

CHINESE TOPICS.

The Dynastic Troubles—Shipments of Arms to China.

A Vienna dispatch in yesterday's CHRONICLE announced that there had been strong expressions of discontent in Peking and a very pronounced desire evinced on the part of the people to overthrow the present Chinese Government, from the Emperor down, and establish a new dynasty, with Prince Kung, the Grand Secretary, as its head. Of late years, and particularly since the passage of the Chinese Restriction Act, the present Government has been growing more conservative each day and is opposed by a strong party, who are more progressive in their opinions and favor liberal measures by the Government in its relations with foreign States. The leader of the opposition is known as Prince Kung. With the view of getting all possible information bearing on this subject, a reporter of the CHRONICLE called yesterday on Colonel Bee, the Chinese Consul in this city. On being shown the dispatch Colonel Bee said that he attached no importance to it. Such an event as a revolution in Peking was not probable. He did not believe there was any foundation for the dispatch. He was in daily communication with the Chinese Embassy at Washington and had received no intimation of any such trouble. If there were any grounds for the report he certainly would have had some advices on the subject.

Being asked as to the probability of war between China and France, he said the Chinese Government was peacefully inclined, and he trusted the trouble between the two countries would be harmoniously settled. China had a large standing army and could place over 700,000 fighting men in the field at short notice. Arms and munitions of war have been going to China from this country for some time. About 600 cases of arms and cartridges were shipped to China by the *Arabic* on her last voyage. He was not prepared to say, however, that this portended any warlike move on the part of China. Colonel Bee was absolutely without any information other than such as he had gleaned from the columns of the CHRONICLE. If any important news should reach him he would be happy to place it at the disposal of our readers.