

confidence of any Indian or Indians from the government of the United States." This, if literally carried out, would play havoc with most of the reform work undertaken by benevolent societies who send investigators into the Indian country.

Here is another which punishes, by dismissal from the public service, every officer of the army or the Indian Bureau who permits "any Indian or Indians on any reservation to go into the state of Texas under any pretext whatever," "except in a case specially directed by the President." And more than one law still unrepealed would, if enforced, soon bring the Indian Bureau to a standstill in a tangle of red tape. I defy the best field agent in the Service to recite from memory his statutory duties; and even the functions of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs are prescribed so vaguely that he must often make common sense take the place of law. He is required, for instance, "to make and enforce by proper means, such rules and regulations as will secure the attendance of Indian children of suitable age and health at schools established and maintained for their benefit." Does this authorize him to do what is done daily in non-Indian communities, and fine, or otherwise punish, obstructive parents?

To the Secretary of the Interior is committed framing of the regulation under which dis-

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A babe of the Apaches, a tribe that came from the arctic regions. They have been among the most implacable fighters on the plains of the Southwest