to the finish to-morrow night. Bobby Walthour, hero of dozen of other six-day races, is expected to quit almost any time. The veteran was the victim of a serious accident this morning and was asked to leave the race. But after a long rest he pluckily resumed the grind. Joe Fogler, paired with Clarence Carman, one of the most popular favorites, suddenly withdrew this morning. Fogler, who had been in the thick of every sprint, had been walking to his dressing room that he didn't have the strength to push his machine another mile. His partner pleaded with him to take a long rest and return, but Fogler said he had when he had enough and his action put his tea officially out of the race. While many of the older riders were complaining of the strain, Ray Eaton and Eddie Madden, the youngest pair in the race, took the opportunity of showing their speed. After losing a lap at midnight, as a penalty, the youngsters got busy, a few hours later and recovered the lost ground in the most exciting sprint of the contest so far. Eaton cleverly manoeuvred to the head of the string, and then, while the other riders were dreaming of their homes, the Newark youngster shot out like a flash and gained half a lap when his partner, with a quick reflex, took his place and completed the lap before the bunch could catch him. It was a fine piece of riding, and the two Jersey kids received hearty applause from the early morning crowd.

Postponements Not Allowed In Evening World Tourney

Four Teams Scheduled to Play in Opening Series on Monday Night.

The schedule for The Evening World three-man amateur tournament gives each team one night a week at home and one abroad. Four teams will meet on the opening night—Park Row at Bronx Palace and Metropolitan at Buzuka. Postponements are not allowed and games will start at 8:30 sharp. The schedule:

Table with columns: DATE, AT HOME, ABROAD. Lists various teams and dates for the tournament.

Bike Race Stars Showing Signs of Weakening

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WILHELM BERNER, of Germany, was a victim of the masked wrestler at the Manhattan Opera House last night. The man of mystery threw Berner in twelve minutes and forty seconds. The winner proved that he was an adept pupil at the wrestling game, for he tossed Berner around as he pleased and broke every hold that his victim had on him with ease.

In another match Charles Cutler threw Wilhelm Berner in six minutes and ten seconds.

BAKER WILL PLAY WITH CHICAGO WHITE SOX. The Chicago White Sox will get Home Run Baker, just as was predicted by Carl Huston. According to a friend very close to Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the White Sox, the transaction will be officially announced in Chicago next week. Baker, it is said, has accepted terms and Connie Mack and Comiskey have reached an understanding.

Mack Stopped Moore. HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 10.—Before the Hartford Athletic Club, Frankie Mack of Boston knocked out Frankie Moore in the third round of a scheduled fifteen-round fight. Mack felled his opponent three times for the count. In the semi-final Joe Tierney of Elizabeth knocked out Joe Hillworth of this city in the third round of a scheduled ten-round bout.

Federal League Will Win Fight to Close Streets in Time to Build Ball Park

Adjacent Property Owners Believe It Will Increase Values—Park to Be Used for Boxing and Other Sports.

Baseball magnates. They do not believe it possible for the Feds to succeed with such a burdensome overhead expense. It is understood, however, that the Feds have gone into the proposition as a real estate investment as much as a baseball investment. They intend to help in defraying expenses and cutting down the rent by giving the park in exchange for the building of many other ways. A fight club is to be organized for the putting on of boxing matches the same as has been done in Ebbets Field.

The public hearing of the petition to close the streets will be held Dec. 23, and those interested expressed the opinion that it will be favorably acted upon.

Now, when that part of the business is done it will be up to the Feds to get together a good ball team. Unless they do that the enterprise will be a failure from a baseball point of view. They will have to conflict with the Giants or the Yanks every day of the season and unless they provide a good counter attraction the result is obvious.

Last night the writer of this talked with a man high up in Organized Baseball—one who has not figured in the plans concerning the Federal League up to this time.

"This Federal League invasion is a more serious matter than our people are willing to believe," he said. "I have been through it before and know exactly the kind of things were said when the American League was formed and while I know these people haven't a good reliable league to start with, they have the money and the determination. We made the mistake of starting a genuine fight against them long ago. When they began talking our players we should have gone back at them from the start. In fact, I believe a baseball war right now—a real one—would do the game a lot of good. But how can we have a fight when only one side is willing to enter the ring?"

The trouble the Feds are having right now is the selection of the proper man for manager of the New York team. There appears to be a lot of interest in George Stovall, manager of the Kansas City team, will not do. The most available man, according to the powers that be, is Billy Murray, former manager of the Philadelphia Athletics. Billy is in no sense an applicant for the job, but it is understood that he will not decline if the position is offered him.

The Fed invasion looks like a bad business move, any way you figure it, but it's a good bet that they go through with it and take a chance. The tip comes straight from the place where information counts.

Another important fight battle will be held in New Haven to-night. The fighters who will struggle for the honors are Johnny Dundee, the Italian lightweight, of this city, and Matt Wells, the ex-champion lightweight of England. They will come together in a twelve-round bout at the Riverside A. C. of that city. Wells is to receive 50 per cent. of the gross receipts.

As a consequence of the foul blow which George Chick accidentally struck Jeff Smith of Barre, N. J., in the seventh round of their bout at the Madison Square Garden on Tuesday night, Smith will be unable to meet "Gus Kib" in the main bout of ten rounds at the Clermont A. C. of Brooklyn to-morrow night. Battling Levinsky has been substituted for Smith.

Jack Britton is surely a hard luck fighter. Besides having to call off many hours from time to time on account of sickness, Jack has just had the misfortune to have the knuckle of the first finger of his right hand smashed while boxing with the sporting partner, which will keep him from taking part in a bout for at least another month.

A match has been practically arranged between Joe Rivers, the best Mexican lightweight of California, and Eddie Mitchell of Milwaukee, who the fight critics of the West seem to think will be a top-notch lightweight in another year. They will meet for ten rounds at the Great City A. C. of Milwaukee on the night of Dec. 20.

Lancey Lieberstein, manager of Ad Wolgast and Joe Welling, the crack Chicago lightweight, declared to-day that Welling will arrive in town from Chicago on Monday to complete his training for his battle with Young Brown at the Harlem Sporting Club on Dec. 17. This will be Welling's second contest here. He has made good in his first go with Johnny Marz.

Book O'Brien of Pittsburgh, who has shown a big improvement in his fighting during the last few months, is booked up for another week to-morrow night. This time his opponent will be Siler Grande, the California middleweight who came here from San Francisco a few months ago. They will meet for six rounds at the Duquesne Garden in Pittsburgh.

Two ten-round battles will be fought at the regular weekly boxing show of the New Polo A. C. of Harlem to-night. In the first Bobby Moore

NO MORE EARLY RACES FOR 2-YEAR-OLD HORSES AFTER NEXT SEASON

Jockey Club Adopts Capt. Cassatt's Plan to Bar Juveniles Until April 1.

"No horses foaled in 1915 or thereafter shall run in any race before April 1 of his two-year-old year." This amendment to the racing rules adopted by the Jockey Club yesterday does away with early racing for the baby class of thoroughbreds.

Capt. E. H. Cassatt was sponsor for the new rule. For more than a year he has pointed out that many good horses are ruined because they start their turf career at a too tender age.

When Capt. Cassatt first proposed the change there was a storm of protests from the racing associations that conduct winter meetings, but the stewards of the Jockey Club convinced the opposition that the delay in sending two-year-olds to the post will bring about a sturdier stock of thoroughbreds. Many a promising juvenile racer has been crippled in these early races.

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