dicated their refusal to negotiate
terms of peace with any but a staple
overnment. The situation clearly
tself to Herr Ebert, and he is
determined to see it through, and
he great majority of the Soviet
ht his back. The "Daily
" writes that "this week's de-
ts make it probable that the
ic solution will win in Germany.
s now being sent to Germany to
people from being driven by
nto desperate courses, but these
ns should be conditional, not only
reservation of order, but, on the
ecution of proper steps towards the
f a constituent Assembly."

RRENT COMMENT.

y for the Poor.

blic of city and county are reminded
Flag Day for the local poor will be held
y next. The cause of the destitute
no pleading at any time, but it comes
ne specially at this time of the year,
who are blessed with the world's goods
g forward to a happy Xmas, a season of
l plenty. It is at such a time our
most turn to the poor, with a desire to
e can to bring a ray of comfort to them
l-round cheerless existence. Flag Day
the public an opportunity of generously
so highly deserving a cause, and we
ol'ection next Saturday will be a
. The distribution will be undertaken,
by the members of the Society of St
Paul, which means that the really de-
or will receive the benefit.

ar-General's Report.

hs and deaths registered in the Dublin
on Area and in the eighteen principal
Urban Districts of Ireland, with the
es per 1,000 of the population repre-
reby, which for the purposes of these
estimated at 1,127,268, are given in
of the Registrar-General's report
-ending 14th December. The births
esented by 21·6 in the Dublin
on Area; Belfast, 24·5; Cork, 15·0;
ry, 15·6; Limerick, 13·5; Waterford,
e deaths from all causes appertain-
he undermentioned areas for last
for the past four weeks, respec-
re equal to the following annual rates per
he population:—Nineteen Town Dis-
) and 37·1; Dublin Registration Area,
25·6; Dublin City, 23·9 and 27·3;
4·7 and 48·2; Cork, 23·1 and 28·2;
ry, 35·2 and 37·2; Limerick, 25·7 and
Waterford, 17·1 and 29·9. The deaths
m epidemic diseases registered in the 19
ricts during last week were equal to an
e of 0·7 per 1,000. Among the 186
m all causes for Belfast are one from
ough, one from diphtheria, one from
nd enteritis of children under two years,
from cerebro-spinal fever. Of the 34
m all causes for Cork one is from
, and one is from diarrhœa and enteritis
under 2 years. Included in the 27
n all causes for Londonderry are one
s and one from scarlet fever. One of
s from all causes for Waterford is from
nd of the 9 nine from all causes for
one is from diphtheria.

... proposing additional land for ap-
... ts was under consideration. The numb
... allocated up to the present is not far
plots ... ndred, and the success which has atte
nine ha ... ivation, and the number of addit
their sub ... anxious to get plots and to join in
applicants ... movement is of such propo ... portions
small tillage ... are arranging to acquir ... addit
the Committee ... to the extension of so pr
land with a view ... It was decided that
worthy a scheme. ... lly district shoul ... l be wr
owners in the Carha ... ertaining if lan ... d for ap
to on the subject of a ...
ment purposes could b ... had from the ... m.

EAST LIMERICK ELECTION.

It is now calculated that something like ... votes were recorded at the East Lim ... erick el ... out of a register of 21,582, which ... includes ... absent voters. The Sinn Fein agents estim ... four to one majority for their candidate ... Hayes, but no estimate is put forward ... agents of the Nationalist Party ... London. The scrutiny takes place in ... Jury room, County Courthouse, at 12 ... 28th, and it is thought the poll will not be ... clared until late in the evening. The ... voters' papers are coming in steadily, and the poll in this respect may be more extensive than was at first anticipated.

DEATH OF MR M LAFFAN.

The death, which is greatly regretted, tok place at his residence, Eyo ... on Tuesda ... Michael Laffan, after a brief illness. The ... formed rather extensively, and for upwards of thirty years he was a member of the Limeri ... Board of Guardians and N ... l District Council. He was a quiet unassuming man, and his death has caused a severe blow to his widow and children, with whom general sympathy is expressed in their sorrow.

OUT AND ABOUT.

The Red Cross Gift Sale at Clonghjordan realised over £600.

At the Listowel Petty Sessions recently Mr George F Hewson, Ennismore, was sworn in justice of the Peace for Co Kerry.

At Ferns Christmas market turkeys fetched £ ... 10s per pair, geese 25s to 30s per pair, and chickens 14s to 18s per pair.

Dogs may not be taken into Ireland from Great Britain or the Channel Islands until further notice. This is a precaution against rabies.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald, B.A, son of Mr J ... Fitzgerald, D.I, Ballindine, Claremorris, Co Mayo, has been admitted a Solicitor of the Supreme Court in Ireland.

Lady Ardee, who has been working for some months at the Dunraven Castle Red Cross Hospital, has, with her children, now left for Kilruddery, Bray, Co Wicklow. Brigadier-General Lord Ardee is still in France.

Death from shock and hemorrhage, due to being run over by a train, while walking from Salterbridge to Minish on 13th inst, was the verdict at an inquest on the body of John Courtney, 27, ... porter.

Lieut R V Goole, R.F.A, who has been awarded the V.C, is the son of Major Goole, D.S.O, at present in Salonika, and a grandson of the late Canon W F Archdall, M.A. Glanmire, and nephew of Miss Archdall, Passage West.

Rev Brother Bolger, of the Christian Brothers, died at the Industrial School, Glin, and was buried in Glin Cemetery. His mother and brothers attended, and the Christian Brothers at Limerick ...

... on the patrimony of the Holy See ... when, in defiance of all right and ... solemn treaties, Rome was bem ... tured by the forces of Victor E ... act of apostasy had more to do wit ... now at an end than any other caus ... be no permanent peace in the w ... wrong was righted and the indep ... Pope secured. It was of primary i ... the Pope be represented at the Pe ... and of vital importance that Pre ... should know he had at his ... was best and bravest in ... democracy in his plea for self-det ... small nationalities, of which Ire ... oldest. (Applause.)

The Mayor said President Wilso ... to Europe to insist on his fourteen ... carried out, and it was of primar ... that he should visit this country ... views of the people on self-determin ...

The High Sheriff, Father Connolly ... Leader, Mr J ... Guardians, and ... sided to hold a ... demonstration ... four o'clock on Sunday to express the ... citizens in support of the Lord Mayor ... to President Wilson.

SHANNON CINEMA.

CHRISTMAS ... THE LIGHT ...

HOLIDAY FOR BANKS.

GERMAN CANDLES IN THE ...

Nearly ...

UNEMPLOYMENT ...