

FOREIGN DIPLOMATS.

ARRIVAL OF TWO CHINESE CELEBRITIES.

Li Chong Tong and Chen Shu Yen Passengers on the Belgic—Their Missions Abroad.

Among the passengers on the steamer Belgic, which arrived from Hongkong and Yokohama yesterday morning, were Li Chong Tong, a son of Li Heng Chang, Grand Premier of China, and Chen Shu Yen, who was formerly a newspaper man in Hongkong, having been chief editor of the *Mail* for eight years. Li Chong Tong is bound for London, and his companion is bound for Cuba, having been appointed Consul-General to that place, and the former is on his way to Europe in the capacity of Secretary of the Chinese Legation to the court of St. James. The Minister will not go until autumn.

The Belgic arrived at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, and docked about 7 o'clock. Colonel Bee met the steamer at the Pacific Mail dock, and escorted the diplomats to the Palace Hotel, where they registered. The morning was spent in taking in the city in a carriage, under the ciceronage of Consul Bee, and the afternoon was spent in a trip to the Cliff House and through the park.

Both gentlemen speak the English language fluently, and appear to be quite conversant with the ways and manners of the Americans and Europeans, and Li Chong Tong is a handsome-looking man, about five feet nine inches in height, of pleasant address, easy of access and apparently a thoroughly sociable fellow. He appears to be very observing, and is impressed with everything he sees. He was particularly pleased with the handsome buildings he saw, and highly praised the architecture of the Palace Hotel. His companion, Chen Shu Yen, is a thorough newspaper man, at home under all circumstances.

Both men were met at the Palace Hotel by a CHRONICLE reporter yesterday afternoon, on their return from their morning ride. Colonel Bee thought they were too fatigued to listen to an interview, but the gentlemen from the Orient expressed themselves as only too pleased to give any information in their power. They stated their missions to this country, which have been explained above. They will stay in San Francisco three days, during which time they will visit all points of interest, including Chinatown, and will then leave for Washington, whence they will proceed to New York, and from there to their separate stations.