

ON THE SIDELINES

By BRIAN BELL

Ad Wolgast, champion of lightweight boxing circles from 1910 to 1912, who has been incompetent since 1917, no longer expects to stage a comeback. For years his confused mind developed wild thoughts of conquest.

"I'm too old to work any more," he told Tom Jones, his former manager, who paid him a visit at the state hospital at Patten, Calif., where the once great fighter is a patient.

Wolgast, who is now 44 years of age, kept in great physical shape for years and he added in his conversation with Jones.

"But I still do some road work," and then his mind became clouded again and he said:

"I knocked out a fellow just the other day. Took him in the third round."

Wolgast, for several years after he was adjudged insane, lived at the old Vernon fight club in Los Angeles, then owned and operated by Jack Doyle, Los Angeles promoter.

Ready for Title Bout
He worked out daily, and except for the fact that in ring parlance he "was walking on his heels," he seemed in perfect condition. He thought a championship bout was always waiting for him just around the corner.

One day Tom Doyle, brother of Jack, gave Ad a broom and told him to sweep out. Wolgast's heart was not in the task and after taking a few haphazard swings with the broom, he handed it back to Doyle, with the remark:

"I can't sweep out. Why, I'm crazy."

Ad's youngest brother, Al, a middleweight, is now boxing with indifferent success with Jones as his manager, but Old Tom says the youth hasn't the great promise of his brother.

Jones and Wolgast never had a written contract. Ad moved west in 1907 and worked as a newsboy in Los Angeles, boxing occasionally. Jim Jeffries saw him, liked his style and referred him to Jones.

\$240,000 Went
When the manager and boxer parted in 1913, it was with the understanding that Ad would fight no more. Wolgast had saved \$240,000, says Jones, and when he first was declared insane, he still had approximately \$130,000 in Los Angeles real estate. If he owned the land today he would be a millionaire but he lost it all, and when the Doyles took him into their fight club he was "broke."

Jones, who had such champions as Jess Willard, Billy Papke and Frankie Conley, in addition to Wolgast, thinks two things are wrong

YOUR BRAIN and YOUR HEALTH

By DR. LEIAND B. ALFORD MENTAL FATIGUE

Mental work is said to be much easier than physical efforts. According to certain tests it is possible to hold up the standard of mental activity for many hours.

One person continued to multiply long numbers in his head for 12 hours as a stretch. He did not show much decrease in speed and accuracy at the end of his long trial.

Again school teachers were able to grade examination papers for hours on end without displaying a great deal of weariness.

By trying harder those under observation could maintain the grade of their work after signs of fatigue began to appear.

Even after the loss of sleep, by applying determination, those being studied could perform almost as well as ever.

Indeed, the feeling of effort seemed to be the chief evidence of fatigue to the test person. As he began to grow tired work was no longer pleasant, and he had to drive himself.

The influence of effort on physical work is quite different. Consciously exerting one's self physically quickly fatigues and causes a rapid falling off in production.

But, as the experimenters realized, it is very difficult to judge the nature and quality of mental work.

They could not be sure that the mental work they assigned was the hardest kind. It may have been on a par with easy physical work, like walking, that can be continued for hours.

Experience teaches us that original and close reasoning is tiring. To exercise his best judgment one must be fresh. The executive whose decisions are far reaching avoids tiring himself with details.

Green and White For Bridal Party
WASHINGTON, (AP)—Green and white formed the spring motif for the bridal party of Miss Mary Ellen Franklin of Leesburg, Va., when she became the bride of Joseph S. Gillespie. The maid of honor and bridesmaids wore gowns of white, chiffon, green picture hats, green shoes and white mitts. They carried arm bouquets of white sweet peas tied with green tulle.

Equipoise Slated For Two Trials Leading To Derby and Preakness



Herb's Equipoise, wintered back favorite for the Kentucky Derby, shown with his trainer, Jimmy Hopkins, at winter quarters near Washington. The crack three-year-old wintered well, and probably will be run a couple of times before the Preakness at Pimlico, and the blue grass classic.

BALTIMORE, (AP)—Equipoise, Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney's leading money winner last year and future book favorite for both the Preakness and the Kentucky Derby this year, probably will be given a chance to show his speed at least twice before the first of the two racing classics.

