

PLANS FOR RAISING NEW UNITED STATES ARMIES BY DRAFT

DETAILS OF THE UNIVERSAL
SERVICE LAW AS DECIDED
UPON BY CONGRESS.

CALLS MEN FROM 21 TO 30

Provisions Also Made for Volunteers
Who Wish to Join the Military
Forces of the Country. Draft
Clause Is Made Draconian—Army Medi-
cal Officers Assigned to Duty in
France.

Approximately ten million men be-
tween the ages of twenty-one and
thirty inclusive will be required to re-
gister as available for military service
in the war with Germany under the
terms of the new national army bill
perfected by the conference committee
of the house and senate.

From these ten million men there
will be selected the first 500,000 re-
cruits to the selective conscription
army, the second 500,000 when the
president decides to call for them, and
recruits to bring the regular army and
National Guard up to maximum war
strength in the event that volunteers
from these forces fail to come forward in
sufficient numbers and the president
exercises his power to draft.

But in order that men under twenty-
one and over thirty may serve their
country if they so desire, the measure
provides for the acceptance of volun-
teers over eighteen years and under
forty years.

The gigantic number of men subject
to draft will not all be called to the
colors by any means. The proposed
law gives authority to the president to
draft as many men as he deems neces-
sary to fill up the regular army, the
National Guard and the conscription
force of 1,000,000 men.

2,001,000 Armed Men.
It is estimated by the war depart-
ment that as a result of the authority
conferred and the action to be taken
2,002,000 officers and men will be
subject to the military establishment of
the United States.

The new bill gives to the author-
ity to fill up the regular army and
National Guard and in addition
1,000,000 men, 500,000 to come as the
first quota.

The war strength of the regular
army is about 200,000 men. It has
now about 155,000 men and is short
about 45,000. The National Guard
has a war strength of 1,000,000 men.
It has now about 125,000 men and is
short about 875,000 men.

Therefore, on the first call there can
be taken for war service about 650,000
men to fill up gaps in the regular army
and National Guard and in addition
500,000 as the first quota of the con-
scription army of 1,000,000 men.

In the first draft call the conscription
army will be taken for active
service, leaving authorization under
the present bill to call out immedi-
ately 500,000 more for another con-
scription army.

No Place for Roosevelt.
The action following Col. Theodore
Roosevelt to enlist volunteers for
foreign service has been eliminated.

What the colored will be in the origi-
nal project is incapable of realization
is a question. It is generally un-
derstood that President Wilson is ab-
solutely opposed to the idea of a vol-
unteer organization under command of
the colored.

Pay for enlisted men and non-
commissioned officers was agreed upon
as follows:
Men now receiving less than \$21
per month are increased to \$31; per-
sons; those who received \$24 are
increased to \$32; men who receive \$30;
\$38 or \$40 are increased to \$40; men
who receive \$48 are increased to \$50.

Army Officers Placed.
Army officers received notice of the
age limit with pleasure. They had
expected a higher maximum, though
they could rather have expected the origi-
nal age of nineteen to twenty-five.

A new section in the bill authorizes
the president to organize and equip
three machine-gun companies for
each infantry and cavalry brigade
and four machine-gun companies and
an armored motorcar for each in-
fantry and cavalry division. These
will be additional to those already
provided.

An interesting change is that the
draft will not be based upon the num-
ber of persons "available for service."
It is first proposed, but upon the
president's order.

A man may register by mail, if nec-
essary. Fraud in registration, exami-
nation, etc., is punishable by the
same imprisonment, or, if subject to
military law, the individual shall be
tried by court-martial and suffer such
punishment as a court-martial may di-
rect.

Dry Clause Draconic.
The prohibition provision is exceed-
ingly draconic. The president is au-
thorized to prohibit the sale of

READY FOR SEPARATE PEACE

Russian Socialists Announced Willing-
ness to Act With Germans in
Plans to End the War.

Petrograd.—Twelve members of the
council of soldiers' and workmen's
delegates, including the president, Gen-
eral Shklovskiy, have gone to St. Petersburg
with the situation created by the
committee in declaring itself an
autonomous unit.

