

Mexico without serious loss, so far as I have been able to learn from any official data received at these headquarters. I would advise that, if possible, the consent of the Mexican Government be obtained for our troops to cross and catch this small band of freebooters, or at least to break down the confidence with which the boundary line inspires them in their ability to escape punishment.

As previously stated, the Uncompahgre Utes have moved from the Uncompahgre Valley, in this department, for their new reservation and agency, near the junction of the Green and White Rivers, Utah, in the Department of the Platte. They would not have moved at all but for the presence of General Mackenzie and his command in the Uncompahgre Valley. About the same time the White River Utes also started from the White River Valley, near the scene of the Thornburg fight, to go to their new place in the Department of the Platte - the Uintah Reservation in Utah - but, as already mentioned, neither these nor the Uncompahgres have as yet arrived at their newly selected agencies.

Little Chief's band of Northern Cheyennes, in the Indian Territory, which gave some anxiety for a year or two past, has at last been sent back to their friends in the north, the Sioux. Little Chief's band was sent to Indian Territory originally because Congress had made provision for the Northern Cheyennes, by appropriation, with their kinsfolk, other chiefs went to the Indian Territory, seemingly satisfied with this arrangement, and were subsequently followed there by Little Chief. Congress had made appropriations for their support with the Southern Cheyennes; their reservation or lands were there; this they seemed to comprehend, but the misfortune was that a large number of the tribe were permitted to stay in the Sioux