Equipoise likely will be entered in the \$100,000 Chesapeake Stakes at Havre de Grace April 25, to match his speed at a mile and a sixteenth against some of the best three-year-olds in the land, according to his trainer, Freddy Hopkins.

Hopkins said the colt, which came through the winter in fine shape at the old Benning's race track, near Washington, also probably would be started on other time before the Preakness, which is to be run at Pimlico on May 25.

Facing the barrier with the Whitney entry in the Chesapeake Stakes probably will be two other colts which wintered at Benning's, A. C. Bestwick's Mate and Gigantic, owned by J. E. Davis.

Equipoise won a total of \$156,935 last year to become the largest two-year-old money winner since Domino.

Mate was second among the Preakness and Derby eligibles in point of cash garnered as a two-year-old, winning \$58,650 and Twenty Grand, another of the favorites, won \$41,320.

"It looks to me as though Mate and Twenty Grand are the only two horses we have to fear in the Chesapeake and the Preakness," Hopkins said.

TEXAN PINCH-HITS FOR RUDY; NOW BALLEW IS FAMOUS TOO

NEW YORK, March 30. (AP)—Smith Ballew came from Texas to seek the fame of Broadway.

Broadway greeted him as it has many another wanderer from the hinterland, with the kind of snubbing that brings out the best in anyone.

It was up to him to make good as an orchestra leader, and he did, with the help of radio.

So well has he succeeded that his organization was selected to take the place of Rudy Valle's Connecticut Yankees while they were on a tour of the country.

Ballew's orchestra played at the Valle night club, and for Rudy's weekly Saturday night hour on the WEAF-NBC chain.

Besides filling Valle's shoes, Ballew has built up a following through his own broadcasts on the NBC chain.

Ballew's tenor sounds something like Valle's on the radio, but his voice carries the unmistakable touch of the Texas drawl. In the conductor's stand, Ballew, 6 feet 5 inches tall, calls to mind the stalwart company of his Texas plains.

Dallas is Ballew's home town. He attended the University of Texas, where he played the banjo in a student orchestra. In 1924, the year he was married, he went to Chicago, and for a time sang with Ted Florito's orchestra. Later he came to New York, and about two years ago gathered together a group of musicians, including three boys from Texas. Then success began, as time glances his way.

Smith learned to play the banjo from a nold negro named Nat, who performed with an East Texas "jazz" band. That was practically the only instruction he ever received in music.

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Capes Adorn New Evening Gowns

PARIS, (AP)—Capes are one of the smartest notes in the spring fashion song. White lace evening gowns and dark chiffon afternoon frocks display waist-length capes tied with a scarf about the throat. Plaid taffeta morning frocks are worn with short dark wool capes, and flannel traveling suits have full-length matching capes.

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Spring Brings Wraps Of Quilted Lame

PARIS, (AP)—Shimmering coats of quilted lame are a new evening wrap for early spring. They are made of both gold and silver lame, stitched from collar to hem like old-time quilts. Most of them are knee-length, designed with flared standing collars and kimono sleeves.

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able service as a Confederate soldier during the Civil War. When the southern cause collapsed, Crow was compelled to truck 400 miles on foot to the old homestead at Ethel where he settled down to rear a family.

In the intervening years he has seen the lumbering stagecoach give way to the fleet automobile and the comfortable motorbus, the soggy gumbo and rough corduroy roads of his childhood to the wide, paved roads of today, and although he was long past middle age before the modern automobile became commonplace he is as enthusiastic a driver as youngsters who can boast less than one-quarter of his years.

Five generations of Crow's family are frequently seen together in his Model A Ford, the second of its type Crow has owned and driven.

When as a babe of two years he rode with his parents in one of a train of 30 covered wagons out of Cobb county, Georgia, into Mississippi, the old Natchez Trace followed by the brave little band was still infested by the swackbacking ruffians whose bloody outrages gave that era its place in this country's history as "the outlaw years."

One of his vivid memories is hearing, as a boy of six, the news of General Scott's victorious assault on the heights of Chapultepec which ended the Mexican War in 1847, and his proudest memory is of honor-

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