

ks of the immense force  
ual sight of the fighting  
ght home to the visitors  
unlimited supply of pro-  
n, who depend upon them  
The public will learn with  
action that regular visits by  
entative workers from the  
ion factories have been  
henceforward, each Friday  
e departure of new deputa-  
accredited men for a four  
f the trenches in France.  
annot fail to have the desired  
ing to the workmen engaged  
production "the imperative  
creasing and accelerating the  
of munitions of war." The  
has had to fight against odds  
h in its history. For a year it  
ding its own against the German  
osive," against odds such as  
age has never hitherto had to  
That the British people, with the  
staring them in the face, should  
han leap to continue, that they  
at any cost to turn the balance  
e enemy, is incredible.

**CURRENT COMMENT.**

**Population.**  
ing to the Russian Year Book the  
on of Russia, which is now 174 millions,  
ased by 42 millions during the past  
ears, or nearly one-fourth. The male  
ion between 20 and 40 years of age  
s 24,000,000. The bulk of the increase is  
population of European Russia, which,  
ng Poland, holds 80 per cent of the people  
Empire, and excluding Poland counts 72  
ent. of the whole. The population of

of the ladies with  
organise the sale of flags in the various  
and we trust the response from the public, citizens  
and county people will be worthy so deserving  
a cause. In connection with the event, the  
following letter, received by Mrs Kennedy, Pery  
Square, will be of interest:

"Hotel Metropole, Dublin,  
September 15, 1915.  
DEAR MRS. KENNEDY, - I have very much  
pleasure in sending you this copy of a telegram  
received by the London Committee of Russian  
Flag Day from their representative in Petrograd  
on September 13th: -  
"To-day's meeting of members of the State  
Council and Duma, President Rodzienko, of  
the latter, and the Mayor of Petrograd, Count  
Tolstoy, very generously resolved to organise a  
British Flag Day, and to present to every city  
and town in the British Isles where the Russian  
Flag Day was celebrated an address and Russian  
flag. Lectures are to be delivered all over  
Russia about Great Britain and Ireland."  
"I so fully appreciate the generous support  
and interest being taken in the Russian Flag Day  
in Limerick on September 18th. - Believe me,  
yours sincerely,  
"MARGARET BAXTER,  
"Hon. Organizer for Ireland"

Another letter received from the same lady  
informs Mrs Kennedy: - "You will be interested  
to hear that Russia will send Limerick a Russian  
flag and address of thanks." The Hon. Organizer  
for Ireland is to be present in Limerick next  
Saturday.

**THE LATE MRS ELLARD.**

The funeral of the late Mrs Ellard took place  
this morning from St Michael's R.C. Church for  
Mount St Lawrence, and was of large proportions.  
The chief mourners were - Messrs G H Ryan,  
J J Ryan, manager National Bank, Camden  
Street, Dublin; Major M J Kenny, T J Riggs  
Miller, W D P Kenny, National Bank, Sligo; G  
O'Grady, J O'Grady, H Kenny, solr. The  
clergy present were - Father J A O'Connor, Adm.  
St Michael's; Father Dwane, C.C., Father  
Devane, C.C., and Father Thornhill, C.C. Father  
O'Connor officiated at the graveside.

**THE GRETNA RAILWAY DISASTER.**

At Edinburgh yesterday the trial was resumed  
of Signalmen Tinsley and Meakin, and Fireman  
Hutchinson, who were charged with causing the  
death of a number of persons by negligence in duty,  
which resulted in the Gretna railway disaster. In  
the case of Hutchinson a verdict of not guilty was  
returned, while Tinsley was sentenced to three  
years' penal servitude, and Meakin was sentenced  
to 18 months' imprisonment.

voted since  
£1,252,000,000. The net expenditure  
ing deductions from 1st April to the end of  
was £226,000 a day, from 1st to 17th  
was £3,000,000, and from 18th July to 11  
tember rather more than  
**THREE AND A HALF MILLIONS** A  
this last figure being the average da  
expenditure of the country at the present  
The chief expenditure was for the N  
Army, which amounted, from 1st April  
September, to £371,700,000. Repayment  
Bank of England amounted to £50,000,  
loans to foreign and Dominion Govern  
£58,000,000. The most potent cause of  
penditure was our advances to our Alli  
next chief increases was in respect of m  
The daily rate of expenditure on the N  
£600,000. Coming to the present vote o  
he felt justified in assuming that the  
average would not exceed £35,000,000 gr  
on that basis the vote would carry the  
the 3rd week in November. These hu  
threw some light on the contributions,  
in terms of money, which we were maki  
prosecution of the war. He did not th  
now we were doing all we ought to do,  
tempts were constantly being made to l  
disparage our efforts, with most r  
effects, it might be worth while to cor  
was being done with our pre-war stand  
the war our arrangements were that v  
able to supply an Expeditionary Fore  
150,000 men. After thirteen month  
we added to the men who were servin  
up to serve, in the Navy or the Army  
had since enlisted in both Services, w  
an aggregate in round numbers of ab  
men who had offered themselves to

**RECRUITING**

had kept up during the thirteen mo  
steady figure, although the last fe  
regretted to say, showed signs of a  
Further, we had made ourselves resp  
advance of about £250,000,000 to ot  
Reviewing the work of the Munit  
be said that Mr Lloyd George ha  
and at work twenty national shell  
eighteen others in process of constr  
were eighteen co-operative areas  
lighter kinds of shells were ma  
shops; and, lastly, there were no  
controlled establishments, with  
there were now more than 800,00  
employed in the manufacture of  
that was now necessary to develo  
an adequate supply of labour - of  
in larger numbers than skilled  
was no field of national service  
present moment women could do  
Mr Asquith then briefly revie  
situation, and Mr Balfour made  
the defence of London.