

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 their ranks increased a thousand, they developed their plans for seizing the Edmonton Town Hall in its place.

They sent a deputation to the Edmonton District Council and demanded, among other things, that the 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 The deputation also objected to the presence of the police in the Town Hall and the police were withdrawn.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.

Another Vindictive.

(From a London Exchange.)
The Vindictive which left Portsmouth to-day 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 memories associated with it. In other instances of such inheritance of names occurred in the war. The mention only a few, the torpedo boat Speedy was destroyed by a mine in 1914, but a new destroyer took her name and is still "carry-ing on." The destroyer Shark was lost at Jutland, but the conduct of the brave commander, J. Foster 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 Heliper Lightship on May 1, 1915, the name was afterwards transferred to a new destroyer, and the second a victim to mines in the North Sea on August 9, 1917.

AIMING AT BRITAIN.

A significant circumstance in the "self-determination" campaign of President Wilson is the refusal to any of the dependencies of the American Republics. 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 Hayti 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 stared 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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