

His Excellency Don Carlos A. de España, the Spanish Minister at Peking, expired at half-past four on the morning of the 1st inst., from the effects of the injuries he received five days previously from a fall from a horse under circumstances already recorded. The funeral took place at the Missionary Cemetery the following day, and was attended by all the foreign ministers. The sacrament of extreme unction was administered on the day of the accident.—Señor Luis de Agar, Secretary of Legation, has taken charge of the Embassy until the appointment of another Minister by the Spanish Government, who have been communicated with by telegram. The flags at the different Consulates in Shanghai were lowered to half-mast in respect to the memory of the deceased minister.

We regret to have to record the death by drowning of Señor Alberto de Garay, Consul for Spain at Shanghai, which occurred on Monday, shortly before noon. He had been paying a visit to the Spanish corvette *Doña Maria de Molina*, and was landing from a sampan at the Minghong Road jetty, in front of the American Consulate, when he missed his footing and fell into the river, which is very deep at the place. The sampanman, instead of rendering him assistance, yulohed away as fast as he could, and the unfortunate gentleman's own mafoo, who was waiting for him with his carriage at the jetty, acted equally foolishly. It appears not to have entered his mind that he could render his master assistance, for he immediately drove off to inform Madame de Garay of the occurrence, who immediately returned with him to the place. In the meantime some of the officers and crew of the *Doña Maria de Molina* had arrived and were making efforts by means of drags to recover the body. Señor de Garay had been in Shanghai six years, and his death will be universally regretted. He was thirty-six years of age, and had been eighteen years in the service of the

Spanish Government, having served in the United States and Peru previous to his arrival in Shanghai. It was only a few days ago that he telegraphed to his Government the news of the death of the Spanish Minister at Peking, which our readers are well aware was no less sad and untimely than his own. In respect to the memory of the deceased all the Consular flags were lowered to half-mast on Tuesday, as were also those on all men-of-war in the harbour, including the Chinese, and on the English and French mail steamers.

The boatman who brought Señor de Garay from the Spanish man-of-war to the Ming-hong Road pontoon on Monday, went, of his accord, to the Hongkew Police Station at half-past eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning, accompanied by several other boatmen, whom he said he had invited to come with him. He said that he brought his sampan alongside the pontoon on the shore side, in such a way that its stern projected beyond the corner, and that the Consul put one foot on the narrow step of the pontoon, and the other on the top of it, when he reeled, lost his balance, and fell backwards head first into the water, and that he never came to the surface. The boatman says that he leaned over the side of the sampan and tried to catch hold of the unfortunate gentleman as he sank, but without success. It is to be regretted that there is nothing of the nature of a railing or a fence round the pontoons. Their unprotected state has been frequently complained of, and it is to be hoped that something will be done that will tend to prevent a repetition of such accidents as the one which has deprived the Spanish Government of an able representative and the community of Shanghai of a highly respected and prominent member.

Unceasing efforts were made to find the body of the deceased, but it was not recovered until early this morning. The funeral takes place this evening, and it is expected that it will be attended by the Consuls, and a numerous following of other prominent resident.