

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 there after.

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.

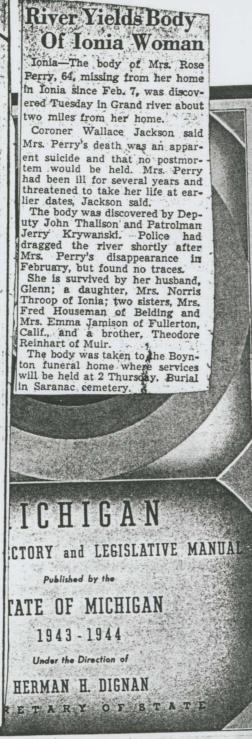
Wolgast was hammered to the floor in the 23rd round, and all suspected he was ugh. But he got up then, and actually took charge of the fight.

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 thampion, he was a principal n a number of bouts similar p the one with Nelson.

At the peak of his career, Volgast was said to be worth 250,000.

His fortune was quickly lost. p was his health.



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