

ject to service in the French army. No sooner had war been declared than Johnson announced his intention of joining the colors. Further, in a burst of enthusiasm, he announced that he would present all his motor cars to the French government for military use. The fact that he could not escape service and that his motor cars were subject to impressment may have something to do with it.

Georges Carpentier, heavyweight champion, and the idol of the French sport followers, was a member of the reserves and immediately upon the declaration of war he cancelled all his fight engagements and joined his regiment. Bombardier Wells, the British heavyweight; Freddie Welsh, the lightweight champion, and Charlie Ledoux, the bantam champion of France, all are subject to military service.

The war has summoned a score of French and English prizefighters, while in both Russia and Germany the wrestlers are in the army. George Hackenschmidt is with his regiment somewhere on the Russian frontier, and the German wrestlers who have visited America are all under arms.

The prizefighters are not inexperienced in war. Carpentier was an active member of the French reservists, and Wells saw service in India before he became heavyweight champion of the Great Britain. Ledoux has answered the call to arms. Neither Johnson nor Welsh has had military experience, but they will have the chance to learn now.

There are a dozen or more of the British fighters who are subject to call to arms and four of those who have been fighting in England during the last two years are members of the army.

It looks as if the war will wipe out this generation of boxers—and perhaps produce better ones.

#### WOMEN PROTEST IN WAR

Members of the Woman's Trade Union League of Chicago met with

Miss Mary McDowell, head of the University of Chicago settlement yesterday. They endorsed her views on the European war situation.

Resolutions adopted set forth that in time of war it is neither the rulers nor diplomats who suffer, but the working men, women and children, not a few of whom give up their lives for the greed of others. It also sets forth that war usually results in throwing a large number of women and children upon the public when they become objects of charity.

The women therefore protest against the war and advise that the United States keep well away to avoid being entangled in the mess.

#### JOINS FORCES WITH WAR LORD



King of Saxony

The king of Saxony, who rules one of the German principalities, has marched his troops to the front to aid Emperor William.

Bennett, who invented the piano-player, is dead. There was a genius whose place in history is dubious.