

Owen Moran

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Born: 1884
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He was born in Birmingham, England and is recognized by some historians as a world bantamweight champion. Nicknamed, "The Fearless," Moran utilized an attacking style and strong punch to meet and defeat many of the top fighters of his era.

A pro in 1900, he scored a win over George Dixon and drew with Jim Driscoll before traveling to the United States to twice draw with Abe Attell in 1908 featherweight title bouts.

Moran caused a stir when he knocked out former lightweight king Battling Nelson in 11 rounds in 1910. During his career, Moran tangled with such top fighters as Packey McFarland, Harlem Tommy Murphy and Charley White before retiring in 1916 with over 100 fights to his credit and the reputation as one of the finest fighters ever produced in Britain.

He died March 17, 1949 in Birmingham.

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OWEN MORAN WINS ----- English Champion Beats Ad Wolgast at National A. C. In Fast Bout. -----
Owen Moran champion featherweight of England demonstrated his superiority over Ad Wolgast of Milwaukee in a fast six-round bout at the first professional fistic entertainment of the newly organized National A. C. of America, East Twenty-Fourth Street, last night. Wolgast came here well recommended and with a long record. While he is far from being in the front ranks, he showed that he is an ambitious youngster who will bear watching in the future. He lacks the skill of Moran and Abe Attell, but he possesses a stiff punch, and had the champion guessing during several stages of the scrap. Wolgast, confident and smiling, assumed a crouching attitude and covered himself so peculiarly as to make him appear awkward. He rushes head for most and abruptly came up with either the left or right and landed on the face and jaw. In the second he mixed it viciously, and Moran was bewildered, and in the third round after the Briton had beat a tattoo of heavy left jabs to the face, Wolgast turned Moran completely around with a wicked left swung to the jaw. Moran had his opponent in distress in the fourth round from body blows. The fifth was a lively session, both playing for the body. In the final round Wolgast was very tired and scarcely landed an effective blow. The Englishman brought him to his knees with a jolt to the chin, and Wolgast was groggy at the finish. Tuesday, April 7, 1908 New York Times New York, NY
YOUNG WOLGAST MAKES GOOD AGAINST BRITISHER MORAN ----- Milwaukee Fighters Gives Englishman the Surprise of His Life-----
Outweighed by Ten Pounds ----- By Brownie Young Wolgast has made good. Outweighed by almost ten pounds in weight and leave of experience, Mulkern's youngster last night in New York gave Owen Moran the surprise of his life and while most of the reports from the east say that Moran would have been entitled in the decision had there been one given, yet taking all things into consideration it is safe to say that the little fellow made good. According to Mulkern the decision should have been a draw, Mulkern claiming the first three rounds for Wolgast while the fourth was even and the fifth and sixth he gave to Moran. Outweighed as he was and over such a short route Wolgast did well to hold his own against a man of Moran's reputation and according to reports the only things which the Englishman was able to inflict was a few kidney blows. Never once did he have the little German in distress and if anything, Wolgast was the stronger at the finish.

Moran Fights Foul To the discredit of the winner, he waged a foul warfare. He hit low a half dozen times, ripped his elbows into Wolgast's face when ever the opportunity presented itself and twice wrestled his man to the floor. For all of which he was just hissed. Wolgast had what appeared to be ten pounds the worst of the weights. He was in no way awed by greatness as impersonated by Moran, but pumped to the center of the ring at the opening gong and let loose a vicious left for the head. Then he relied within himself, head down and body well guarded by gloves and elbows Moran waited for him to emerge. He didn't come forth and Owen ventured an uppercut. Then the storm broke and the surprised Englishman found himself the center of more flying fists than came an ordinary man's way in a lifetime.

Punches Worry Britisher For two rounds Wolgast more than held his own. His punches especially the body variety worried Moran more than a little and he whipped a couple of overhand blows from his funny crouch that shock Owen to

