Boxing Boss Kills Self Under Train

The manager of Billy Peacock, top-ranking bantamweight boxer, threw himself beneath the wheels of a freight train early today and was decapitated.

Joe Stanley, also known as Joseph Stanley Quattle, 58, of 427 S Grandview St., had been under investigation of a Federal grand jury looking into income tax returns of himself and Babe McCoy, former Olympic matchmaker recently banned from the fight game for life for allegedly fixing fights.

Norma Clarke, who said, then denied she and Stanley were married in Mexico a year ago, told police Stanley had been talking suicide for several months "because of tax problems.

"He knocked on my door about 5:15 a.m. and said he was going to end it all, but I assumed it was just more talk," she said.

He flagged down a Yellow Cab at 7th St. and Westlake

driven by Ralph Snyder, 1428½ W 30th St.

"He asked to go to Union Station. He had no baggage," said Snyder. "At Sunset and Alameda a freight train was going by. He paid me off—$2 for the $1.40 fare. As I reached for the trip ticket to enter the fare, I saw something pass the window.

"I hollered at him, but he dived right under the train."

Peacock, ranked fourth this month in the 118-pound class by the National Boxing Association, said he last saw Stanley yesterday afternoon.

"We were discussing a fight he was trying to set up for me at the Hollywood Legion May 25," said Peacock. "He seemed fine.

"I first heard of this suicide business a week or two ago when Norma called me and said Joe was talking about killing himself.

"I got hold of him right away. I didn't believe it. He said he was only kidding.

"He was a great, honest guy. I know he is, because I've been fighting for him since I was 17 when ' came with him from Philadelphia.

"Yo· know what his trouble is? He is too honest, too religious; it must have driven him crazy. He's never had any trouble until this stuff with the Federal income tax. He told me he owed $600.

"He was also bothered because he couldn't get me a title shot, but I didn't know he ·as this bothered. I would have gladly loaned him $600."