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WASHINGTON, June 24.—United States Consul Fowler at Cheefoo has informed the State Department of the action of the Chinese Government on the petition of Dr. Yung Wing for permission to construct a railroad from Tien-Tsin to Shanghai, through the whole length of the Province of Shangtung. It appears that the petition was granted by the Emperor, but was subsequently reconsidered and the permission withdrawn upon representations made by the German Minister that his Government had the sole right to all commercial enterprises in Shangtung. Dr. Yung Wing has had a long honorable career in New England, and is understood to represent an American syndicate in the proposed railroad enterprise in China.

According to one of the Chinese papers, Dr. Yung Wing proposed that he should obtain the aid of American capitalists and engineers to carry out the undertaking, and the German Minister said Germany had obtained the sole right to invite capital and supply engineers for railway construction in every part of the Province of Shantung, and strenuously opposed the scheme proposed by Dr. Yung Wing. The latter, therefore, altered his scheme so as to provide that the proposed railway should not clash with the interests of the line which the Germans say they are going to build from Kiao-Chau to Ichow, with which alteration the German Minister professed himself satisfied.