



Fig. 302. THE SAME.

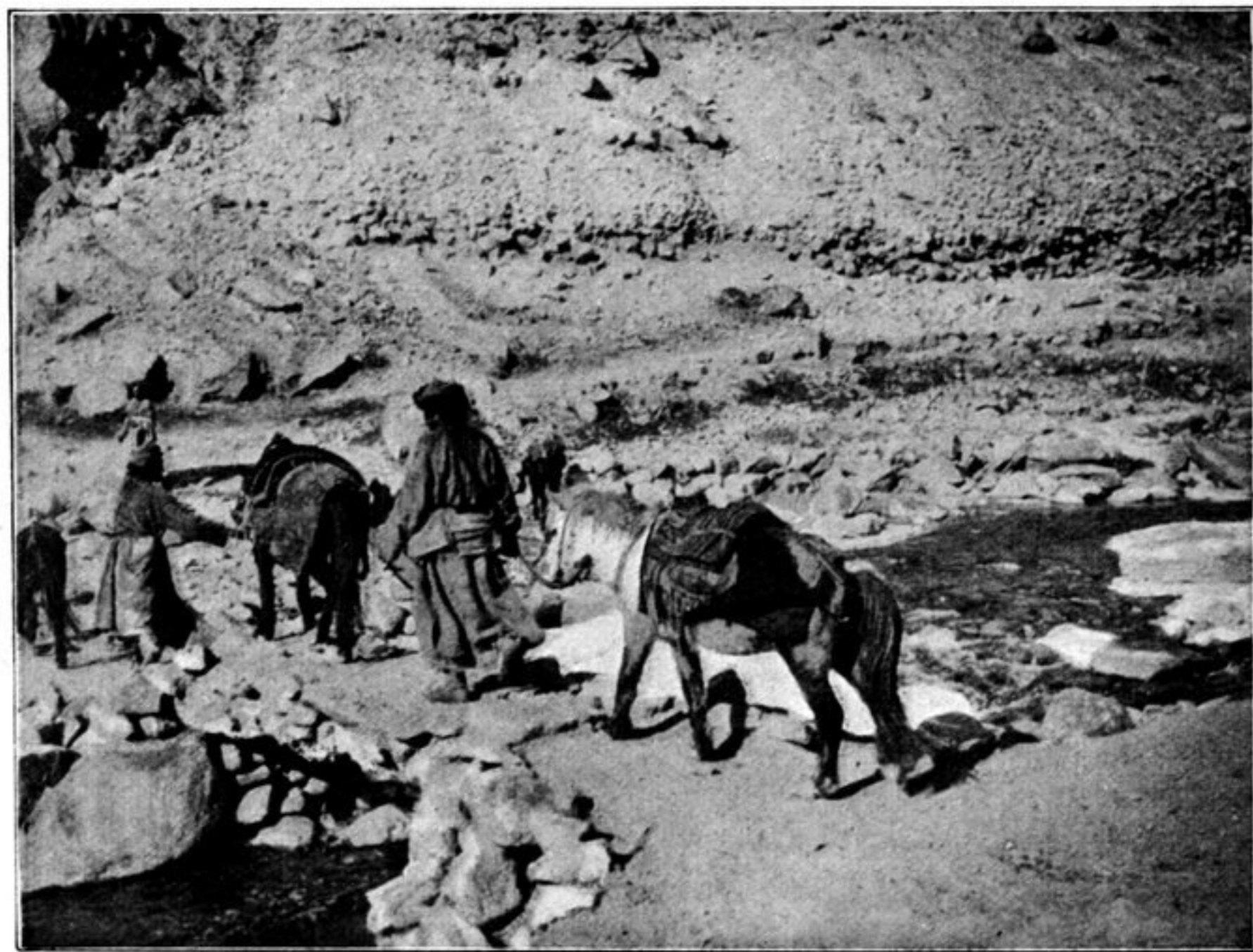


Fig. 303. ON THE ROAD TO SRINAGAR, JANUARY 1902.

southern valleys of the Himalayas. Far down below our feet was the upper part of the glen which leads out upon the valley of Kaschmir. The glens of the peripheral region which we were leaving behind us are barren, or have in any case but little vegetation to show; at our feet we had a fresh gigantic valley, on the slopes of which grow coniferous forests, pointing to a milder climate and giving to the Sodschi-la the character of a climatic boundary. The descent of this steep declivity was likewise dangerous because of the frozen nature of the pass: a slip of the foot