

## LI HUNG CHANG END IN PEKIN

China's Grand Old Man Has Reached the End of His Career.

Stomach Trouble of Long Standing Swiftly Brought Death.

Pekin, Nov. 7.—Li Hung Chang died at 11 o'clock this morning. He had been unconscious since yesterday morning. From that time every moment was expected to be his last, with the exception of a slight rally at midnight. His family had installed native doctors in charge of the patient, the regular physicians having refused to attend him unless the Chinese doctors were dismissed.

At 9 o'clock last evening the burial clothes were put on. The courtyard of the yamen was filled with life size paper horses, and chairs with coolie bearers, which his friends sent, in accordance with Chinese custom, to be buried with him. Several ministers of the powers called to express sympathy.

The wife of Earl Li and his two sons and daughter were with him. Chinese officials thronged the yamen. Telegrams have been sent summoning Prince Chang, who is now on his way to meet the court, and Chou Fu, provincial treasurer, from Pao-Ting Fu. The former will assume the general charge of governmental affairs, and the latter will act as governor of Chi-Li until Li Hung Chang's successor in that office, who will probably be Yuan Shi Kai, is appointed.

Li Hung Chang—pronounced "Lee Hoong Chang"—Douglas says—often called "the Bismarck" and "the grand old man" of China, was born 78 years ago in Hefei, province of Anhui. His progenitors were very ordinary people. Li's career has been romantic and remarkable in conservative, tradition-bound China. His life-story is as striking as that of any count of Monte Cristo of fiction. When the Taiping rebellion broke out in China in 1853—a rebellion led by half-Christianized fanatics—Li emerged from the obscure literary world of China to take the part of the government. He raised a regiment of rebels, his gallantry brought him to official notice and in 1859 he became viceroy of Fukien province.

CONNECTION WITH GORDON.  
In 1860 the war with England and France paralyzed the imperial forces, and the Taiping chief carried all before him.

He threatened Shanghai and caused the native merchants to raise money for defense, and to engage an American named Ward to lead the force against the rebels. This was the beginning of the Ever-Victorious army, which "Chinese" Gordon afterwards commanded. With the keenest observation which distinguishes him, Li Hung Chang, learned to recognize the superiority of the foreigner in the field. He therefore joined with Ward's force, and the combined army did excellent work against the Taipings. In 1862, Li was appointed governor of Kiangsu.

A series of events led to the appointment of Gordon as chief of the Ever-Victorious army, and with him Li had several skirmishes over the barbarous treatment of prisoners. On the famous occasion of the treacherous murder of the Wangs, Gordon's grief and anger were unbounded. "On Li," says Dr. Douglas, "the whole strength of Gordon's condemnation rested, and in the first moment of rage, armed with a rifle, he went to Li's boat, determined to execute summary justice. Li, however, had seen enough of Gordon's state of mind and hurried off to warn him. Li took the hint. With all speed he left his boat, and fled to the city, where he succeeded in hiding himself, though Gordon sought him day and night."

After a time Gordon cooled down and gave up the chase, and it speaks well for Li that in spite of his ignominious flight he afterwards felt the greatest respect and affection for the man who had taken so practical a method of showing his displeasure at treachery.

AS AN ADMINISTRATOR.  
The rebellion came to an end on July 19, 1864, and Li had then plenty of opportunities for exercising those administrative powers which he possesses in so marked a degree. "He at once," Dr. Douglas says, "set about encouraging the natives to return to the towns and villages, and he appealed to the throne to grant a remission of three years' tribute to the harassed and impoverished people."

Peace did not last long, and later on the Nienfei rebellion broke out. Li again proceeded against the enemy, but with little success, and in 1868 was degraded for apathy. Fortunately he was shortly afterwards able to report a decided victory, and was given back his yellow jacket and other honors. He was appointed viceroy of Chihli, and became the most powerful statesman in the empire.

DEGRADED FROM OFFICE.  
Li advocated China's war with Japan. After the battle of Yalu, Li saw his mistake and strongly advocated peace, but was degraded, and the emperor and his advisers were not convinced of the futility of going on with the contest. But when it was absolutely necessary to make peace Li's advice was eagerly sought for in Peking, and though an old man he consented to go to Japan to negotiate terms.

Li's part in recent events in China is too fresh in the public mind to need repetition.

HAS LONG BEEN ILL.  
For a long time the aged statesman has been ill with a stomach difficulty. Physicians for months have fed him on a kind of macaroni, against which

## "WHIZ!!" WALK A MILE

Is a laconic definition of a toboggan ride. It's quick work going down the slide, but it's a long climb back to the starting point. It is very much that way with health; it is quickly lost and slowly regained. While the first symptoms of failing health appear, proper care may prevent the descent to utter weakness and debility. Usually the complication of disorders known as general debility has its origin in a diseased condition of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. These diseases are perfectly cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures through the stomach disorders which have their origin in a diseased condition of the stomach.



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he frequently revolved, although told it was the only method to prolong his life.

