

to and fro in Kansas, on the north side of the same line. The question, as I understand it, is this: Congress bought certain lands from Indians belonging to the Indian Nation for the purpose of colonizing other bands of Indians upon these lands. After some hostile Indians had been settled on portions of these lands, some of the members of Congress and Senators of adjacent States, becoming alarmed at the assembling of these Indians in the Indian Territory, secured the passage of an act prohibiting the removal of certain outside Indians to the Indian Territory. Then the people styled the "intruders" set up the claim that what was left of this purchase, which is now named Oklahoma, was subject to the same conditions of settlement as any other public domain, and they still persist in their purpose of obtaining possession of it. I therefore earnestly recommend some Congressional action which will settle this question and release the military from the complications involved by this Oklahoma trouble.

The completion of several lines of railway within the Department of the Missouri, and their rapid extension into country lying beyond it, have done much to facilitate the movement and supply of troops. The Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway has been completed to Deming, connecting with the Southern Pacific road from the west, and both of these lines are now running to El Paso, on the Rio Grande, while the Mexican Central is rapidly pushing from that point into Chihuahua. The Atlantic and Pacific Railway is running from Albuquerque, via Fort Wingate, to beyond the western boundary of New Mexico, and is being rapidly constructed on the 35th parallel route, far into Arizona.

The service of this department has been economically and efficiently administered by General Pope. The commendation which, in his accompanying report, he bestows upon General Mackenzie, for the able