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## WILSON ISSUES BIG ARMY DRAFT PROCLAMATION

President Designates June 5  
As Registration Day

## HEAVY PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO ENROLL

All Males Between 21 and 30, Inclusive,  
Are Liable.—Absentee Registration  
May Be Done By Mail.—Federal and  
State Officials to Appoint Registrars.

Washington.—President Wilson's  
proclamation, putting into effect the  
selective draft provision of the war  
act, follows:

A proclamation by the President  
of the United States.

Whereas Congress has enacted and  
the President has on the eighteenth  
day of May, one thousand nine hun-  
dred and seventeen, approved a law  
which contains the following provisions:

Section 1.—That all male persons  
between the ages of 21 and 30, both  
inclusive, shall be subject to registra-  
tion in accordance with regulations  
to be prescribed by the President and  
upon proclamation by the President  
or other public notice given by him  
or by his direction, stating the time  
and place of such registration. It shall  
be the duty of all persons of the de-  
scribed ages, except officers and en-  
listed men of the regular Army, the  
Navy, and the National Guard and  
other persons while in the service of  
the United States to present themselves  
at the place of registration on the day  
and at the time so designated.

Section 2.—That any person who shall  
fail to appear at the place of registra-  
tion as herein provided, shall be  
guilty of a misdemeanor and shall  
upon conviction in the District Court  
of the United States having jurisdic-  
tion thereof, be punished by imprison-  
ment for not more than one year, and  
if subject to military law, shall be tried  
by court-martial and suffer such punish-  
ment as a court-martial may direct.

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson,  
President of the United States, do call  
upon the Governor of each of the  
several States and Territories, the  
Governor of the District of Columbia,  
and the Mayor of each city and

town, to appoint registrars and give  
notice to all persons subject to regis-  
tration in the several States and Ter-  
ritories and of cities of the above list  
that the time and place of such registra-  
tion shall be between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.,  
on the day of June, 1917, at the  
registration place in the precinct  
wherein they have their permanent  
dwellings. Those who shall have attained  
their twenty-first birthday and who  
shall not have attained their thirty-  
first birthday on or before the day  
herein named are required to register  
excepting only officers and enlisted  
men of the regular Army, the Navy,  
the Marine Corps and the National  
Guard and Naval Militia while in the  
service of the United States and of  
enlisted men in the Officers' Reserve Corps  
and enlisted men in the Enlisted Re-  
serve Corps while in active service.  
In the territories of Alaska, Hawaii  
and Porto Rico a day for registration  
shall be named in a later proclamation.

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## REGISTRARS CHOSEN TO LIST ELIGIBLES FOR SELECTIVE DRAFT

TUESDAY, JUNE 5th, 1917, THE DATE SET TO REGISTER.

The Board of Registrars Appointed for Farmville Township is  
Composed of Messrs. Jno. T. Thorne, J. Loyd Horton, F. C.  
Patterson, J. A. Mewborn and Walter G. Sheppard.

The county board of registra-  
tion composed of Sheriff Joseph  
McGlothorn, Clerk of Court J. D.  
Cox and County Health Officer,  
M. T. Edgerton met in Greenville  
Monday and appointed a full  
complement of registrars for  
every precinct in the county to  
serve on June 5th between hours  
of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. for the  
registration of every male person  
in Pitt county between the ages  
of 21 and 30, inclusive, eligibles  
for selective draft into the army  
for the war. Through the Gov-  
ernor of North Carolina the  
county board is brought im-  
mediately into connection with  
the United States government in  
the organization of the army, and  
service is made mandatory on  
the precinct registrars and with  
out pay. The board as chosen  
for Farmville township is com-  
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While it is not known just how  
many in the county are eligibles  
to this draft it is estimated that  
around 20,000 will be called upon  
to answer to the call.

It is estimated that the county  
will take several minutes  
to write out the information  
necessary for the government to

city clerk of the city wherein they  
may bejourning rather than to the  
clerk of the county. The clerks of  
counties and of cities of over 80,000  
population in which numerous appli-  
cations from the sick and from non-  
residents are expected are authorized  
to establish such sub-agencies and to  
employ and deputize such clerical  
forces as may be necessary to accom-  
modate these applications.

