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Primo Carnera Booked For Exhibition Here

Heavyweight King Will Take on Two Opponents at Arena Friday

Primo Carnera, world's heavyweight champion, will show his wares in Syracuse Friday night at the Arena.

Arrangements have been made with the Disabled Veterans Athletic Club, Inc., and the Columbus Monument association to bring the big fellow here for an exhibition.

Carnera will box with two opponents and both will be three-round affairs. It will be the big Italian champion's only showing upstate this year.

Billy Shaw, matchmaker for the veterans, is lining up a supporting card of six and four rounds. One match announced last night will bring together Matty Mathison, Buffalo bantamweight star, and rugged Willie Derenzo of Albany.

Bushy Graham, the Utica featherweight, may also appear on the card. Profits from the appearance of Carnera will be paid over to the monument to help build the Columbus memorial in Columbus circle.

Carnera is the biggest boxer in the game. He stands well over 6 feet 10 inches and weighs 264 pounds the night he won the heavyweight championship from Jack Sharkey. He has never shown in Syracuse and his appearance is expected to draw a big crowd.

Primo was born in Venice, Italy, October 28, 1905. At the age of 16 he became a strong man in a traveling circus. Later he took up wrestling with success and at 21 became interested in boxing. He knocked out his first 10 opponents in one round each and was then discovered by Leon See, French trainer, who brought him to America.

Carnera's campaign for the heavyweight title is well known to readers of the newspapers. His knockout victory over Sharkey to win the championship of the world created a sensation as the Boston Squire was a heavy choice to retain his crown.

Primo is the first Italian to hold the championship in the history of boxing. Despite his tremendous size, Carnera is fast, cool under fire and a smart ring general. He is at present working on a motion picture in a New York studio entitled "The Prize Fighter and the Lady," and Friday was the only date the champion had open.

Nick Pirro and Tony Valentine represented the Columbus Memorial association in booking the giant fighter for Syracuse.