

NATIONAL TOPICS.

Trouble With Chinese on the Border.

THE PRESIDENT'S JOURNEY.

A Mexican Diplomat's Views on the Reported Treaty With Germany.

The Collector of Customs at Tacoma complains that his force is inadequate to prevent Chinese from crossing the border. Unusual precautions are being taken to prevent strangers from intruding on the privacy of the President during his trip. Members of the Mexican Legation at Washington deny that any alliance has been made between Mexico and Germany.

[Special Dispatches to the CHRONICLE.]
AT THE CAPITAL.

A Complaint from a Collector of Customs—Notes.

WASHINGTON, August 8.—The Acting Secretary of the Treasury to-day received a telegram from the Collector of Customs at Tacoma, W. T., stating that the officers, with the assistance of the revenue steamer *Otter Walcott*, had captured a sloop engaged running Chinese across the line from British Columbia. Two smugglers were arrested, but nine Chinese passengers escaped. The Collector also stated that nearly 100 Chinamen had landed at various points on the Northern frontier in boats and Indian canoes within the last few days and that he is powerless to prevent this unless his force is largely increased. Secretary Folger will be back in a few days and the subject will be brought to his attention at once. It was explained by an officer of the customs division that the law provides that no Chinese laborers shall be permitted to enter the United States by land without producing the official customs certificate required of Chinese laborers seeking to land from vessels and that any Chinaman found unlawfully within the United States shall be removed therefrom after being brought before a Justice, Judge or Commissioner of the United States, but that the duty of bringing Chinamen before a Court or Commissioner or taking action for their removal from the United States devolves, by law, upon the customs officers.

NOTES.

Plans are being prepared at the Treasury Department for silver vaults to accommodate the excessive accumulation of silver dollars. It is proposed to locate one vault at the New Orleans Mint and another in the basement of the Treasury Department.

The Postmaster-General to-day directed that a free mail delivery service be established at Los Angeles on October 1st.

THE ADULTERATION OF BEER.

CHICAGO, August 8.—A special from Washington says: Investigations by the Internal Revenue Bureau into the adulteration of beer have developed facts so startling that a circular has been issued requiring brewers to forward a statement of all articles used in the manufacture of lager. If the order is not obeyed the offenders will be closely followed by the revenue agents.

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP.

Unusual Precautions Taken to Insure Secrecy.

CHICAGO, August 8.—A number of special newspaper men followed in the wake of the Presidential party till near Fort Washakie, but their further progress has evidently been barred, as they cannot enter upon the Shoshone Reservation without a special permit. One correspondent telegraphs that prior to the arrival of the Presidential party all civilians were ordered off the reservation. All stage coaches were stopped at the line, eight miles distant, and the traders put off and only the United States mails permitted to enter. Drivers of the stages are under constant surveillance. The line of Indian scouts has been doubled around Fort Comas and the outposts, with orders to arrest all parties without a pass from General Sheridan and put them off the reservation and in case of a second offense the civilians to be jailed. The Government depot is ordered to sell no food to parties without passes. The hotel is ordered closed to outsiders. The telegraph has been closed and the Western Union operators put under constant watch. All dispatches are ordered inspected by Government officials. There is great secrecy, the ultimate motive of which is still undeveloped.

AN EXPLICIT DENIAL.

No Alliance Effectuated Between Ger- many and Mexico.

WASHINGTON, August 8.—The attention of Senor Corarrubias of the Mexican Legation was called last evening to the rumor that Mexico and Germany had entered into a treaty offensive and defensive. He said: "The rumor has no foundation in fact to my certain knowledge. It is true, however, that a treaty was recently signed and ratified between Germany and Mexico, but it was a commercial treaty, with provisions almost exactly similar to that pending between the United States and Mexico and which your Senate will consider next winter. This treaty with Germany was not secret in any sense of the word. Its provisions are not yet publicly announced, but they will be published in a few days. This rumor was coupled with the statement that there were bitter feelings among my countrymen against yours. Nothing could be more remote from the truth. When American capital was first introduced into Mexico there was very general and widespread dissatisfaction among the lower classes, for they believed it was but the first step toward the annexation of Mexico to the United States. Of course the educated people did not see the slightest political significance in the fact that American capital should find a field for profitable investment in Mexican railroads, and it was not a great while before this feeling of dissatisfaction was totally extinguished. Now we welcome capital from the United States and there is nothing but the friendliest feeling between the citizens of the two republics. These railroads that have been built mark an important advance in prosperity for Mexico."