POLITICS IN CHINA.

(From North China Daily News.) As soon as the Emperor of China has taken over the actual government of the country in February of next year, a Chinese official named Ung Tung Ho is likely to be made the Head of the Grand Council, and brome all powerful, as the Emperor has a great affection for him. The Amperor is now 17 years old, and Ung Tung Ho has been the Grand Tutor ever since the Emperor's childhood.

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The Emperor has a serious hesitation in his speech, and speaks very slowly and with considerable difficulty. He is quiet in disposition, and very obstinate when once he has formed an opinion. He has a very large head, and a thin pointed face. He is considered decidedly clever. There are strong indications that the Emperor intends to rule in fact, as well as in name, and is determined not to allow his father to interfere in the Government of the country at all. Prince Chun, the Emperor's father, is very ambitions, as was shown by the intrigue which took place four years ago, when Prince Kung, his elder brother, was suddenly degraded and removed from the offices which he had held for about twenty-five years, and Prince Chun was immediately afterwards appointed to succeed him. The latter appointment was quite contrary to Chinese law and custom, which requires that an Emperor's father should always live in the strictest retirement, and never take any high office or interfere in any way in the direction of affairs of State. Prince Chun has managed to maintain himself in office and in power, and will probably make strong efforts to continue to do so, but it seems pretty certain that the Emperor does not intend to permit this, and consequently a struggle is almost sure to occur. There are two surviving brothers of Prince Chun, the Emperor's father, who is the youngest of the three, and who is known

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Another element, which is most important in connection with the accession of the Emperor to full power, is the disposition of the Emperor to wards the Empress Dowager, who will then retire, at any rate nominally, from all share in the Government of the Empire. The Empress Dowager is an aunt of the Emperor, her sister having married Prince Chun. She has wielded almost despotic power for a great many years past and possesses undoubtedly very great force of character. She will have to retire into complete political obscurity nominally, but whether she will consent to do so in reality seems very doubtful, and all the weight of her immense influence will be thrown into the scale to assist Prince Chua. The Emperor, who is old for his years, is known to avoid as much as possible letting his real feelings and intentions be known, and the nysterious face of his young predecessor, Tung Chib, just as he had taken over the avoid as much as possible letting his real reelings and intentions be known, and the naysterious fate of his young predecessor, Tung Chib, just as he had taken over the reins of power, no doubt acts as a strong reason for great caution. Those, however, who have had to be in attendance upon the young Emperor are well aware that the Emperor's real sentiments are very unfavourable towards his aunt, the Empress Dowager. One fact rankles in his mind very much—namely, that whereas twelve millions of taels for the marriage expenses of Tung Chih, she has only allowed five millions of taels for his own marriage. He has carefully avoided committing himself by any open expression on this subject, but it is believed that it will have a considerable influence upon his actions, and that he is not likely ever to forget or to forgive it.

The Emperor, the three Princes, and the Empress Dowager are all pure Manchus, but Ung Tung Ho is a Chitesee, a native of the province of Kiang-su, and comes of a very ancient and renowned family. He is strongly

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