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An event of some moment to diplomats and Dennis Kearney occurred last night in the arrival en route for Washington, of the Chinese Embassy at the Windsor Hotel. The Embassy consists of his Excellency Chin Lan Pin, First Plenipotentiary to the United States, Spain, and Peru, who is charged with the work of organizing a Chinese consular and diplomatic service; Yung Wing, Second Plenipotentiary; Mr. Yeh, First Secretary of the Legation; Mr. Yung, Second Secretary; Mr. Bartlett, American Secretary and interpreter, who will take up his residence in Washington with the Legation; seven attaches, who have been educated and especially prepared for the consular service, and three servants. Chin Lan Pin was assigned Parlors Nos. 15 and 16 for the night; Yung Wing, Parlors Nos. 17 and 18. Rooms Nos. 20 and 21 were assigned to the First and Second Secretaries, and Room No. 29 to the American Secretary. The rest have rooms higher up.

Chin Lan Pin is an old man of true Mongolian type, with an abundance of silver hair, and black keen, intelligent eyes. His complexion is scarcely darker and infinitely clearer and more beautiful than that of the average Cuban, being of that transparent olive which is at once the pride and proverb of the true Mongolian aristocrat. He is a widower, dresses after the native fashion, and is a firm and devoted disciple of the national religion. Yung Wing is 20 years younger than his distinguished companion, and adopted the English dress and mode of life when he was converted to the new faith. He is a man of large wealth and experience, having won considerable celebrity at Hong Kong as one of the most enterprising and sagacious commercial spirits that European zeal for trade has developed in the East. While Chin Lan Pin is somewhat grave and reserved thought genial and courteous in his manners, Yung Wing (or Mr. Wing, as he is known in English speaking circles) has all the suavity and accessibility of one whose

manners have been formed by constant commercial contact with his fellows. He speaks English with the ease and fluency of one of the manner born. Mr. Wing has for the last 18 years been an active and zealous promoter of missionary enterprise in Eastern Asia. His selection as a prominent member of the diplomatic staff of the Government argues either a gradual resolution of the prejudices which have been attributed to the ruling classes at home, or that such prejudices have been extremely exaggerated by travelers. Mr. Wong, whose arrival is expected in a few days, also speaks English with facility, and is an Episcopalian of the strictest sect. He dresses in the English style. Both the Secretaries are ignorant of the English language, but the attaches who have been in preparation at Hartford, Conn., where there are about 20 more waiting for Consular appointments, all speak English, and have discarded the native dress.

The Embassy will leave for Washington on this morning by the 9:30 limited mail, and will at once take possession of the Legation residence, corner of [...] and Twentieth streets. They will live after the native style, the house having been altered and furnished to suit their habits and modes of life.

In an interview with Mr. Bartlett, the American Secretary, last night, that gentleman stated that Chin Lan Pin was not charged with any special mission to our Government, nor were there any special negotiations in view. Chin Lan Pin and Yung Wing have been appointed by the home Government as Ministers to the United States, Spain, and Peru for the term of three years. After the presentation to the President, which was expected to take place sometime in the course of the next week, the members of the embassy would rest for a few weeks. Then Chin Lan Pin would proceed directly to Madrid to arrange the Ministerial and Consular service in Spain, taking the diplomatic staff with him, and attending personally to all the necessary negotiations. Having finished his mission in Spain, he will proceed to Peru, where he is charged with organizing a similar service. In his return he will probably stop in Cuba, the destined Consul at Havana being here as a member of his suite. From thence he will return to Washington, where he will remain as permanent Minister to the United States.

It was intimated by Mr. Bartlett that although the embassy is not charged with any mission respecting the rights and privileges of Chinese immigrants in the United States, our Government will probably open negotiations for certain modifications in the Burlingame treaty at an early date. It appears to be understood that Mr. Secretary Evarts is in favor of doing so, although he has given no decided utterance to justify such an impression.