the foundation. Then the Englishman began to get angry. At the same time he found his bearings and began a series of drives for the exposed parts of Wolgast's body giving the youngster a reverse drubbing about the kidneys. But try as he would Moran never lifted the little fellow from his pins nor did he draw a trace of claret. And right on to the last moment Wolgast had a chance because he had the punch. All he needed was to have landed flush with one of his haymakers to turn the tide very much in his favor. Wednesday, April 8, 1908 The Milwaukee Journal Milwaukee, Wisconsin Owen Moran Chicago Daily News WELSH TO MEET AD WOLGAST ----- Checks of \$1,000 Posted to Bind Match Providing Neither is Beaten in Coming Bouts ----- San Francisco, Cal., June 21—Freddie Welsh, the English Lightweight, is so confident of victory over Matty Baldwin when they meet here Friday night that he has agreed to fight Champion Wolgast for \$10,000 a side before the club offering the best inducements. Welsh's defy was accepted yesterday by Tom Jones, Wolgast's manager, and certified checks of \$1,000 were posted today to bind the match. Should Welsh or Wolgast meet defeat in their coming battles with Baldwin and Moran respectively the proposed match will be canceled. Wolgast has been conditioning himself in Southern California for his fight with Owen Moran on July 4. Thursday, June 22, 1911 Chicago Tribune Chicago, Illinois WOLGAST AWAITS ATTACK ON TITLE ----- Champion and Owen Moran Reported in Condition for Tuesday's Bout ----- AMERICAN THE FAVORITE ----- San Francisco, Cal., July 1—[Special]—Practically all the training of Wolgast and Moran has been completed for their fight for the lightweight championship on the Fourth of July. Both men are in the pink of condition and each is confident of winning. The Public estimate of the champion's chances is shown by the betting, which is 10 to 6, that Wolgast will win. The lack of Moran money indicates that the odds probably will be 2 to 1 on the day of the fight. The sports estimate that Wolgast is too strong for Moran and on his physical superiority they are willing to stake their money. Moran may be a fancier boxer than Wolgast, but all admit he will trouble in avoiding Wolgast's punishing blows. Burns Fight Shows Class The champion showed so much class in his last fight here with Frankie Burns that he gained many friends. He has improved in his boxing and he revealed a fine ring generalship and confidence that nothing could shake. His friends predict he will stand up to Moran and swap blows if the little Englishman desires to mix things at short range. Moran is sore over Wolgast's remarks that he will prove easy game. Moran said today: "I'm going to win the best way I can. That talk the other guy is giving is plain bluff, and he knows it. He isn't on the square with his stuff. When I get him in the ring I'll make him dance around, and he'll go some. He's altogether too fresh, and I am going to take some of it out of him." Wolgast has been careful of his hands in training, but he says they are now in fine condition, as well as the injured arm which bothered him at Easter. The crowd at this open fight promises to be the largest seen here in years. Both Men Below Weight Moran and Wolgast are well below the weight requirement of 133 pounds. Tom Jones, Wolgast's manager, having already bet \$2,000 against \$1,400 with Charles Harvey, Moran's manager announces that he has \$10,000 additional which he will place on Wolgast when the price suits.

A little silken British flag made especially for the coming contest by the challenger's wife in Sheffield, England will be worn by Moran. It was reported today that the house would be sold out before morning. Wolgast's manager today sold his moving pictures rights to the promoters and manager Charles Harvey. Saturday, July 1, 1911 Chicago Tribune Chicago, Illinois "AD KNOWS I CAN LICK HIM"-----OWEN MORAN ----- Britisher Thinks Champion is Talking Simply to Keep Up His Courage ----- W. W. Naughton Owen Moran exploded yesterday—that is, verbally. The little Englishman had become irritated over the way Ad Wolgast had sized him up and tossed him aside, as it were, and he made up his mind to give Wolgast a Roland for an Oliver. "Wolgast, I suppose, thinks that because he is champion he is privileged to say a whole lot of things and he has enjoyed the privilege to the fullest extent," said Moran. "Down in his heart Ad knows that I can lick him and I think that half of the time he is simply talking to keep up his courage. The only thing is he talks too much and makes himself ridiculous." "Wolgast doesn't forget our last meeting in New York, I'm sure. He would not stand up and fight for even a fraction of a round and Charlie White, who refereed the go, kept twitting him for being lacking in sand. Ask anyone who was at the ringside how many times White urged him to quit running away and stop covering up."

