

EVERY WAR
HAS MADE
A PRESIDENT

WILL THE
GREAT WAR
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(Drawn from life by John T. McCutcheon.)

GEN. JOHN J. PERSHING, who may be the next Republican leader on the strength of his achievement as commander of the American expeditionary force, was born in Linn county, Mo., on Sept. 13, 1860. He was graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Kirksville (Mo.) normal school in 1880, was graduated at the U. S. military academy at West Point six years later, and took his degree in law at the University of Nebraska in 1893. He served in the Apache Indian campaign in 1886 and in the Sioux campaign four years later. He served with the Tenth cavalry at Santiago, served in the Philippines, commanded the military operations against the Moros in Central Mindanao, was with Kuroki's army as American military attache in the Russo-Japanese war, and was on the general staff, U. S. A., from 1903 to 1906. He has been an instructor of military tactics in the University of Nebraska and at West Point, governor of the Moro province, and chief of the bureau of insular affairs, which he organized. His most famous early military triumph was the defeat of the Moros at Bagsag. He led the punitive expedition against Gen. Villa in Mexico. With his assumption of the chief command of the United States expeditionary force in France he was promoted from the rank of major general to that of general. His wife and daughters were burned to death in a fire at the Presidio military buildings at San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 27, 1915. He has one son, Warren Pershing, now 9 years old.

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