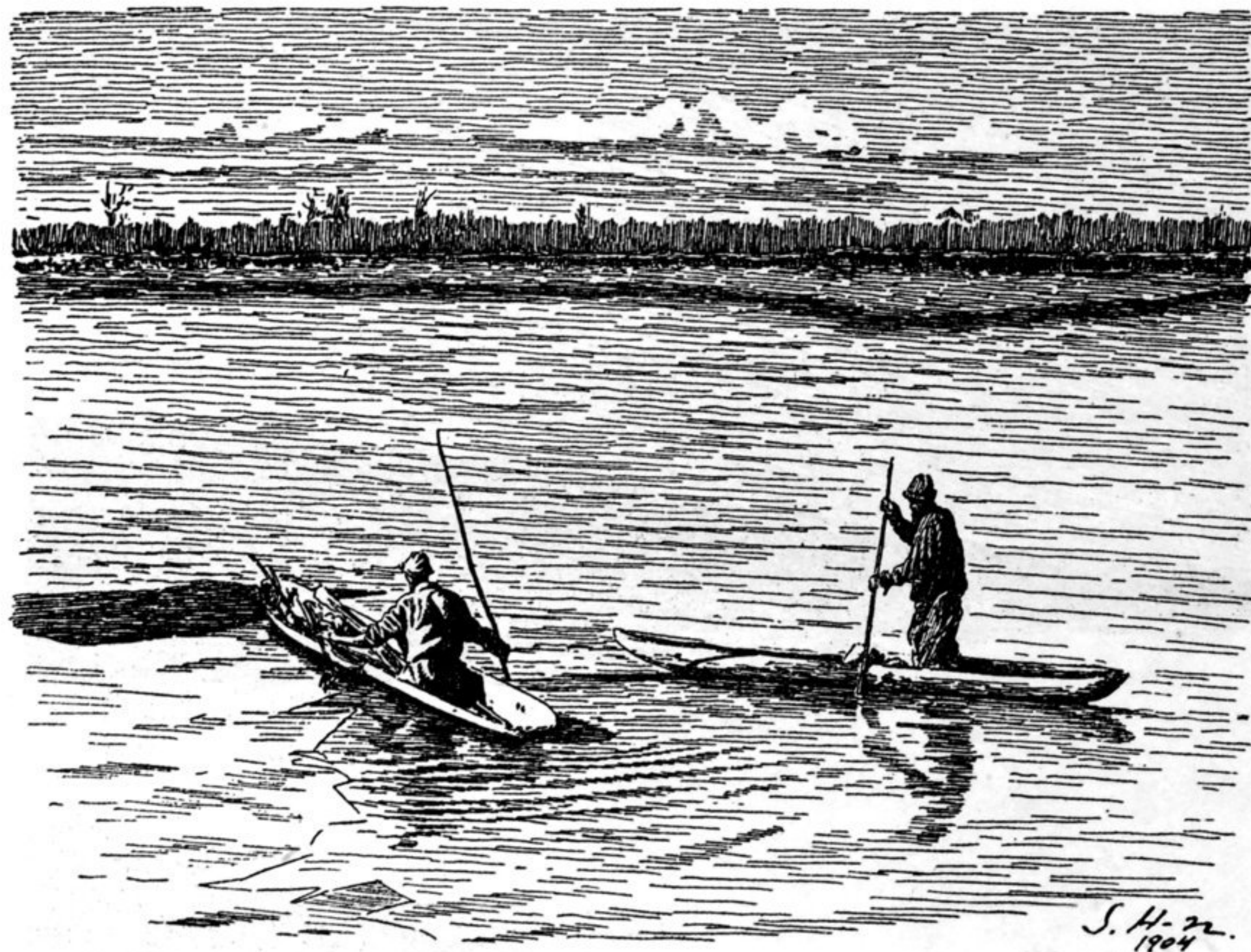


## DET SISTA PULSSLAGET



Fiskare lägga ut sina nät; nedre Tarim (1899).

My original intention had been to follow the river to its end, but it was too early in the season to do so. The water, the swamp, and the conditions generally, made it impossible and the journey was put off till the swamps were frozen and the water less.

The end of Yangi or Qum Darya is said to be a large swamp west and northwest of the Loulan area, so that the ancient site is now only accessible from the east and south, i.e. from the Lop-nor direction."

Överste Schomberg har icke kommit att tänka på att det bästa sättet att studera den nya floden ända till dess slut var att färdas med kanoter såsom skildrats i de första kapitlen av denna bok. De upplysningar han fått om den nya sjöns läge äro diametralt oriktiga,