Moran Won't Cover Up "Yes," chimed in Manager Charley Harvey, "and I firmly believe he will take to covering up again Tuesday. He stands up bravely enough when he is fighting dubs, but mark my words he will wrap his arms around his head when he faces Moran. I hope to goodness I am wrong in my surmise. If I am I will be the first to admit that I misjudged the champion." Then Moran took up the argument again. "So as to place myself squarely on record I want to say right now that I won't cover up," said Owen. "I'll fight him any way he wants and I sincerely hope that he will decide to stand toe-to-toe and give smash for smash. I feel that I'm going to beat Wolgast and I'm going to do it by outgeneraling him. Wolgast says that I've only one punch—the one I deliver with my right—but he will find as the fight goes on that I have two right hands." "Wolgast has been comparing his record and mine and of course he has given himself the best of it. Why, I have fought men that this so-called champion has run away from. I went against big Packey McFarland and it is common talk in New York that Wolgast could not be dragged into a ring with McFarland on any pretense whatever. Then take this "Knockout" Brown. I offered him a thousand dollars to meet me in any kind of a boxing match and he refused."

Good Luck in Training "Everyone knows that "Knockout" Brown has chased Wolgast all over the country with the expectation of arranging another match in New York and that Wolgast has kept out of his way. Now, I think I have paid Wolgast back for the way he has tried to belittle me and the little more I have to say is that I'm stronger and cleverer than Wolgast and can hit harder. That is what makes me think that I'm going to take his

championship away from him." Speaking of his training, Moran said that he never worked so faithfully of any previous period of his career. In former times when doing roadwork his breathing bothered him owing to a defect in the nasal passage caused by hard blows received in fights. He finds now that he is no longer bothered in the manner described and as a result he puts more vim into his roadwork and derives more benefit from it. He has had the best of luck during his training spell and according to the way Owen puts it, he could not possibly be in better condition than he is right now. It was noticed at the recent Freddie Welsh-Matty Baldwin contest that Owen Moran on being introduced to the spectators turned and shook hands with Baldwin and left the ring without extending a similar courtesy to Welsh. This gave rise to the rumor that there is bad blood between the two Britishers. But this Moran denied.

