

# BRITISH DRIVEN AWAY FROM BAGDAD

TURKISH FORCES DEFEAT AND COMPEL WITHDRAWAL OF GEN. TOWNSEND.

## LITTLE ACTUAL FIGHTING

Report That Turkish Forces Outnumbered British Four to One.—Other Fronts Are Quiet.

London.—The British, German and Turkish accounts of the recent fighting in Mesopotamia, while containing minor disatches respecting the casualties and character of the British retreat on the Tigris, clearly establish the fact that without further reinforcements to equal the overpowering odds against which they have been struggling, the British troops under General Townsend have little prospect of continuing the march to Bagdad, which city appeared a few weeks ago to be almost within their grasp.

Having advanced during October and November through the desert of Iraq to the very environments of Bagdad, the British force is now retiring upon Kut-el-Amara, 30 miles southeast of Ctesiphon, the scene of the battle fought in the latter part of November in which the British troops met their first serious check. The position therefore of General Townsend's force is much the same as in September after the battle of Kut-el-Amara. According to a recent account large Turkish reinforcements, supplementing the forces which already outnumbered the British forces four to one, were flung against the British troops retiring down the Tigris, and made a British stand impossible.

There have been no military events of any importance in the Balkans since the fall of Monastir. Recent reports make Rumania loom unusually large on the Balkan horizon, and that country is generally accredited with the intention either of joining the Allies or at least stretching her neutrality to the point of allowing her passage of Russian troops. There has been, however, no confirmation of the report that Russian troops have already entered Rumanian territory.

### WILSON-GALT WEDDING DEC. 18

#### Extreme Simplicity Will Be Observed and Only Families Will Attend.

Washington.—Extreme simplicity will be observed at the wedding of President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt, which the White House announced will be solemnized December 18 at the home of Mrs. Galt here.

The president will have no best man at the wedding and Mrs. Galt will not formally select a maid of honor, although one of her sisters, probably Miss Bertha Bolling of this city will attend her during the ceremony. It was announced at the White House that only members of the two families and the president's immediate household would attend the wedding, and that no formal invitations would be issued. This surprised official Washington, as it had been expected that at least a few of the president's friends would be invited.

The Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Protestant Episcopal Church here, which Mrs. Galt has attended in recent months has been tentatively selected as the officiating clergyman, although it is possible that the Rev. Sylvester Beach pastor of the president's church in Princeton, may assist. The president is a Presbyterian.

#### \$25,000,000 For Good Roads.

Columbus, O.—Draft of a bill providing for an annual Federal appropriation of \$25,000,000 to be used by the states in highway improvement was made public here at the headquarters of the Ohio Good Roads Federation. The measure was drawn by a committee of the American Association on State Highway Officials for presentation to Congress.

San Diego Exposition Will Continue. San Diego, Ca.—Official announcement that the Panama-California Exposition which was opened here January 1 of this year, will continue throughout 1916 as the Panama-California International Exposition, was made by G. A. Davidson, president of the exposition.

German Munition Factory Blows Up. London.—Destruction of a large ammunition factory at Halle, Prussian Saxony, by an explosion, with the loss of several hundred lives is reported.

Postoffice Trade Improves. Washington.—Marked improvement in business is reflected in the November revenues of the 50 largest postoffices of the country, producing approximately half of all the postal receipts. Postmaster General Burleson announced this in a statement showing an increase of \$2,033,138 or 17.96 per cent for those offices over November a year ago. The normal rate of increase is about 7 per cent but November last year showed a decrease of 5.71 per cent as a result of the war.

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## EMBASSY IS DISMISSED

### UNCLE SAM INFORMS GERMAN EMBASSY OF THEIR IMPROPER ACTIVITIES.

State Department Made Request Some Time Ago, But Announcement Was Withheld.

Washington.—Immediate withdrawal of Capt. Karl Boy-Ed and Capt. Franz von Papen, respectively, naval and military attaches of the German embassy, has been requested by the state department. In making formal announcement of this action, Secretary Lansing said the attaches had rendered themselves persona non grata to the United States government by improper activities in connection with naval and military matters.

The secretary acted with the full approval of President Wilson, who is understood to have determined that the United States shall be rid of foreign officials who make themselves obnoxious by activity harmful to the best interests of the nation.

The state department made its request three days ago through Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

Announcement of the fact was withheld as a matter of courtesy to Germany and to prevent the charge being made that the jury trying the warship supply conspirators of the Hamburg-American line in New York had in any way been influenced in reaching a verdict.

No reply has been received, but none is necessary and it is taken for granted that the ambassador will order the attaches away as soon as he has exchanged communications with Berlin.

Official Washington was speculating upon the effect the action might have on public opinion in Germany. Information upon that subject, it was said in high official circles, would be awaited with interest.

It also became known that the department has under consideration the case of Alexander von Nuber, Austro-Hungarian consul general at New York, whose name frequently has been mentioned with those of Boy-Ed and Von Papen in connection with activities which have been frowned upon by the United States government.

#### COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned commissioner by virtue of a decree rendered in that certain special proceedings entitled J. W. Splawn vs A. E. Snyder et al. I will sell at public auction at the court house door at Rutherfordton, N. C., on

Monday, January 3rd, 1916, at 12 o'clock, m. the following tract of land: A tract of land containing about 42 acres, being a part of the Joseph Steadman land, and being described as follows, to-wit: On the waters of Jarrett's creek, beginning at a stake 22 poles south 60 east from the white oak on the west bank of said creek and runs north 23 east 12 poles to a stake in the creek, corner of lot number one; thence with the line of same south 85 east crossing the creek below the fork 101 poles to a stake in the old line; thence with it north (v. 3 1/2) crossing the east and middle prong of Jarrett's creek 65 poles to a stake in the old line on the west side of the creek; thence north 84 1/2 west 118 2 1/2 poles to a stake in the creek; thence down the creek as it meanders in the middle of same south 27 1/2 east 28 poles; thence south 31 east 16 poles, south 74 west 14 poles to white oak on the west bank of the creek; thence down the creek on the south side south 60 east (v. 2) 32 poles to beginning Terms of sale, cash, This November 26th, 1915 E. S. EAVES, Commissioner.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

## Commissioners' Sale Of Land!

Under and by virtue of an order of resale made by M. O. Dickerson, clerk of the Superior court of Rutherford county, North Carolina, in the special proceeding entitled, "C. L. Miller and Joe F. Daniel, administrators of W. M. Withrow, vs. M. L. Withrow, et al, widow and heirs-at-law of W. M. Withrow, deceased," the bids on the hereinafter described lands having been raised, the undersigned commissioners will, on

Monday, the 3rd Day of January, 1916,

within the legal hours of sale, at the court house door of Rutherford county, expose to public sale the following described tracts of lands, situate, lying, and being in Rutherford county, North Carolina, and more particular described as follows:

Tract No. 1: Lying on the waters of Floyd's creek, beginning at a P. O., Woods and J. L. Doggett's corner and runs north 3 east 74 poles to a stone; thence north 83 1/2 west 138 poles to a P. O.; thence south 2 1/2 west (v. 1) 68 poles to a pine; thence north 87 1/2 east 24 poles to a stone; thence south 2 1/2 west (v. 5) 41 poles to a stake in the road; thence south 87 1/2 east with road 10 poles; thence south 76 1/2 east 62 poles to a stone in the road; thence south 2 1/2 west 9 poles to a stone; thence south 85 east 38 poles to a stone in the field; thence north about 10 east 48 poles to the beginning, containing 89 1/2 acres.

Tract No. 2: Adjoining tract No. 1 above described, and begins at the same P. O. corner, and runs south 10 west 48 poles to a stone in the field; thence south 41 poles to a stone; thence south 86 1/2 east 26 poles to a stone, corner of the Moseley tract; thence with line of same south 86 1/2 east crossing the creek 123 poles to a W. O. (gone); thence north 7 east 98 poles to a pine stump; thence with the line of tract or lot No. 4 north 23 west 54 poles to a B. O.; thence with Doggett's line south 64 west 138 poles to the beginning, containing 111 1/2 acres.

Tract No. 3: Adjoining tract No. 2 above described, on the south, and is known as the Moseley tract, beginning at a stone on the road west of the house, and runs south 6 1/2 west 114 poles to a poplar on the branch; thence north 85 1/2 east about 57 poles to a stake in the creek; thence up the creek as it meanders in center of same 185 poles to a stake in the old line; thence with it north 87 1/2 west 65 poles to the beginning, containing 52 1/2 acres.

Tract No. 5: A tract of land on the upper I-land Ford road, known as a part of the Peter Green land, and begins at a stone in the road, P. S. Gross' corner, and runs south 70 west 74 poles to a stone; thence west (v. 1) 95 poles to a stone, J. P. Toms' corner; thence with his line south (v. 1) 28 poles to a stake in the road; thence north 50 1/2 west 51 1/2 poles to Addie Hill's corner; thence south 4 east 23 poles to a stake; thence down the branch south 8 1/2 east 23 poles to a stake in the branch, Hedge's line; thence with it south 87 1/2 east 87 1/2 poles to a stone, his corner; thence south 45 east (v. 2) 95 poles to a stake on south side of the road; thence south 89 1/2 east (v. 3) 127 poles to a stone opposite Moseley's house; thence with the road north 48 1/2 west 28 poles; thence north 36 west 32 poles to the beginning, containing 87 acres.

The above tract of land will be offered for sale in two separate lots, the same being described by metes and bounds as first and third tracts in a deed from J. P. Jones and wife to W. M. Withrow, recorded in Book 91 of Deeds, page 452 in the office of the register of deeds of Rutherford county, and will then be offered as a whole, and sold in that way in which it will bring the highest price, the parties who raised the bid upon said above described tract having agreed that it may be thus offered for sale and sold in this way. Reference is here made to the deed above mentioned for a full and complete description of the two (2) tracts composing tract No. 5 above described.

