

Kosloff's book, for it is not calculated to throw much light upon the Lop-nor problem; besides, that problem is now solved.

When Kosloff asserts, that the hypothesis put forward by Richthofen and myself is untenable, as being »built up upon the Chinese map,» I would point out that he has hardly any other grounds for assailing the view taken by Prschevskij and myself than such as are drawn from the same Chinese map, the map which he found in Wegener and Himly's paper in the *Zeitschrift*.^{*} Since now we have two great authorities opposed to one another, interpreting the same original sources each in an entirely different way — Richthofen, with his long experience of the excellence of the map in question, employing the data it offers to prove that the Khas-omo is identical with the Kara-koschun, and Stubendorff, with his long special experience as head of the topographical section of the Russian General Staff, using precisely the same data to prove that Khas-omo is identical with the lake Ghas in Tsajdam — well, one does not very well know on which side to put oneself.

^{*} See *Zeitschr. d. Gesellsch. für Erdkunde zu Berlin*, vol. XXVIII (1893).