Will Return to England "I suppose there is the same jealousy that there is among all rival ring men, but I certainly do not feel unfriendly towards Welsh," explained Owen. "The reason I did not shake hands with him is that I did not know that he had entered the ring at the time. Later I stood up on a chair and waved my hand to him and he acknowledged the salute. Asked if he would box Welsh in the event of winning the championship. Moran said that he would not say off hand. He supposed that there would be more demand for a match between him and an American and he would be guided by what the public wanted in this connection. "You can say for me, though, that I'm going right back to England after I defeat Wolgast," said Moran. "I'm going to stay there six weeks and I will not fight while I'm there. I'm coming right back and I'll be ready to box whoever is regarded as the most suitable opponent for me. Saturday, July 1, 1911 San Francisco Examiner San Francisco, California AD WOLGAST GREATEST LIGHTWEIGHT SINCE DAYS OF GEORGE LAVIGNE ----- Less than five months ago Ad Wolgast, lightweight champion of the world, came out of his "hole" on his Cadillac (Mich.) farm determined to show the fistic world whether or not he was rightfully named the "cheese champion," as a number of fight critics attempted to make their readers believe. Tom Jones, who manages the "little iron man," sent him against one of the toughest boys in the country in the person of "Knockout" Brown, and there were few of the opinion giving Wolgast a shade at the end of their six round session. At that time it was figured Wolgast the winner because of his wonderful aggressiveness and ability to outslug any lightweight in the world. On the other hand, many New York critics were unanimous in declaring Wolgast to be the real thing in the papier mache line. They could not see him even as a good preliminary boxer and panned him unmercifully because he did not stop the boy who knocked out Tommy Murphy in forty seconds. There was a repetition of the roast when Wolgast met Brown in a return bout for ten rounds in New York City. Critics fairly slaughtered Wolgast with their pencils in declaring Brown the winner of the fight, although the majority of them did say that Wolgast finished like a house afire. Yet a few of them never made mention of the fact that Brown did nothing but clinch and hug from the fifth round to the end, with the Cadillac plowboy doing terrible execution inside all the time. This bout showed conclusively that Wolgast was fast rounding to the form that entitles him to be called the real bear cat of the prize ring. He was beginning to hit his stride, the stride he lost when he was compelled to lay off six months with a broken forearm. Naturally he was out of form and needed a few fights to restore him to his normal fighting condition, and the two he had with brown brought him back. After the Brown fight the little champion jumped West, nursing en route a torn ligament in his right forearm, but it did not deter him from jumping into the ring with George Memsic a few weeks later and beating him into submission in eight rounds. After this Wolgast took on Anton LaGrave, touted as a second Eddie Hanlon. Wolgast finished him in a jiffy and then jumped back to New York and battered "One-Round" Hogan so badly in two rounds that the referee had to stop it. Back again to San Francisco came Wolgast, and after a vicious fight, probably the best fight staged in California since Wolgast won the title from Nelson, the plowboy put the quietus on the championship aspirations of Frankie Burns, one of the best boys they have on the coast. Of course this champion shows Wolgast to be a "cheese" champion—something awful in the pugilistic line. Not much. Six fights in four months in which he was compelled to travel twice from coast to coast, with hardly a chance or time to train, prove him to be what? The best lightweight since the days of kid Lavigne. He is not a pretty fighter, not a Packey McFarland or Owen Moran in action, but, my, what a bear cat he is. The present crop of lightweights had better take to the woods when the kid from Cadillac heaves in sight, because this ferocious pugilist is going to establish a record as a champion that will stand for years to come. Yes, he is an awful "cheese" champion. He is only an ordinary card—yes, very ordinary, so much so that he has made a fortune for himself since he came out of the woods of Michigan to fight "Knockout" Brown less than five months ago. In the opinion of good judges Wolgast will have the hardest battle of his career July 4. Moran is not only a first class boxer, but he is a rugged fighter with unlimited grit, a hard punch in either hand and much experience. He knocked Nelson out in eleven rounds last fall and promptly challenged Wolgast, but the latter avoided the making of a match for several months until public opinion forced him to acknowledge the sturdy Briton. Moran boxed six rounds with Wolgast in New York several years ago and outpointed him easily. Now Moran believes that he will be able to stow away the Cadillac boy. But he will probably learn that Wolgast is a far different proposition this time, though it is readily conceded that Moran on past performance has a royal chance to win. Sunday, July 2, 1911 Los Angeles Sunday Times Los Angeles, California GREAT SCRAP ON FOR NEXT TUESDAY ----- Moran and Wolgast to furnish Battle of Century ----- Champion Ad is Very Slight Favorite in Betting ----- English Boy in Best Shape of His Long Career ----- San Francisco, Cal. July 1—With the Wolgast-Moran twenty-round boxing contest for the lightweight championship of the world only a few days off, the fans are beginning to smoke up to this affair with such interest that it looks as though every seat in the Eighth-Street Arena will be occupied when the great little boxers toe the mark for their bout next Tuesday afternoon. The tickets were placed on sale Friday morning and the demand was so great that tickets sellers looked like they were training themselves before they had been handling the pasteboards an hour. Promoter Griffin and Advisory Promoter James W. Coffroth both express satisfaction with the advance sales, and they predict that the biggest house that has