Tract No. 6: Adjoins tract No. 5 above described and begins at a hickory, the northwest corner, and runs south (v. 3) 17 poles to a stake in the road; thence with it south 48 east 76 poles; thence south 38 1/2 east 20 poles to a stone; thence south 35 east 52 poles to a stake in the road; thence south 48 1/2 east 28 poles to a stone opposite Moseley's house; thence north 43 east (v. 2 1/2) 92 poles to a W. O.; thence north 62 west (v. 2) 141 poles to a pine stump near the school house; thence north 84 west 63 poles to the beginning, containing 87 1/2 acres, excepting a small lot sold for a school house.

Tract No. 9: Lying on the waters of Floyd's creek, adjoining the lands of Mrs. Toms, Matt Robbins, et al, and being a part of the tract of land known as the William Sutton tract, and bounded as follows: Begins at a stake in the Henrietta road, and runs south 84 1/2 west 40 poles; thence south 79 west 24 poles; thence south 72 1/2 west 22 1/2 poles to a stone on north bank of the road; thence south 6 1/2 west 14 1/2 poles to a stone; thence south 11 west 54 1/2 poles to a stone in the swamp; thence north 89 1/2 east (v. 2 1/2) 100 2 1/2 poles to a stone; thence with Hick's line north 1 1/2 west 83 poles to the beginning, containing 45 1/2 acres.

This resale of the above described lands was ordered because of the insufficiency of the bids on same at a prior sale, and because said bids were raised in an amount, sufficient in the opinion of the court, to warrant such resale.

Terms of sale: One-fourth (1/4) of the purchase price to be paid in cash on day of sale; one-fourth (1/4) on a credit of six (6) months, and the balance on a credit of twelve (12) months, the deferred payments to draw interest from the date of sale, and title to be retained until the purchase price in full has been paid, the purchaser or purchasers to have

the option of paying the whole of the purchase price in cash, or any or all of the deferred payments at any time before their maturity. Said sale of the above described tracts of land will be made for the purpose of creating assets with which to pay the debts and charges of administration upon the estate of the said W. M. Withrow, deceased. This the 5th day of December, 1915. C. L. MILLER and } Commissioners. JOE F. DANIEL, } W. C. McRorie, Attorney.

## NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

John Shotwell and Lucy A. Shotwell, plaintiffs, vs. McClary Shotwell and Melancthon Shotwell, defendants. Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior court made in the above entitled proceeding on the 2nd day of Dec. 1915, the undersigned commissioner, duly appointed by said order of court, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the court house door in Rutherford county, North Carolina, at or about 12 o'clock, noon, for cash, on Monday, December 27th, 1915, the following described pieces or parcels of land:

First tract—Lying and being in Rutherford county, Rutherford township, State of North Carolina, adjoining the Miller lands, lying on both sides of the Hickory Nut Gap Road, about 1 1/2 miles west of the town of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, and bounded as follows: Beginning on a white oak stump near a branch, and runs north 420 west 48 poles to a stake in a field now grown up in pines; thence north 47 east 145 poles to pointers; thence south 80 east 162 poles to pointers near a spring on the east side of the big road; thence north 56 west 60 poles to a stake; thence south 40 west 60 poles to a poplar; thence south 9 east 28 poles to a pine on the old line; thence to the beginning, containing one hundred (100) acres, more or less.

Second tract—Lying and being in Rutherford county, State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: About one mile northwest from the town of Rutherfordton, on the Hickory Nut Gap Road, adjoining the land of F. Shotwell, and being Lots Nos. 1 and 2 upon the Plat of "Frank Reynolds, Rutherfordton, N. C. property," registered in the office of the register of deeds for Rutherford county, N. C., in Book 90 of Deeds at page 196, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more complete description of said lots by metes and bounds. This December 2nd, 1915.

M. L. EDWARDS, Commissioner. Edward & McRorie, Attorneys for Plaintiffs. Eaves & Edwards, Attorneys for Defendants.

#### COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior court made in the case of Z. A. Edwards, administrator of G. S. Smith, deceased, vs. Sarah Jane Smith and others, the undersigned commissioner will on

Monday, January 10th, 1916,

offer for sale at the court house door of Rutherford county, in the town of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, to the highest bidder at public auction, a tract of land situated in Gilkey township, Rutherford county, North Carolina, on the waters of Mountain creek, adjoining the lands of Ja. Allen, W. Manning and others, beginning at a B. O., old corner; thence north 42 east 42 1/2 poles to a H. O.; thence south 5 east 31 poles to a stake and boundaries, corner of lot No. 2 in old line; thence north 85 east 129 poles, crossing creek to a stake corner of lot No. 2; thence north 30 west 60 poles in Head's line; thence south 79 west 150 poles to a R. O. in the line of lot No. 1; thence with the line of the same south 32 east 46 poles to the beginning, containing 45 acres, more or less. The terms of said sale are one-half cash on the day sale, the remainder payable in six months from said date with legal interest thereon, title to be retained until the purchase money is paid in full, with the privilege of the purchaser to anticipate such deferred payment. This the 2nd day of December, 1915.

N. C. HARRIS, Commissioner.

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