Li was a great friend and admirer of Gen. Grant. A few years ago he visited the general's tomb in New York and planted a tree there. While in Japan arranging the treaty of peace in 1896 Li was shot by a would-be murderer. He carries the bullet in his head to this day.

Li's wife died several years ago. He has several children. His wealth said to have been largely secured while in office from a habit of levying tribute in public funds, has been estimated at many millions, making him the richest man in China and one of the richest in the world.

### TORONTO PRODUCE.

Toronto, Nov. 5.—Butter—There is a continued heavy offering of all classes of butter, low grade and medium stuffs still being much too plentiful. Large dairy rolls are a shade easier. Creameries are steady. Demand for firm for good stuff in both creamery and dairy. We quote:—

Creamery prints, 20c.  
Creamery solids, 18 to 19c.  
Dairy, pound rolls, 16 to 17c.  
Dairy, large rolls, 15 to 16c.  
Dairy, tubs, 16 to 16 1/2c.  
Dairy, medium and low, 12 to 14c.

Eggs—Offerings are quite liberal, and the market is brisk. Prices are firm at 17c for the best stock and ordinary dairy stock are quoted at 14 to 15c.

Poultry—The market was well cleaned up on Saturday, and with the arrival of colder weather an improvement is expected. Turkeys at present sell at 7c per lb. for the very best young birds. Geese are quoted at 5c to 5 1/2c, ducks at 30c to 50c, and chickens are easier at 20c to 40c for dressed and 40c to 45c for live. This scaled stock is worth 15 to 20c less than the prices given above.

Game—The demand for game is very slow and the offerings are heavy. An improvement in the demand, however, is expected with the cold weather. The market is steady at \$1 per brace for canvas backs, 80c to \$1 for black and mallard, 60c to 65c for red heads, 40c to 45c for pintails and blue-bills and 20c to 30c for butter balls, teal and other small duck.

Potatoes—Are offering liberally. Cars of choice sound potatoes on the track here are quoted at 45c to 50c, and cars containing rotten potatoes are quoted at 30c. Potatoes out of store are quoted here at 65 to 70c.

Beans—New York, Nov. 4.—Choice pea beans in barrels were relatively scarce, and had occasional sales at \$2.05, but that figure was shaded in some cases to \$2.02 1/2c.

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## THE MEANING OF "FIASCO"

Barrister Geo. G. Martin Defines His Position and Issues a Challenge.

Threatens to Let Someone in for Buying the Cigars for the Male Portion of the Whole City.

To the Editor, The Planet.

This Italian word—Fiasco—which really and properly means something ridiculous, a fake or humbug, has, through the original controversy between Mr. Marx and Mr. Patterson, assumed colossal importance. The word is generally used regarding some performance, play, or opera, and is thundered into the ears of the unfortunate performer who fails or breaks down. This is the definition given in the Universal Dictionary of the English Language—a huge work of four volumes. Mr. Marx used the following expression: "It is unfortunate that the Pan-American turned out a financial fiasco." Mr. Patterson took exception to the word "fiasco," as not being the proper word in that sentence. Well, I believe friendly cigars were bet, and the discussion left to The Planet—a very high authority. I read the decision of The Planet, which was in favor of Mr. Marx. Now, I assumed the temerity to not only be in his hall, but to actually contradict both. The Planet very courteously published my definition of the word "fiasco." I clearly showed I think, that Mr. Marx was wrong, and I fully prepared to satisfy any scholar but himself that what I urged was correct. Marx was not satisfied but appealed to Caesar, The Monetary Times.

The Monetary Times was invoked, like old Baalam, to curse my argument, definition, but behold! It blessed them altogether. The question was most unfairly and cunningly put to The Times, with the view to obtain a reply favorable to Mr. Marx. Who could expect that this word was "unjustifiable and ungrammatical" in the sense used by Marx? I certainly never did. In The Planet I said quite the opposite, viz.—"The word 'fiasco' may be properly technically speaking, but it is not well chosen." These are my words and I will stand by them, even if I have to play Samson and pull down the whole temple of Literature. My contention was and is, that while perfectly correct, grammatical and justifiable, the word "fiasco" was not well chosen; not the word that a scholar of elegant diction would either speak or write in the sense used by Mr. Marx. Will Mr. Marx join issue with me as to this? I am ready for him. The good Apostle Paul tells us that many things are lawful that are not expedient. Mr. Marx is surely scholar enough to know that among literary men there is such a thing as the choice of words and expressions quite outside of their being strictly justifiable or grammatical; and the word "fiasco" was just the word to leave at home in the expression used by Mr. Marx.

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GEO. G. MARTIN.

TORONTO SEEDS.

Toronto, Nov. 5.—There has been a great increase in the activity of red clover this week, the offerings in the country being much larger than during the previous week. Other lines have been very quiet, particularly timothy, which has shown no activity whatever. The offerings of alsike also have continued quite light. Red clover is quoted now at outside points at \$1.50 to \$1.55. Alsike brings \$2.50 to \$7. Timothy sells at \$2 to \$2.50. These prices are all average quotations. Extra choice samples will bring a little higher and poor grades will not sell at quite so high a figure.

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