

ILING

Wolgast

Michigan Wildcat waged with Battling Nelson in 1910 is being recalled. For it typified the ruggedness and brutality of the prize ring at the turn of the century and shortly thereafter.

WOLGAST WON the lightweight title from Nelson, the Durable Dane. It was a fight to the finish, held near San Francisco, Feb. 22, 1910.

Wolgast won the battle in the 40th round. Fouls were ignored, at the insistence of both fighters.

At one stage, after being fouled repeatedly, Wolgast grabbed Nelson by the shoulders, lowered his own head and brought it up with full force into the champion's face.

That was in the 22nd round. It was a clean fight the rest of the way.

Wolgast was hammered to the floor in the 23rd round, and all suspected he was fough. But he got up then, despite merciless punishment, and actually took charge of the fight.

NELSON, IN THE 40th round, had a bleeding, swollen face, welts on his ribs and was hardly able to see or hear. Wolgast continued to pound him, and finally, it was halted. The Durable Dane was never much after that.

Wolgast lost the title on a foul to Willie Ritchie, Nov. 28, 1912. In his two years as champion, he was a principal in a number of bouts similar to the one with Nelson.

At the peak of his career, Wolgast was said to be worth \$250,000.

His fortune was quickly lost. He was his health.

River Yields Body Of Ionia Woman

Ionia—The body of Mrs. Rose Perry, 64, missing from her home in Ionia since Feb. 7, was discovered Tuesday in Grand river about two miles from her home.

Coroner Wallace Jackson said Mrs. Perry's death was an apparent suicide and that no postmortem would be held. Mrs. Perry had been ill for several years and threatened to take her life at earlier dates, Jackson said.

The body was discovered by Deputy John Thallison and Patrolman Jerry Krywanski. Police had dragged the river shortly after Mrs. Perry's disappearance in February, but found no traces.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn; a daughter, Mrs. Norris Throop of Ionia; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Houseman of Belding and Mrs. Emma Jamison of Fullerton, Calif., and a brother, Theodore Reinhart of Muir.

The body was taken to the Boynton funeral home where services will be held at 2 Thursday. Burial in Saranac cemetery.

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