Shklovskiy, who moved the report of

Explaining Workings of New Conscription Law

Washington.—Outstanding features
of the universal service law are as fol-
lows:

Ages of Draft, 21 to 30 Inclusive.
Ages of Volunteers, 18 to 40 Inclusive.
Number subject to draft, 11,000,000.
To be Obtained by Draft or Volun-
teers:

Number to be drawn by se-
lective conscription, 1,000,000
(in two drafts of 500,000 each).
Regular army, 500,000.
National Guard, 500,000.
Special armaments troops, 50,000.
Total strength provided, 2,001,000.

Term of Service: Period of Emergency.
Exemptions:
Federal and state officers.
Ministers of religion and theological
students.

Members of religious sects opposed to
war.
Liable to Exemption:
Military and naval officers.
Customhouse clerks, mail em-
ployees.

Employees of armories, arsenals and
navy yards.
Persons engaged in industries, in-
cluding agriculture.
Those supporting dependents.

The physically and morally deficient.
Method for Draft:
Registration by the president for
registration.

Immediate registration by those of
draft age.
Selection from register of men for
service.

Dispatch of men drafted to nearest
training camp.
Provision for Pay:
First-class private, \$25.
First-class private, \$30.
Corporal, \$32.
Sergeant of the line, \$38 and 42.
Quartermaster and hospital as-
sistant, \$40.
First sergeant, \$42.
Safeguards Thrown Around the Army:
Prohibition.
Suppression of the social evil.

Prohibition of the sale of alcoholic liquors
"in or near" military camps. Not
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WAR REVENUE BILL PLANNED TO RAISE \$1,800,000,000 IN YEAR

Ten Per Cent Increase Added to All Existing Duties and Articles
Now on Free List Are Taxed 10 Per Cent—Incomes Are
Hit Hard—An Extra Tax of One-Third Added to
All Individual Incomes for 1916.

Following are some of the articles in the new war revenue bill: Daily use which will be taxed under the new revenue bill:

Stock Exchange Transactions—On each sale future delivery for each \$100 2 cents
Capital stock on each original issue of \$100, 5 cents; on transfers on each \$100 face value 2 cents
Bonds, debentures, etc., on each \$100 face value 5 cents
Indemnity bonds, 50 cents; where premium is in excess of \$100 1 per cent of premium charge

Drafts, checks, notes (and renewals or extensions) for each \$100 2 cents
Deeds conveying lands or realty, for the first \$100 to \$500, 50 cents; for each \$500 or additional \$500, 10 cents; on each \$1000, 10 cents
Life insurance policies (except industrial or weekly) 3 cents on each \$100
Marine, international and fire insurance premiums 10 per cent
Casualty policy premiums 10 per cent
Freight bills 10 per cent
Steamship tickets for foreign port, \$10 to \$30, 5¢; \$30 to \$60, 10¢; ex-
ceeding \$60, 15¢.

Seats, berths or staterooms, rail or water 10 per cent
Express rates 10 per cent
Automobiles and motorcycles 10 per cent
Tires 10 per cent
Light, heat and telephone bills 5 per cent
Telephone (long distance) 5 cents on each toll message over 15c
Musical instruments 5 per cent on those costing over \$10
Talking machines 5 per cent on those costing over \$10
Jewelry, watches, diamonds, etc., on each \$1000, 10 per cent
Cosmetics and proprietary medicines 5 per cent on wholesale price
Amusement tickets (charity excepted) 1 cent for each 10 cents of ad-
mission price, except where maximum is 5 cents.

Washington.—The administration war revenue bill was unanimously agreed upon by the house committee on ways and means and reported to the house Wednesday. It is estimated to produce \$1,800,000,000 in 1916.

If the framers overlooked any tangible article upon which it is possible to levy a tax, it was not because of any desire to do so.

Liquors, tobaccos, business profits, amusements, liquors, tobacco, baseball games, moving pictures, baseball games, medicines, letter postage, transportation and jewelry are among commodities which will feel the burden of taxation.

Tariff Will Yield \$200,000,000.
The committee found it necessary to go to the tariff schedule in order to reach the \$1,800,000,000. This was done by an agreement to a tax of 10 per cent upon all articles now on the free list and 10 per cent additional upon all articles now upon the dutiable list.

Income Tax Increases \$4 made public by Chairman Kitchin follow:
Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1915, have been increased exactly 10 per cent. These taxes are due in June.

Exemption limits have been reduced to \$1,000 for single men and \$2,000 for married men. The new rates are as follows:

Normal tax on new classes of incomes to be taxed, those between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for single men and between \$2,000 and \$4,000 for married men, have been increased 10 per cent.

