

## COLUMBIA RECORDS FOR MAY Now on Sale

I handle a stock of Columbia Records.

SHOULD THERE BE ANY RECORDS  
THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE WE  
WILL BE PLEASED TO  
ORDER THEM.

For sale by  
**F. B. THOMAS**  
LEADING DRUGGIST  
MEYERSDALE, PENNA.

## The Home of Quality GROCERIES.

If you would be happy and contented buy your groceries here, they bring peace to every family, making hunger disappear.

IT'S THE QUALITY

Our own blended coffee at 21 cents can not be matched for the money.

In spite of the present high prices of all kinds of Canned Goods we have some very good values to offer to the trade. Just received a lot of Sour Pickles.

Special prices on Runkles Cakes this week.

These prices will mean money saved for you:

- Good Pie Peaches at 10 cents per can.
- 8 5-cent cans Sardine Paste for 10 cents.
- 1 g'ass of pure Jelly at 10 cents.
- 1 can Salmon Paste for 10 cents.
- 1 Jar Canned Beef for 10 cents.
- 3 pounds Good Rice for 25 cents.
- 3 10-cent packages Corn Starch for 25 cents.
- Large can Spinage for 15 cents.
- 3 Rolls Toilet Paper for 25 cents.

Both phones

**F. A. BITTNER,**

142 Center Street, Meyersdale, Pa.

## WELL, WE WIN

Our real service plumbing is bound to win the customer's good will when he realizes that long we develop no defects, no poor arrangement of fixtures, no details overlooked and never that continuous necessity for repairs which a company's so-called "cheap" plumbing.

Our plumbing is not cheap. It is the best of workmanship, material and "Standard" fixtures installed at a reasonable price.

Ask for a demonstration.

BAER & COMPANY



## Driving It Home!

Let us drive home to you the fact that no washwoman can wash clothes in as sanitary a manner as that in which the work is done at our laundry. We use much more water, change the water many more times, use purer and more costly soap, and keep all the clothes in constant motion during the entire process.

It is simply a matter of having proper facilities.

Meyersdale Steam Laundry

Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
CASTORIA

## \$1.50 ROUND TRIP

The First Excursion

-TO-

**PITTSBURGH**

Stopping at McKeesport, Braddock and Homestead

**Sunday, May 13**

**SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVES  
MEYERSDALE AT 8:30 A. M.**

Returning leaves Pittsburgh 7:00 p. m., arrives Meyersdale 10:24 p. m.

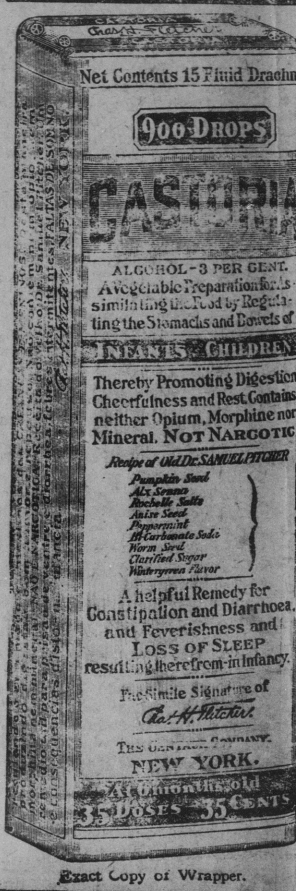
Low round trip fares from intermediate stations. See flyers.

Consult Ticket Agent.

**WESTERN MARYLAND RY.**

First excursion to Pittsburgh this season.

Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
CASTORIA



## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

Mothers Know That  
Genuine Castoria

Always  
Bears the  
Signature  
of

*Chas. H. Fletcher*  
In Use  
For Over  
Thirty Years  
**CASTORIA**

## The Second National Bank MEYERSDALE, PA.

We confess it. On the other hand, we know we are justified in thus asking your patronage. We not only offer our depositors every facility to be found in a modern institution, together with courteous consideration and the best of service, but we also assure you of Security for your money, Strength and Stability in management and methods.

We will appreciate your business, whether its volume be large or small.

## "Clean Up and Paint Up"



**J. W. Mallery,**

MEYERSDALE, PENN.

Be sure your plumbing has real worth. Just think, if your home were remodeled with "Standard" plumbing fixtures, how much nicer it would be, more comfortable, more convenient and in value increased above the cost of the remodeling.

May we show you illustrations in color of bathrooms?



**BAER & CO.**

## VICTORY GAINED ON CONSCRIPTION

Both Houses of Congress Set  
Down Volunteer Plan

DIFFERENCES IN TWO BILLS

Measure Now Goes to Conference.  
Matter of Age Limit One Provision  
Houses Not Agreed Upon.

Both senate and house voted approval of the administration's proposal to raise a great war army on the principle of selective conscription, voting down by overwhelming majorities the volunteer army amendments around which opponents of the administration plan had centered their fight.

In the senate the vote on the volunteer amendment was 69 to 18, and in the house it was 279 to 98, supporters of conscription marshaling a strength which surprised even administration leaders.

