

pounded upon a volume of the statutes, and shouted from the bench, "La ley es la ley!" That settled it. The law is the law. He threatened to summon the entire population of the city, if necessary, to enforce the judgment of the court. Great comedy, but not worth twenty dollars.

'Another wayside incident proved that the Apaches in our party had no conception of the vast area of the United States, or of the millions of the paleface race then occupying those sections of our country we were about to visit. In a general way, the frontiersmen and the pioneer settlers knew something of the tragic fate of all Indian tribes that had opposed the white men in their resistless advance from Plymouth Rock to the Rocky Mountains, and, judging the future by the past, they were confident that sooner or later the Apaches must yield to their prowess. Hence, they were impatient at the persistent resistance offered by the Indians.

'But the Apaches had no hint of the sad tragedies which, through the passing decades, had overtaken tribe after tribe of aborigines who formerly had held sway over that vast territory stretching from the big sea on the east to the big mountains on the west. To the Apaches, the white men were always intruders, and, as a rule, aggressors. Because at first these intruders had appeared in small numbers, the Apaches doubted the boasted man-power of the paleface, and, therefore, they felt equal to the task of opposing, and even of destroying, those adventurous pioneers who, from time to time, came to spy out their country and to appropriate whatever pleased them. The personal observations of the Apaches had heretofore been confined to southeastern Arizona, southwestern New Mexico, and northern Chihuahua and Sonora, where there were comparatively few white settlers. On this trip we had passed through the eastern half