

Lhasa but had been stopped at Nagchuka. He had then gone eastward 378 miles to Jye-kundo hoping to reach Ta-chien-lu, but had again been stopped, so had made his way north to Tangar. He came to several meals with Pereira and kindly gave him information about the distances, altitudes and stages between Nagchuka and Tangar, and many notes for Pereira's guidance. He had travelled much in unexplored tracks on the way to Kuei-te on the Yellow River and on his journey to Nagchuka ; and he struck Pereira as a plucky man.

Having made his final preparations for his plunge into Tibet, Pereira sent back to England instructions for the despatch of mails to him. His brother was to chance sending letters by India to Lhasa. He was asked "to put *Racing Up-to-Date* in each enclosure, and a summary of important events, deaths, marriages or news of special import of any of his friends ; cuttings about important racing events, such as the four days of Epsom, the Two Thousand, City and Suburban, etc., but nothing about weather or minor details".

"I think I shall get to Jye-kundo," he added, "but beyond it is all doubt. . . . Money is also a difficulty, as I shall want more than I had calculated. . . . I might reach Lhasa without money. My caravan might be looted on the way. My mules might fail. There are so many unforeseen chances. . . . Still I hope for success."

In this rather doubtful frame of mind, hoping for the best but almost expecting the worst, Pereira left Tangar on May 11. His caravan