Whether congress finally would accept the general staff's recommendations regarding the ages between which conscription should apply appeared uncertain. In the senate the bill's stipulation that men between nineteen and twenty-five should be liable to the draft was changed to make the minimum twenty-one and the maximum twenty-seven. The house voted down all proposed changes in the military committee's recommendation that the limits be fixed at twenty-one and forty.

These and a number of lesser amendments will be considered as speedily as possible in conference in the hope that the measure may be sent to the president for his signature by the middle of the week.

Senator Chamberlain said he thought that all minor disagreements between the two houses could be settled without much trouble, in view of the fact that the main issue had been disposed of and that the conference report would be ratified before the end of the week.

### Comparison of Bills.

A comparison of the two bills shows:

Both authorize the president to raise, organize, equip and officer the regular army to maximum strength of 287,000 men and national guard to approximately 625,000.

To raise by selective conscription additional army of 500,000 men, quota of each state being in proportion to its population.

Senate bill provides that all persons voluntarily presenting themselves at registration places shall be held to have volunteered and shall be so entered on rolls.

Senate bill authorizes president, in his discretion, to enforce prohibition rigidly throughout the army and make it unlawful to sell liquor to any officer or private when in uniform.

President's proclamation is to be notice to register and failure to register is a misdemeanor under both bills.

To raise in his discretion a second army of 500,000 men by selective conscription.

Exemptions under both bills, members of executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government, all ministers and all persons belonging to religious sects opposed to war. President also in his discretion can exclude those "who have persons dependent on them for support." The senate bill exempted farmers.

House bill provides organization of new army by territorial designations as far as possible. Senate bill does not.

Within ten days after the bill is signed every township in the country will be registering its young men for duty, and work will have begun on the sixteen training cantonnments, or camps, where preparation of the forces for war will start in August or September. Sites for the cantonnments have been selected tentatively and all arrangements made for the concentration of the troops assigned to each.

Decentralization of administrative work will be sought by the department in every move it makes. Registration will be carried on through sheriffs and other county officials, aided by postmasters or other federal agencies where that seems desirable. Instructions and forms have been prepared and will be forwarded to the state adjutant general for distribution among county officials. Wide publicity is planned, so that no man liable for registration will have a good excuse for failing to respond. On a date to be set every citizen affected by the act will be required on pain of heavy penalty to present himself at the nearest registration place, where machinery will be provided for classifying the recruits and eliminating those exempt. Doubtful cases will be referred to higher authority.

With the rolls of those liable for service complete, the task of selecting the men to go in the first increment of 500,000 will begin. It has been suggested that this be done by means of the county jury wheel. The first man whose name is drawn would go, under that plan, with the first 500,000 to be called out for training within a few months. The second to be called would go with the second increment, to be called six months later. The third with the third increment, with duty a year off; the fourth with the first increment, and so on.

## FRENCH WAR ENVOIS ON BOARD MAYFLOWER



Photo by American Press Association.  
General Joffre and Ex-Premier Viviani.

## WASHINGTON WATCHES GERMAN REPUBLIC MOVE.

Official Announcement is Made of  
Start of Propaganda Work in  
Switzerland.

Reports reaching Washington that a movement in Germany for the establishment of a republic there has taken definite shape were given serious consideration by high officials of the government. While it was admitted that German officials might have started the reports in an attempt to put the United States off its guard, state department officials considered the reports highly significant. The department's information of the general political unrest in Germany was added to by an official dispatch from Minister Stovall at Berne, Switzerland, stating that a committee had been organized there for propaganda in favor of a republican form of government in Germany.

Information concerning the move for a republican government comes on the heels of reports of further efforts within Germany to force the Kaiser to make another attempt to obtain peace. The state department has been advised the strike of 350,000 laborers in Berlin, which is now in progress, was caused by the spreading desire for peace.

## AWAIT SINKING DETAILS

Twenty-five Members of Boat and Gun  
Crew of American Ship Missing.

Details of the sinking of the American oil tank steamer Vacuum are still not available. It is known that the captain and part of the crew and the naval lieutenant and nine American naval gunners are missing.

The Vacuum was sunk by a German submarine while she was on the way to the United States. The chief mate and seventeen men, including three of the American navy gunners, have been landed.

A boat containing the master of the ship and the remainder of the crew, together with the lieutenant and nine naval gunners, is missing.

## BLACKLIST WITHDRAWN

Only Real Issue Between England and  
United States Cleared Up.

The London foreign office announced that the "blacklist" against American firms had been withdrawn.

Raising of the blacklist will remove the only real issue that ever threatened ill-feeling between England and the United States. The original blacklist covered eighty-five business firms. Great Britain announced her blockade in July, 1916. It was a formal listing of certain firms all over the world with whom British citizens were forbidden to trade. Nearly a hundred American firms were included in this prescribed catalogue.

## PAPER SUPPLY RELIEF

Lord Northcliffe Will Turn Over Out-  
put of Newfoundland Mills.

An adequate supply of paper for American publishers was predicted by the federal state commission in announcing that Lord Northcliffe, the noted English publisher, probably would turn over to the American Newspaper Publishers' association for distribution the entire output of his big Newfoundland paper mills.

The addition of the 66,000 tons of paper produced annually by the Northcliffe mills, it was said, will break the print paper market and assure small publishers an adequate supply at lower prices.

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