attended a lightweight contest in recent years will be on hand on July 4. Not only will there be a big bunch of local and trans-bay sports, but orders have been coming in from out of town as far as Los Angeles, which means that there will be a large number of visiting sportsmen on hand when the boxers meet for the title. Match Important One This match is attracting national attention and all over the United States, England, and, in fact, the whole Anglo-Saxon world the outcome will be watched with keenest interest. Naturally so, for it will be the first time in a score of years that a Briton has made a bid for the lightweight crown. The last time an Englishman tried for the lightweight title was when Jem Carney of Birmingham, England, met Jack McAuliffe at Revere Beach, Mass. This match ended in a row and the title was clouded for years. Carney and McAuliffe battled for nearly 50 rounds, when the spectators broke into the ring and the referee had to call the affair off. Attempts were made at the time to get the pair together again, but nothing ever came of it. Since the days of Carney, England has not produced a lightweight formidable enough to bid for the crown until Moran came on the scene. Moran's surprising victory over Battling Nelson made a meeting between himself and Wolgast inevitable and since the pair were matched the followers of the glove game have talked of little else than the relative merits of the pair. There is no questioning Moran's ability. At the present he must be held at the topmost of all the British lightweights—for that matter, the best lightweight the British Isles have developed in years. Followers of the boxing game are in a quandary to select a winner. Against any other lightweight now before the public, barring probably Freddie Welsh, Wolgast would be a prohibitive favorite, but the bugs are chary in selecting him as a probable winner over Moran. Wolgast is, of course, a 10 to 7 favorite, but if he was booked to meet any other lightweight outside of the Birmingham boy, the chances are he would be a 10 to 4 favorite, and this does not exclude the great Freddie Welsh. Each lad has practically concluded his training. Wolgast went through a brisk workout Friday afternoon. He boxed Hogan, Dougherty, and another boy three rounds each. He laid off today and will do nothing Sunday. The "Wildcat" will wind up his training at the seal Rock House Monday with another busy affair with the gloves. Moran has about completed his training work. Sunday he will wind up his boxing work and he promises to give the fans a good last look at him before he toes the mark with the great Wolgast. Little to Choose From So far as the condition of the men is concerned, there is little to choose between them. This time Moran will be in the best condition since he entered the ring. As a general rule he is not a strict trainer, but he realizes that he must be at his very best if he expects to do anything with Wolgast. Wolgast is in splendid fettle himself. The little "Wildcat" has worked like a demon since coming here and he looks ready to put up the best battle of his career. Physically there is very little difference between the rivals. Moran is reputed a hard hitter, but on the other hand the experts believe that Wolgast has more stamina at his command. So far as speed is concerned there is speedier of feet. Owen is a truer hitter than the American, but the latter is hitting so often that he discounts an accurate boxer and sets him off his stride. Local fans have seen each man in action several times, and the merits of each man has been so great that every one is "leery" of trying to become a prophet in the instance of Moran or Wolgast next Tuesday. When Moran is right he is conceded to be one of the greatest ringman in the world. He is right this time and he should give Wolgast the time of his career. Battle of the Century Anyway one looks at the coming contest, he must consider it the real battle of the century. Neither man has had any trouble about weight making and each should carry every ounce of his energy into the ring with him next Tuesday afternoon. Wolgast's great merit is his astounding snap and vim. He's untiring as a rubber ball. Moran's wonderful knowledge of boxing, his hitting power and his great defense are his strong points. Many fans think that Moran will tire in twenty rounds. Twenty rounds is so very great distance for an experienced ringman like the Britisher. He's been over that route many times and except in his bout with Tommy Murphy he did not slacken his pace toward the end. And Moran was not in shape for the Murphy bout. While he decision in that contest went to Murphy, four-fifths of the spectators agreed that Moran was the actual winner. On general points Moran looks to have just as good a chance to win as Wolgast, and no one need be the least bit surprised if Moran becomes the world's lightweight champion July 4. Moran has a chance to win the decision and also a chance to score a knockout. It does not look as though Wolgast can score a knockout over Moran and, to be frank, he does not look to have anything better than an even money chance to get the decision. Moran is Hot Owen Moran uncorked the vials of his wrath against Champion Wolgast this afternoon. The little Englishman, while he has displayed plenty of confidence all along has been decidedly reserved in his comment on his opponent for pugilistic honors. But of late Wolgast has been more talkative than usual. He hasn't been contented to point out that he would win, but the other day the Michigan lightweight intimated that he held Moran very cheaply and that he had changed his opinion as to the worth of the Briton. And that is what has aroused Moran to a high pitch of indignation. A simple question of what sort of a battle he had mapped out started the flood tide and when he had finished there was no question as to Moran's personal opinion of one Adolph Wolgast. "I'm going to win the best way I can. That talk the other guy is giving is plain bluff, and he knows it. He isn't on the square with his stuff. When I get him in the ring I'll make him dance around and he'll go some. I haven't said much about Wolgast in the past, but this much is coming to him. He's altogether too fresh, and I am going to take some of it out of him." All of which is decidedly refreshing and shows the way the wind blows. Sunday, July 2, 1911 Los Angeles Sunday Times Los Angeles, California WELCH TALKS OVER RULES WITH HARVEY ----- Referee and Manager Have a Thorough Understanding on Rules for Fight ----- San Francisco, Cal., July 2—Jack Welch, who is to referee the twenty-round contest on Tuesday between Ad Wolgast and Owen Moran, was a visitor at the camp of the Britisher at San Rafael yesterday. Welch's visit was for the purpose of talking over the rules to be enforced on the Fourth of July and the local referee found his talk with Charlie Harvey, manager of Moran, a much more protracted affair than is usual when the referee goes through the formality of discussing the rules with a boxer. Harvey has seen Wolgast box on several occasions and he is of the opinion that the champion has been getting away with what Moran's manager calls "rough stuff." He explained to Welch that Wolgast had a way of holding his opponent's left hand under his right arm and hammering the other fellow with his left, which Harvey construes to

