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Special to the Free Press

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Adolph (Ad) Wolgast, one of the prize ring's great fighters and one of its greatest human tragedies, lay near death here in a State mental hospital Tuesday.

He is a native of Cadillac, Mich., and reigned as the world lightweight champion from 1910 to 1912.

Wolgast, now 65, has been suffering from upper respiratory infection. He has been feeble for the last year.

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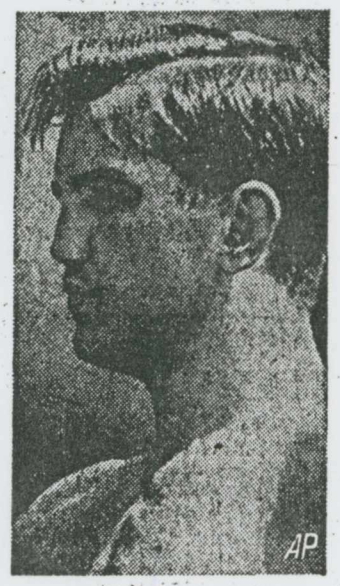
THE FORMER champion, winner of one of the most vicious bouts ever presented in the United States, has spent more than half his lifetime in mental institutions.

He was judged incompetent and confined only four years after yielding his world title.

Those who kept contact with him confided that Wolgast, until recent years, still trained diligently for his "next crack" at the world championship.

Many insist that the punishment he absorbed caused a brain injury. He was first adjudged insane in Michigan in 1916.

Now that death seems near, the brutal bout which the



Ad Wolgast in ring days