Normal taxes on all incomes formerly taxed, those above \$4,000 for single men and \$4,000 for married men, have been increased from 2 to 4 per cent.

Increases in All Scales.
The increased surtaxes are as follows:

\$5,000 to \$7,500 1 per cent
7,500 to 10,000 2 per cent
10,000 to 12,500 3 per cent
12,500 to 15,000 4 per cent
15,000 to 20,000 5 per cent
20,000 to 40,000 6 per cent
40,000 to 60,000 8 per cent
60,000 to 100,000 11 per cent
100,000 to 150,000 14 per cent
150,000 to 200,000 17 per cent
200,000 to 250,000 20 per cent
250,000 to 500,000 27 per cent
500,000 to 1,000,000 30 per cent
1,000,000 and upwards 37 per cent

The inheritance tax starts with one-half of 1 per cent on the base tax on all estates of \$50,000 or less. The remainder of the schedule is applied to the various excesses in graduation as follows:

Inheritance Tax Scale.
On excess of more than \$50,000, but not exceeding \$100,000, 1 per cent.
On excess of more than \$100,000, but not exceeding \$250,000, 1 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$250,000, but not exceeding \$500,000, 2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$500,000, but not exceeding \$1,000,000, 2 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$1,000,000, but not exceeding \$2,000,000, 3 per cent.
On excess of more than \$2,000,000, but not exceeding \$5,000,000, 3 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$5,000,000, but not exceeding \$10,000,000, 4 per cent.
On excess of more than \$10,000,000, but not exceeding \$20,000,000, 4 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$20,000,000, but not exceeding \$50,000,000, 5 per cent.
On excess of more than \$50,000,000, but not exceeding \$100,000,000, 5 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$100,000,000, but not exceeding \$200,000,000, 6 per cent.
On excess of more than \$200,000,000, but not exceeding \$500,000,000, 6 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$500,000,000, but not exceeding \$1,000,000,000, 7 per cent.
On excess of more than \$1,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$2,000,000,000, 7 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$2,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$5,000,000,000, 8 per cent.
On excess of more than \$5,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$10,000,000,000, 8 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$10,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$20,000,000,000, 9 per cent.
On excess of more than \$20,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$50,000,000,000, 9 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$50,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$100,000,000,000, 10 per cent.
On excess of more than \$100,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$200,000,000,000, 10 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$200,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$500,000,000,000, 11 per cent.
On excess of more than \$500,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$1,000,000,000,000, 11 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$1,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$2,000,000,000,000, 12 per cent.
On excess of more than \$2,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$5,000,000,000,000, 12 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$5,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$10,000,000,000,000, 13 per cent.
On excess of more than \$10,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$20,000,000,000,000, 13 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$20,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$50,000,000,000,000, 14 per cent.
On excess of more than \$50,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$100,000,000,000,000, 14 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$100,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$200,000,000,000,000, 15 per cent.
On excess of more than \$200,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$500,000,000,000,000, 15 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$500,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$1,000,000,000,000,000, 16 per cent.
On excess of more than \$1,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$2,000,000,000,000,000, 16 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$2,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$5,000,000,000,000,000, 17 per cent.
On excess of more than \$5,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$10,000,000,000,000,000, 17 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$10,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$20,000,000,000,000,000, 18 per cent.
On excess of more than \$20,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$50,000,000,000,000,000, 18 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$50,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$100,000,000,000,000,000, 19 per cent.
On excess of more than \$100,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$200,000,000,000,000,000, 19 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$200,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$500,000,000,000,000,000, 20 per cent.
On excess of more than \$500,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000, 20 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$2,000,000,000,000,000,000, 21 per cent.
On excess of more than \$2,000,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$5,000,000,000,000,000,000, 21 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$5,000,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$10,000,000,000,000,000,000, 22 per cent.
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On excess of more than \$50,000,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$100,000,000,000,000,000,000, 23 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$100,000,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$200,000,000,000,000,000,000, 24 per cent.
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On excess of more than \$500,000,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, 25 per cent.
On excess of more than \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$2,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, 25 1/2 per cent.
On excess of more than \$2,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, 26 per cent.
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On excess of more than \$10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, but not exceeding \$20,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, 27 per cent.
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On excess of more than \$1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000, but not