

a well-known trail, thence to all the Yarkand-Ladak world. And at Ladak we knew the telegraph could be reached—that was only twenty days away.

There should be some hardship still—the Karakoram route is not Rotten Row—but, barring such accidents as are always possible in crossing glaciers, snow masses, and narrow defiles, we might now consider ourselves at the railway station in Rawal Pindi, or in Paris, for that matter.