

## MEXICAN LIKENS U. S. TO WOLF

Cabrera Illustrates Our Policy With Fable of Sheep Muddying Stream

### DEFENDS OWN NATION

By the Associated Press  
Mexico City, Dec. 16.—A statement was given out by the foreign office last night to the effect that, contrary to intimations of some newspapers in the United States, the second note of the American government in the case of William O. Jenkins, American consul general at Puebla, would be answered with the courtesy which always has characterized Mexican diplomatic communications.

The United States-Mexico international situation has a parallel in the fable of the wolf and the sheep, in which the wolf at the head of a stream accuses the sheep below him of muddying the water, according to a statement issued by Luis Cabrera, secretary of the treasury and government spokesman.

An emphatic denial is made by Senor Cabrera of charges contained in newspaper dispatches received in Mexico City that he is favoring the British at the expense of American interests. Branding charges of anti-Americanism made by "the interventionist press" as part of an international political scheme, Senor Cabrera declares them utterly false.

The statement makes specific mention of charges of favoritism to the British with regard to the return of the railway to Mexico of Major Howard and Brigadier General Alfred C. Critchley, of the Canadian air force, and their conference with Norman King, the British

consul general at Mexico City, together with an intimation which Senor Cabrera declares to be false that an attempt is being made to secure British support in the controversy with the United States over the killing and kidnapping of American citizens.

The interventionist press, according to Senor Cabrera, misinterprets Mexico's resumption of relations with the European nations. He declares that during the war Mexico's international relations of necessity were mainly with the United States, but after the conclusion of peace a resumption of relations with other powers was a natural procedure, which should be regarded as an inspiration for confidence in the United States, instead of a subject for unfounded conjectures that an anti-American motive inspires the move.

Senor Cabrera likewise mentions the Monroe Doctrine relative to "interventionist press" charges in connection with Mexico's European relations, asserting that the interventionists tacitly assumed Latin American south of Mexico as a United States sphere of expansion.

### MOB LYNCHES 2 NEGROES

Accused Slayers of White Man Shot and Thrown Into River  
Fayetteville, W. Va., Dec. 16.—(By A. P.)—Reports received here early today from Chapmanville, Logan county, where two negroes were lynched by a mob late yesterday, indicated that riot prevailed in the town and authorities expected no further disorders. No arrests in connection with the case had been made at this time.

The lynching occurred on the banks of the Guyandotte river at Chapmanville, where the two negroes, E. D. Whitfield and Earl Whitney, charged with the murder of a white man, were taken from deputy sheriffs, shot to death and the bodies thrown into the stream. Whitfield's body was recovered last night, and authorities were dragging the river today in an effort to find Whitney's remains.

### Fire Damages Ship's Cargo

New York, Dec. 16.—(By A. P.)—Fire of unknown origin today damaged the cargo of the steamship Henry R. Mallory, scheduled to sail this week for Constantinople.

## AVERS RAIL SAFETY LAWS ARE EVADED

Chief of Interstate Commission Bureau Accuses Roads of Sharp Practices

### BORLAND SUBMITS REPORT

By the Associated Press  
Washington, Dec. 16.—Evasion of laws to promote the safety of passengers and employees was charged to the railroads of the United States today by W. P. Borland, chief of the bureau of safety of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in his annual report.

In the case of the hours of service law, which prohibits train operatives from remaining on duty more than six hours except in extraordinary circumstances, Mr. Borland's report declared managing officers apparently had

given their sanction to evasions "to such an extent as to defeat the purpose of the law." He charged that safety had been sacrificed to expediency.

Railroad companies were said to have said comparatively "little attention" to the maximum requirement of the law regarding safety appliances. They were said to have contented themselves with "meeting the minimum, which orders that 85 per cent of the cars in any train shall be equipped with power brakes, disregarding the maximum requirement that all cars so equipped must be connected and the brakes in operation. Hand brakes also were alleged still to be in use on some railroads for controlling trains on mountain grades, although the law specifies that trains must be controlled by power brakes.

On some roads employing the manual block signal system it was said dangerous practices are followed and rules violated to such an extent as to render the block signal system entirely useless.

Log trains, which are exempted from safety appliance regulations, are being operated over main lines in Georgia and Florida without any brakes except on engines and cabooses, which, Mr. Borland said, was fully as dangerous, because of the necessity of passing other trains without such safeguards.

"Not only is the maximum prescribed

by the hours of service act frequently considered the regular day's work, but when it is seen that some ordinary incident may delay a train crew it has become common practice, when occasion offers, to release that crew for a period of one or more hours and then to continue the crew in service so as to obtain the maximum of sixteen hours of active duty," said Mr. Borland.

"The inference is unmistakable that these releases are given for the purpose of breaking the continuity of service, thereby placing the employees involved on the basis of aggregate instead of continuous service and permitting them to be retained on duty for a longer period than would otherwise be permissible under the law. Such

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