The power against which we are  
arrayed has sought to impose its will  
upon the world by force. To this  
end it has increased armament until  
it has changed the face of war. In  
the sense in which we have been  
wont to think of arms, there are no  
arms in this struggle. There are  
entire nations armed. Thus the men  
who remain to till the soil and man the  
mills are to bear a part of the  
burden that is in France. It must be  
so with us. It is not an army that  
we must raise and train for war; it  
is a Nation. This and our people  
must draw close in one compact front  
against a common foe. But this can  
not be if each man pursues a private  
purpose. All men pursue one com-  
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great indeed, but they are no greater  
than it has proved necessary to lodge  
in the other governments which are  
conducting this momentous war, and  
their object is stimulation and con-  
servative, not arbitrary restraint or  
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the maximum of production. They  
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culture in reference to food produc-  
tion, conservation, and marketing on  
the one hand, and the emergency ac-  
tivities necessitated by the war in re-  
ference to the regulation of food dis-  
tribution and consumption on the  
other. All measures intended directly  
to extend the normal activities of the  
department of agriculture in refer-  
ence to the production, conservation  
and the marketing of farm crops will  
be administered, as in normal times,  
through the department and the  
powers asked for over distribution and  
consumption, over exports, imports,  
prices, purchase and regulation of  
commodities, storing and the like  
which may require regulation during  
the war, will be placed in the hands  
of a commissioner of food adminis-  
tration appointed by the president and  
directly responsible to him.

The objects sought to be served by  
the legislation asked for are: Full  
inquiry into the existing available  
stocks of foodstuffs and into the costs  
and practices of the various food pro-  
ducing and distributing trades; the  
prevention of all unwarranted hoard-  
ing of every kind and of the control  
of foodstuffs by persons who are not  
in any legitimate sense producers,  
dealers or traders; the requisitioning  
when necessary for the public use of  
food supplies and of the equipment  
necessary for handling them properly;  
the licensing of wholesome and legiti-  
mate mixtures and milling percent-  
ages, and the prohibition of the un-  
necessary or wasteful use of foods.  
Authority is asked also to establish  
prices, but not in order to limit the  
profit of the farmers, but only to guar-  
antee to them when necessary a mini-  
mum price which will insure them  
a profit where they are asked to at-  
tempt new crops and to secure the  
consumer against extortion by break-  
ing up owners and attempts at specu-  
lation when they occur by fixing tem-  
porarily a reasonable price at which  
middlemen must sell.

Hoover Accepts.  
"I have asked Mr. Herbert Hoover  
to undertake this all-important task  
of food administration. He has ex-  
pressed his willingness to do so on  
condition that he is to receive no  
special salary or compensation beyond  
that of a member of the cabinet."

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## MARINE CORPS TO GO WITH PERSHING

ALL THREE ARMS OF AMERICAN  
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APPROXIMATELY 40,000 MEN

American Destroyers Already Combat-  
ing U-Boat—Making Preparations  
For a Military Census. New Forces  
to be Called.

Washington.—All three arms of  
America's fighting forces, the army,  
navy and marine corps, soon will be  
represented in the war zones.

With American destroyers already  
combating the U-boat menace in Eu-  
ropean waters, and army regulars con-  
centrating to carry the flag to the bat-  
tle lines in Belgium and France, a  
regiment of marines was designated  
today to join the expeditionary force  
and round out the nation's representa-  
tion in the field.

The marines will be attached to  
the army division under General  
Pershing, which is under orders to  
proceed abroad as soon as practicable.  
Although details are not being made  
public, it was calculated that with the  
marine regiment, the total American  
force now designated for land service  
in Europe is close to 40,000. An army  
division of war strength comprises  
about 25,000 men, and upwards of 15,  
000 are expected to be in the nine  
volunteer regiments of engineers now  
being recruited. The forestry regim-  
ent and the marine regiment each  
will number more than 1,000. The  
strength of the naval force in Euro-  
pean waters has not been revealed.

General Pershing and his staff will  
not for Europe ahead of the troops,  
as there is much to be done on the  
other side to pave the way for final  
triumph of the great war for the  
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