

# SKIDDING THE SPORT FIELD WITH Skid

SYRACUSE boxing fans have been waiting a long time for a "break," but it now appears as if things are coming their way fast and furious. Tonight they have Primo Carnera, heavyweight champion of the world, as a treat for their eyes.

Syracuse is one of the first cities to be visited by the champion since his rise to the throne via the knock-out route at the expense of Jack Sharkey.

He has been living quietly at the Victoria Hotel in New York, making few public appearances even in the metropolis and quietly awaiting the fall and winter campaign which his managers are making up for him.

The fact that pressure was brought to bear on him by Colonel West of the Boxing Commission, and his natural loyalty to Italy and a desire to help a fund being raised here by descendants of that country, prompted to ask his managers to allow his visit here.

The Syracuse appearance is one that Carnera booked for himself, one of a very few in his entire career. Ordinarily he does what he is told and worries little about the details. But this time he stepped in and asked that the date be arranged.

COMING here by automobile from New York, Carnera will appear at the Arena at 9 o'clock and be ready for action thereafter whenever he is called upon.

The chances are that he will knock Harold Mays and Jack Renault around the ring in lively fashion. Neither of them is likely to threaten his peace of mind. A fighter who could do that would want \$25,000 for his services and Primo would want twice that much for his end.

Both Mays and Renault are experienced gladiators, far from ordinary pushovers, and they should at least give fans a chance to see the champion step a lively pace.

The Arena date is the one that has been made for Primo that he is sure to keep. He will fill in some of the many others tentatively booked for him by Syracuse Italians and Italian societies. But he can hardly fill them all. A man could hardly go all the places he has been asked in three days let alone one.

But the Carnera appearance isn't the only "break" for the fight fan. Jimmy Bronson, at the suggestion of the State Commission, has fallen into line with the idea that Syracuse is the proper place for Joe Moran to make his pro debut.

The commission had a long talk with Bronson on this subject and nine chances out of 10, there were thumbs pressed down to make him see the light. A month ago Bronson could see nothing but New York as the place for Joe's early activity.

Now, however, he is agreeable to the idea of Syracuse and Buffalo having his services. Moran established his great intercollegiate record in Syracuse. He shone for Syracuse in both football and basket ball. He was the magnet that drew record-breaking crowds to Syracuse's boxing dual meets and to its tournaments.

He built up his athletic reputation in Buffalo as a schoolboy in Niagara Falls, but Buffalo fans followed him on through his colorful college days. He has almost as many followers, perhaps even more, in Buffalo, than are to be found here.

Moran is happy over the arrangement. He is frank in the statement that in making the shift from the college to the pro ring he would rather be among friends.

News that Syracuse and Columbia will meet in late October, after this year, means that old Bill Orange and his New York rival have come to a decidedly sensible understanding.

Their game has been a fixture for several years, and years are the things that just tradition behind football games.

But of course there has to be a sense of balance and a bit of consideration to Syracuse. Syracuse and Columbia will draw better in late October or early November than there will be a splendid chance that one or both will be undefeated.

# CARNERA LATE IN HIS ARRIVAL HERE

## Big Primo Is Passenger Upon Empire

Champion of World Reaches Syracuse in Mid-afternoon

## Will Box Tonight Mays and Renault Will Oppose Carnera at Arena

Primo Carnera, heavyweight champion of the world, will arrive in Syracuse today.

Tonight he boxes six exhibition rounds at the Arena meeting Harold Mays and Jack Renault, each over the three-round route.

There isn't any doubt but what Primo will be here. He left New York early this morning and yesterday conferring with Dan Quillan, secretary to the New York commission, who reached Syracuse shortly before noon.

Skilling declared that Carnera was late to avoid excitement and activity. Hundreds of Italian residents of the city met each morning train as it arrived in Syracuse but the noon hour passed and "De Preen" had put in no appearance. They were sad individuals, many of them giving up the wait as 1 o'clock neared. Carnera was on board the Empire State of mid-afternoon.

Skilling pointed out that he is in strict training, facing a long road trip in which he boxes six or more rounds daily, and that he could not possibly attend all the luncheons and receptions that were planned for him soon after the word was received here that he would box tonight at the Arena for the benefit of the Italian people's Columbia monument fund.

