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CARNERA UNDER CLOUD IN SOUTH

Purse Held up After Unexpected Ending to Fight in Oakland.

By Russell J. Newland
(Associated Press Sports Writer)
OAKLAND, Cal., Apr. 15 (AP)—The title trail of Primo Carnera, man-mountain from Italy, had come to an end, at least temporarily, today in California while the state boxing commission held up his purse and investigated reports of a "fixed fight."

Most highly touted foreign fighter since the days of Georges Carpentier and heralded far and wide as a potential champion, Carnera scored a technical knockout here last night over Leon Chevalier, San Francisco negro, but the unexpected ending caused a small riot while not a few of the more than 10,000 spectators went home highly indignant.

Carnera, weighing 276 pounds and towering over the 210-pound

Chevalier, the 170-pounder, was down in one round, but was expected to finish his opponent in no time. The sixth round of the scheduled ten-rounder came up, however, and Chevalier was still on his feet and in just about as good condition as Carnera, who was blowing like a locomotive going up hill.

The big Italian rushed Chevalier and mauled him around the ring. While the negro was covering up, one of his seconds, Bob Perry of Hollywood, threw in the towel, thereby giving up the fight. A bitter demonstration followed. Half a dozen fans attacked Perry, striking and kicking him. In the melee, he suffered a cut under the eye. Fellow countrymen of Carnera's stood on chairs and shouted "make" and urged that the huge Italian be made to fight over again.

Perry's action in throwing in the towel, especially when Chevalier was hardly in worse condition than Carnera, brought such a storm of protest that boxing commissioners instituted an investigation immediately. They questioned Chevalier after the fight and listened to improprietor testimony by M. C. Chevalier, the boxer's wife.

Before the inspectors and six newspapermen, Mrs. Chevalier got her husband to make a statement that he had been approached, before signing articles, with a proposition that he must agree to a "make fight." By agreeing to this, the negro, was told, his end of the purse "would be more than \$500." Chevalier replied that all his business was handled by his manager.

Although the crowd generally was dissatisfied with Carnera's floundering around the ring and obvious lack of ability, the keen indignation centered in the action of Perry, the obscure second of Chevalier, in throwing the towel into the ring.

Mervyn Murphy, chief boxing inspector, said that Perry's move was a violation of the state's rules as only chief seconds are allowed to halt bouts by tossing in towels. Much criticism also was heard of Toby Lewin, referee, in not checking



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BOSTON RED SOX SCORE VICTORY

Washington Subdued 4 to 3 in Opening Game of Big League Season.

By Herbert W. Barker
(Associated Press Sports Writer)
Old King Baseball, whose adventuresome career offers one of the best illustrations of the difficulty of keeping a good man down, returned to the sport throne today to rule for the next six months.

His reign may be threatened, now and then, by rival rulers of golf and other sports, but he still will be holding the reins as October makes its bow and phantoms begin to fly through the air to herald the approach of his successor, his majesty, College Football.

Representing the nobles of the baseball realm, the sixteen clubs of the two major leagues all faced the opening of the new season with hope and a few with confidence.

Boston Wins Opener
So far as two clubs in the American league are concerned, the off-field opening already was a thing of the past. The Boston Red Sox, slated for last place in the advance dope, gained the honor of leading the league for at least one day by beating Washington, 4-3, at the national capital yesterday as President Hoover, government officials and 20,000 fans looked on.

The Red Sox's triumph, however, was not enough to make the experts believe that the Philadelphia Athletics again would win the American league title and battle the Chicago Cubs, National league champions, in the world's series next fall.

Granted fair weather, a total of a quarter of a million spectators were expected to attend the eight

games on today's schedule in the American league, the New York Yankees were to open against the Athletics at Philadelphia; St. Louis at Detroit; Cleveland at Chicago; and Washington at Boston. In the National league, the Cubs were to play at St. Louis; Boston at New York; Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, and Philadelphia at Brooklyn.

A's Play Yankees
In the American league, the Athletics expect to find their greatest opposition in the Yankees with Cleveland and Detroit also to be feared. The Yankees still have Babe Ruth, at \$30,000 a year, but must experiment with two rookies, Chapman at third base and Cookie in left field where Bob Meusel used to roam.

In the National league, the fight seems to be among the Cubs, Pittsburgh Pirates and New York Giants. The Pirates, however, have lost Burleigh Grimes and are experiencing their usual hard luck with injuries and sickness while the Giants have a big question mark at second base.

Three "dark horses" add the spice of uncertainty to the major league races. In the American, the Chicago White Sox, under Uncle Bush's leadership, have shown great strength this spring and may make it uncomfortable for clubs rated above them. In the National, the Brooklyn Dodgers and Philadelphia Nationals, have rounded up so much batting strength that they may be able to blast themselves into the first division. Brooklyn, in addition, will have Glenn Wright as an infield spark plug and an effective pitching staff headed by Dazzy Vance and Bill Clark.

Eight clubs will have new managers and all of them have made changes of one sort or another since the close of the 1929 campaign.

CAIRO (AP)—The government proposes a grant of \$170,000 to the heirs of Lord Carnarvon for his expenditures in excavating the tomb of King Tut. A bill has been referred to committee.

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