

Unemployed Seize Public Buildings.

Seizures of public buildings and occupied dwelling houses by unemployed men and ex-soldiers in London, in need of house accommodation, continue. A band of several hundred unemployed took possession of Tottenham Town Hall recently and after with their ranks increased a thousand, they developed their plans for seizing the Edmonton Town Hall two miles away.

They sent a deputation to the Edmonton District Council and demanded, among other things, that the red flag should be flown from the Town Hall and that they should have free use of one of the committee rooms as headquarters and of a workshop for repairing boots and hair cutting. The deputation also objected to the presence of the police in the Town Hall and the police were withdrawn. The red flag was hoisted in the town hall in the afternoon, but in consequence of a threat from other exhibitors to tear it to pieces, it was hauled down and the Union Jack hoisted in its place.

Unemployed, including many ex-service men, quietly and without opposition took over a public library on Peckham road with the intention of making it their headquarters for the winter. Another large body of unemployed took possession of the public baths in Walthamstow, and told the Clerk of the District Council that they required the building as a central depot in the town for the distribution of food. Some of the men said they had served in the first expeditionary force to France, and had been obliged to sleep out in sleeping Forest.

Another Vindictive.

(From a London Exchange.)

The Vindictive which left Portsmouth today for Gibraltar with rest crews is a comparatively new cruiser, employed in the war as an aircraft-carrier, which had her name changed from Cavendish to Vindictive in order to perpetuate the name of the ship which was destroyed in the war. Other instances of such inheritance of names occurred in the war. The Vindictive was destroyed by a mine in 1914, but a new destroyer took her name and is still "carrying on." The destroyer "Shank" was lost at Jutland, but the contract of the brave commander, J. F. J. Jones, V.C., and his crew were commemorated by the name being given to a new destroyer, now in the Mediterranean Fleet. Velox and Wolverine are also names of present day ships which were taken from vessels sunk in the war. Among other losses, moreover, were two destroyers bearing the name Recruit. The first was sunk by a submarine in the Helgoland Lightship on May 1, 1915, the name was afterwards transferred to a new destroyer, and the second was a victim to mines in the North Sea on August 9, 1917.

Aiming at Britain.

A significant circumstance in the "self-determination" of President Wilson is his refusal to any of the dependencies of the American Republic. A campaign is carried on against Great Britain because the Imperial Government will not grant independence to Ireland. Not a word is heard about the United States holding Cuba, Haiti, Porto Rico, and the Philippines by the same tenure as Britain holds Ireland. Nor is there any mention of giving the negroes of the Southern States their independence.

There are more reasons why Haiti and the Philippines should have their independence than that Ireland should be removed from British control. There are greater differences of race to begin with. And added to that is the fact that the severance of the ties between the Republic and its dependencies would not jeopardize the existence of the nation, as the independence of Ireland would threaten the integrity of the Empire. This in itself is conclusive evidence that there is no sincerity in the cry raised in the United States for Irish freedom. If Ireland should be free of Britain, why should not Cuba and the Philippines be free of the control of the American Republic? The Sentinel.

A Fish Story.

(From the Boston Transcript.)

The story that made millions laugh—that one which includes "Thunder! That haint no such animal!"—has, we think, a pretty good running mate in the following more recent one. A countryman was standing on a fish pier where the day's catch was being landed. Presently a swordfish of monstrous size was hoisted up and the old fellow started at it in wonder and amazement. He positively could not believe his senses, and when at last he recovered himself sufficiently to speak it was only to exclaim:—"The man that caught that fish is a darn liar!"

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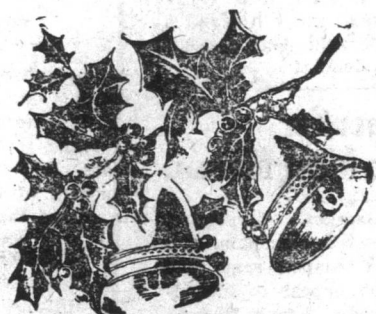
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