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## ACTION OF TROOPS IN THE CHEROKEE STRIP.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1893.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. LAPHAM, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

### REPORT:

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the House resolution, submitted by Mr. Flynn, September 19, 1893, calling on the Secretary of War for certain information concerning the action of troops in the Cherokee Strip, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and find that various charges are made in many newspapers, published in sections of the country adjacent to the Cherokee Strip, against soldiers of the Army respecting their treatment of civilians entering the Strip on the 16th day of the present month, and that indignation meetings have been held in neighboring localities, denouncing alleged murders and outrages by United States troops.

Your committee have had little opportunity to investigate the facts embraced in such allegations, owing to the limited time allowed under the rules for a report, and are not able to express any opinion upon their correctness, but they regard the gravity of the charges, and the extent of their circulation, sufficient to warrant the attention of the House for the purpose of allaying excitement and removing misapprehension in case the charges are groundless or otherwise to expose the guilty, if guilt exist.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying substitute resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be requested to report to the House what part the Army of the United States had in the opening of the Cherokee Strip on September 16, 1893, and under what orders it acted, and whether said orders were violated, and whether any outrages were committed by the troops upon any civilians entering said strip.