

well covered with vegetation. At  $11\frac{1}{4}$  miles he crossed the Yangtze by ferry to Ma-yi-ssu, a town of 550 families, where a busy market was in progress in booths on the shingly bank.

Though Ma-yi-ssu is the real head of navigation small boats do go another 12 or 14 miles higher up to Mao-shui-kung through some rather bad rapids. Pereira returned to Fu-kuan by boat in a hundred minutes.

On April 29 he left by boat for Sui Fu, which he reached the next day. His boat was 13 yards and 1 foot long by 2 yards 1 foot 3 inches broad, and it took seventeen persons—himself, two boys, five chair-bearers, and nine crew. He put his bed in the centre with the baggage underneath. That day he reached P'ing-shan Hsien, about 21 miles, travelling at the rate of about 1 mile in eight minutes. The hills soon became steeper, and he passed through some beautiful gorges for 11 miles. Then the hills became more sloping and were covered with vegetation and some trees. Occasionally a few farms and villages were seen. About a dozen rapids were passed, the chief being the Yao-T'an at 9 miles.

At P'ing-shan he called on the magistrate, and hearing he had some Nosu prisoners from Lei-po T'ing, he photographed them. Some were black Nosu and some were white. The former were slim and upright men with beaked noses, but the tallest was two or three inches shorter than Pereira. They wore their Nosu cloaks.

On April 30 he left P'ing-shan at 6.20 A.M. and reached Sui Fu,  $51\frac{3}{4}$  miles, at 3.34 P.M., the boat travelling for eight hours and six minutes. The