be "holding and hitting" and contrary to the rules. He also said that Wolgast used his forearm and elbows in such a way as to damage his opponent, and also that he had a trick of rushing the other boxer across the ring with his head down and doubling him over the ropes. This particular point Harvey said was raised by him because he had seen Wolgast do it in his fights with Knockout Brown in New York. Welch listened to all the things Harvey brought up and appeared to understand thoroughly what Harvey wished to have cut out of the action on Tuesday. He said that it was difficult to distinguish between hard fair fighting and fighting that introduced questionable tactics, but said that he always looked out that the men did not commit fouls, and he promised Harvey that he would watch closely and take care that nothing illegitimate was done by either boxer. Harvey said he only wanted to have fouls called when the men maliciously and intentionally did something contrary to the Queensberry code and the breach of the rules resulted in patent injury to the one who was the victim. Twenty minutes were consumed by the conversation, and at the end the referee and the manager appeared to be well satisfied that they understood each other. It was decided last evening that moving pictures of the fight will be taken. The camera men will visit the training camps today or tomorrow and get pictures of the lads in training. Although nothing definite was arranged yesterday, it is probable that Wolgast will sell his rights in the pictures to Coffroth and Moran. Sunday, July 2, 1911 The San Francisco Examiner San Francisco, California

FIRST BRITISH-AMERICAN LIGHTWEIGHT BATTLE FOR TITLE IN THIRTY YEARS

Occasion was in Early Eighties When Jack McAuliffe and Jimmy Carney Met at Revere Beach, Boston ----- By W.W. Naughton San Francisco, Cal., July 2—The international aspect of the Ad Wolgast-Owen Moran contest on July 4th seems to have been overlooked, yet it is a fact that if Moran wins Uncle Sam will be compelled to yield to John Bull an emblem of fistic supremacy that this country has defended successfully against all challengers during very many years. It isn't the first time this fellow Moran has been caught poaching on our pugilistic preserves either. He fought Abe Attell to a dead heat for the featherweight title, a circumstance which inspired Bud Fisher, creator of Mutt and Jeff, to rattle off a cartoon of old J. Bull, chuckling in a self-satisfied way and murmuring to himself, "Bli me, Oi've got 'arf a champion, any'ow." Although the American and British nations have clashed at various times and in various weight classes for the highest honors of the ring game, this is the first time in nearly thirty years that an American and an Englishman have stripped to box for the blue ribbons of the lightweight division. The last occasion was in the early eighties at Revere Beach, Boston, the principals being Jack McAuliffe and Jimmy Carney. The affair "broke up in a row." McAuliffe, it claimed, was unfit physically to show the best that was in him, and his friends at the ringside became unduly demonstrative in his behalf. The ropes and posts were demolished in the excitement that prevailed, and as the lightweights never met again the question of superiority between them remained undecided. Carney, who is still in the land, is a native of Birmingham, sometimes called "Brummagem." Moran hails from the same city, and he and Carney are intimate friends. The fact that each had Irish forbears is probably another bond between them. Charlie Mitchell is another "Brum," and he too feels very friendly towards Moran, a fact which Owens is to be congratulated upon. Mitchell besides being levelheaded and highly intelligent has had such a world of experience in ring matters that the advice he is capable of giving should be invaluable to a rising young pugilist. It is not surprising that Moran numbers Mitchell and Carney among his pals, for the "Brums" were always notable for their clannishness. By the same token, Birmingham seldom turns out a poor fighter. England has produced many glove artists, but none of tougher fiber or more natural fighting attributes than those developed in Birmingham. If Moran relieves Wolgast of the championship there will be great rejoicing, of course, across the pond. There will be British as well as American challengers, but they will have to await Moran's pleasure. He will be entitled to all the adulation and all the easy money that pertains to theatrical tours, and wherever he goes it will be conceded that there is not a flaw on his title. If Wolgast get safely past Moran and falls a victim to Freddie Welsh it will be different. Freddie lost his Lonsdale belt, emblematic of the British lightweight championship, to Matt Wells recently, and the best Freddie can claim in the event of defeating Wolgast is that he is the lightweight champion of America. He will have to remove Wells from his path before being able to boast that he is the best man of his weight in the world. But these things are merely possibilities. America hasn't lost the championship yet. Sunday, July 2, 1911 The San Francisco Examiner San Francisco, California