Primo, at the Arena, is sure to have several active hours, in receptions before and after his boxing exhibition, and a whole day of it was listed as too trying. Primo, himself, was perfectly willing to go through with it, but his handlers would not permit.

The Italian committee, staging the show tonight, hopes to clear a profit of \$3,000 on the show.

Carnera, who has been signed at the champion's customary \$2,500 guarantee with a privilege of 50 per cent of the receipts, is said to have agreed to donate \$1,000 of the guarantee back to the fund and to overlook the percentage privilege because of the fact that Italians are raising all the money.

The Disabled War Veterans, who furnish the Arena, are said to be charging approximately \$1,000 to cover rent, license, boxes and officials fees and all other items of expense in connection with the staging of the bouts.

Matchmaker Shaw has booked his preliminary bouts with an eye to the action producing qualities of his principals.

The semi-final of six rounds will bring together two clever, hard punching bantamweights in the persons of Matty Mathison, baby-faced Buffalo scrapper, and Willie Deanna, two-lashed Albany Italian "slugger."

Mathison has turned in two exciting battles here during the past two months against Mickey Barron and the Mohican Ed. H. Deanna is willing to trade wallops with Matty the pair will probably bring down the house.

Joey Brown, East Side featherweight, will make his pro bow meeting My Lathron, stumpy little Rochester mite pusher, in a special six-round bout. Brown is former Central New York amateur champion, while Lathron comes with a record as a great little club fighter.

The feud between Ted Morgan of Tully and Art Bohimo of Belvidere, rival middleweights, will have anew when they clash over the six-round route.

Two previous meetings of the pair have resulted in sensational fights in which both were on the canvas several times.

# THE HUMAN BEHEMOTH



PRIMO CARNERA

## Shhhh!!! Max Baer Agrees To Lose to Carnera; But It's Only a Movie Bout

Motion Pictures Beat Fight Promoters and Sign Ring Classic as Sidelight For Romantic Film

Shhhh!!! The biggest scandal of the year has broken wide open in boxing. Max Baer has agreed to be knocked out by Primo Carnera in two rounds.

Authority for that statement comes direct from the manager of Carnera himself, Louis L. Sorel, the little Italian banker who took over the huge Italian's affairs where Leon See dropped them.

"It is so, yes," admitted Sorel today. "He goes, yes, in two rounds. Boom. But of course it is only for Europe."

For Europe? "Yes, for Europe," explained Sorel. "For the United States . . . For over here, you know, we go two fast rounds to a draw. Then everybody happy."

So one of the greatest of modern prize ring naturals, a heavyweight championship battle between Carnera, the knockout conqueror, and Baer, the man who belted over Max Schmeling in the first great upset of the present summer season, is going to be thoroughly rehearsed before it is put on. This, the match that was to bring back the \$1,000,000 gate—the match promoters from New York to California via Chicago have been trying to make for weeks.

"You understand it, of course," Sorel questioned as the worried looks about him. "It is for the moving pictures in Hollywood."

"Baer, he is making this picture and in it he fights for the championship. Carnera is the champion, so he wants to fight Carnera. All right, Carnera signs today to fight Baer in his movies. So it is agreed. Two times we make the picture of the fight part. In one they fight a draw. That is for here. In the other Carnera knock him out. That is for Italy and all Europe. Ah, how Italy like that."

It sounds all right the way Sorel says it, but the very mention of such a stunt in the old days would have sent Tex Rickard gibbering to a sanitarium, chewing holes in his gray beard, tearing his ears to matchboxes and his finger tips. The old timers will think of Jeffries and Fitzsimmons, Willard and Johnson, Dempsey and Tunney, and shudder at what they'd have done to a movie studio—rehearsing.

Prospects are splendid for Carnera since he won the title, Sorel says, and it is reported that he is to get, besides, more than he received for his end of the gate in which he won the title from Sharkey, for his "act" with Baer.

Carnera started today on an exhibition tour that brought him to Syracuse, thence to Bangor and Portland, Me. He, Pa. Troy, Williams-Barry, Philadelphia, Pa., Youngstown, O., and Buffalo, ending Aug. 24. He will leave there for California.

Tuesday, Sorel said, Carnera has agreed to make his first title defense against Frankie Dundas in Rome Oct. 10 or against the winner of a match between Dan McCort and Ed. H. Deanna, and Dundas. The date for the title bout to be the same.