

unbounded enthusiasm. The Bill was passed, and seconded, but there was a moment's silence the Bill was put and declared adopted. A call of the roll was asked for, and as his name was pronounced, in support of the Bill, and when the vote came through 76 Senators in the affirmative, all signified their approval, not a dissent being given in the negative. The Bill was passed by the President yesterday, as if by a vote of 76, whether increasing the artillery by 100,000 tons. The naval and military authorities are working with desperate energy to make up the deficiencies in the American fleet. The chief lack is of ammunition, and it is feared that the Government has in its arsenals barely what would supply thirty years' consumption. The government factories are unable to supply the quantity wanted, and quantities are, therefore, being ordered from foreign countries. It is the same with the navy, and it seems as if the States were to buy up every war ship that can be procured from the powers which ordered them. The States are also competing in the same way, and war ships are not generally kept in reserve, as it is possible to finish off a war in a few months, and, therefore, it is possible, therefore, that both the army and navy are, perhaps, possible

fisheries, such is the scarcity of fish in the Lower Shannon.

**SUDDEN DEATHS**—Our Glin correspondent reports that Mrs McNamara, wife of Mr Thomas McNamara, farmer and publican of Loughill, was found dead in bed on Tuesday. Deceased appeared to have been in her usual good health on the previous night, and death is supposed to be due to heart disease. A young man named Patrick Hanly, residing in the townland of Glounduff, Athy, fell dead within a few paces of his own door. He was about proceeding to the farm to drive a stray animal off the lands.

**MILFORD DISPENSARY ELECTION.**—At an election of Doctor for the Dispensary District of Milford, which took place on Tuesday, Dr McCarthy was elected by a majority of one vote. The other candidate, Dr Keatinge, polled eight votes. Since the vacancy was created by the lamented death of Dr Aherne, there has been a brisk canvass made by the friends of the candidates, and the greatest interest was manifested by the people of the district in the proceedings of Tuesday.

**ST. GEORGE'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.**—The County Grand Jury have passed the following resolution which will, we have no doubt, commend itself to the authorities:—Proposed by Mr Richbell Curling, and seconded by Mr James Grene Barry, J P:—"Resolved—That we, the Grand Jury of the County of Limerick, assembled at the Spring Assizes of 1898, are fully impressed with the benefits obtained by the girls at St George's Industrial School, Limerick. We are anxious that the sphere of usefulness of this school may be increased, and that the Managersess may be enabled to utilise the accommodation at her disposal by obtaining a certificate for the additional number of 50 girls."

DEAR SIR—A public meeting of facturers, traders, and citizens generally held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, tomorrow, Friday, at the hour of 4 o'clock, to consider the above vital matter, affecting the health and welfare of our city and district, has kindly consented to preside; and reported by some of our leading and influential citizens, who have promised their presence and co-operation as requested.—I am, yours faithfully,  
"WM HOLLIDA

It is anticipated that the meeting will be a representative and influential one, and that the resolutions of a very emphatic character will be passed, expressing the opinions of the citizens on the subject. The speakers, we understand, will include the Most Rev Dr O'Connell, and the necessity for the meeting is more apparent from the important matters that have taken place in the situation of the past two days, for there can now be no negotiations by the Great Southern, to purchase, have been officially refused, the subject came under the notice of the directors of the Waterford, Limerick and West of Ireland Company, at their monthly meeting yesterday, Mr Percy B Bernard, chairman, presiding. The other directors present were Mr W M Murphy, Mr Lucius O Hutton, Mr Mahony, Mr John N White, (Waterford), Mr Samuel Bourke, and Mr A W Shaw. The proceedings, which were protracted, and the directors meetings are, conducted in a very satisfactory manner, and there is good authority for stating that the communication was submitted from the Great Southern Company, offering to purchase the shares of the Waterford, Limerick and West of Ireland Company, a week ago the rumor was current that the purchase would be a guarantee of 3 per cent to the ordinary shareholders, holders of shares and debentures to have similar arrangements with the Great Southern and Western Company, without saying that from a strategic point of view, these would be most advantageous conditions, but we learn that the