

## WHICH? WOLGAST OR RIVERS—BOTH CONFIDENT

At Vernon, just outside of Los Angeles, Cal., Thursday, two boys will fight for a big purse and the lightweight championship of the world.

Ad Wolgast will defend his title against Joe Rivers, the Mexican boxer. Who will win? The answer to this question is attracting more attention than, "How long will it take Jack Johnson to knock out Jim Flynn?"

When Wolgast enters the ring he will have the handicap of a recent appendicitis operation and being in ordinary condition, while Rivers will be well trained and on edge. The following statements by the principals, prepared especially for The Day Book, tells just what each thinks of the battle and its outcome:

**"I'm Betting \$5,000 I Win."**

**By Ad. Wolgast.**

I gave myself a severe test recently and I consider that I am right once more. I feel as strong as I ever did in my life. I can't see how there is going to be anything in this fight. I am going to wade right through that Mexican.



**Wolgast.**

As an indication of how I feel about it, I have already bet about \$2,200 on myself and expect to bring that figure up to \$5,000 before the odds get any worse than they are now.

I was reading in the paper that

Rivers was going to hit me in the back of the neck when I come in after him covered up. All I have to say is that if he does there is going to be a Mexican with a couple of cracked ribs.

I am going to show the fans that this talk of me being all in is rot. I am just as good now as ever, if not better—if you don't believe it, watch my work July 4th. That will be enough proof.

**"I'm Confident of Winning."**

**By Joe Rivers.**

I never felt any better in my life. I don't mean that I feel noisy or full of brag, but physically I am at my best right now, and nervously I am as calm over this fight as if I were going to do a little exhibition with my brother. I don't feel worried or tense, or on a strain in the least. I sleep well every night, and I am enjoying every minute of the cool air and summer sunshine here at the beach.



**Rivers.**

I always feel fine when I go to bed early and get up early.

I leave the beach not later than 9 at night now, and I am in bed at 9:30. Then I'm up at 7—and it's great! I'm more to the lark than the owl, I guess.

They ring the bell for me to back into the grub stall three times every day, and I'm always glad to hear it.

As far as Ad is concerned, you