

service will engage attention, especially that concerning under-water craft. If it does, no doubt America's powerful influence on world affairs may be counted on, despite her disinclination to concern herself with them directly. This seems likely, seeing that when naval reductions are discussed, America, according to the President, will take her "full share in the subject of foreign relations."

### CHRISTMAS POULTRY TRADE.

In connection with the Christmas trade in poultry, the Department of Agriculture wish to impress on exporters the necessity for obtaining, before forwarding consignments, satisfactory assurances through the usual business channels as to the commercial and financial standing of prospective buyers.

The Department of Agriculture point out that serious injury is being done to the trade in Irish turkeys by producers bringing to markets birds that have not been fasted. The value of such birds is considerably reduced owing to rapid discoloration of the flesh after killing.

Turkeys should not be fed for at least twelve hours before being brought to market, and it is very desirable that the cart in which they are brought should contain plenty of dry straw or other suitable material for them to rest on.

### DEATH OF MISS CROKER.

Sincere regret is felt throughout the County of Limerick at the demise of Miss Caroline Croker, of The Grange, which took place on Tuesday at a nursing home in Dublin, of pneumonia. Miss Croker, who had attained an advanced age, resided all her life at The Grange, Kilmallock, County Limerick, and she was ever generously identified with charity and every other good and useful work. She will be greatly missed in the district, where she was universally respected and esteemed. Interment at Croom Church on Saturday at 12.30 p.m., funeral leaving The Grange at 11.30.

### LATE MRS BLACKHALL.

On the proposal of Mr G C Bennett, the meeting of the Limerick Mental Hospital Committee yesterday adjourned for a short time in order to give members an opportunity of attending the funeral of Mrs Blackhall, wife of Mr G B Blackhall, manager of the Munster and Leinster Bank (Limerick), treasurers to the Committee.

The Mayor said the death of Mrs Blackhall was a very sad affair.

The funeral which took place to Mount St Lawrence Cemetery from St Munchin's Catholic Church was large and representative of the Banks and business interests in the city. The blinds of many business houses were drawn while the cortege was passing.

### C. E. Z. M. S.

The annual sale of home and foreign goods, country produce, etc, in connection with the Hibernian Auxillary of the C. E. Z. M. S. will, as may be seen by advertisement, be held in the Diocesan Hall next Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

the figures of the cost of the county for 1914, and the only got was from the Co Council during period. The present system working well. He was not directions in which economy under the amalgamation of the

The Chairman—Under the Limerick No 1 Rural District body to the upkeep of what was called Workhouse.

Mr John McCormack, Co. C., and in the course of his evidence approbation of the amalgamated economical from the point of view ratepayers. Under the old ratepayers of the county, especially 1 Rural District, were having upkeep of the five workhouses, as a result prepared to revert to

Mr M Quinlan, Co. C., Chairman Board, in his evidence, stated that the County Infirmary being no hospital for county cases. He was, there was always a sufficient the County Infirmary. They were doctors there, and, in addition was well equipped. He did not be at all possible to bring Croom the standard of the County utilizing the latter the county the expense of sending patients special treatment, except in treatment of the eyes and ears.

Replying to Sir Joseph Glynn, he never visited the County Home that the unmarried mothers and be taken from the County Home, for the aged and infirm. He that left the County Home to friends. Nothing would convince inmates of the County Home who from Newcastle West were content

Answering Mr Sugrue, the witness district where home assistant abnormally high was Kilmallock there and that should not be the fertile district. Half the existing relief was expended in Kilmallock meant that that portion of the deriving the greatest benefit from assistance expenditure. He should be changed in so far as it of the County Home getting the cost

Replying to the Chairman, the Tipperary No 2 Rural District opposed the establishment of Glin they were not a contributory body.

Dr F O Mara, Resident Medical Officer, Mental Hospital, stated that he crowded at present with 496 patients in excess of the normal accommodation favoured a provincial auxiliary and less lunatics as it would be more the existing system.

The Chairman—What is the average patient in Ennis; the gross average ending 31st March, 1925?—£60.

How does it compare with the Hospital? It is about an average the highest nor the lowest.

Are your numbers going up?—Insanity is not increasing in the Can you suggest any way in which could be effected in the maintenance Hospitals?—Well, I could not, excepting revenue. From the point of view would favour large asylums. The contribution should be at least half maintenance.

Answering Mr Sugrue—The paying patients last year were amongst 600