

CHAPTER XXX.

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Reviewing the results of MONTGOMERIE'S Pundits for 1867, PETERMANN mentions amongst their discoveries: die Aling Kangri-Gipfel, nördlich vom Indus, 23 bis 24,000 Fuss ü. d. M. Sie scheint eine Fortsetzung der Kette zwischen dem Indus und dem Pangkong-See zu sein.¹ On the map this peak is situated on the N. W.—S. E. stretching range Chomorang. Herewith is another attempt made in the right direction, regarding the Aling-gangri as a link in the Transhimalayan and Southern Kara-korum System.

In a very remarkable article which was translated into English, the famous Russian explorer and scientist N. SEVERTSOFF, slightly touched upon the connection of the Tian-shan with the Bolor, Ts'ung-ling and Himalaya.² He identifies the Western Tian-shan with the Northern Ts'ung-ling. Or rather, the mountain mass of Ts'ung-ling is formed by the conjunction of two enormous ranges, the Tian-shan and Himalaya. A separate Bolor, as a mountain system, does not exist. He attaches this name to the mysterious river and town which we remember from VENIUKOFF'S paper. He found that in the part of the Western Tian-shan which he visited, the same N. W. to S. E. stretching of strata was recognized as in the Himalaya. Again he says:³ »Arguing from the data we at present possess respecting the Central Asiatic mountain region (*i. e.* the Tsun-lin of the ancient Chinese), the Bolor, in the sense of a distinct range, does not exist; and mountains so called ought to be classed with the Himalayan system.» He regards the Ts'ung-ling as formed by the intersection of the Tian-shan System with elevations from the Himalayas. Further he says⁴ that Veniukoff had stated the Bolor belonged to the Himalayan System. In a note he expresses his views as follows:

¹ *Erforschungsreise Indischer Geodäten (Panditen) nach den Goldfeldern von Tibet, 1867. Petermanns Mitteilungen, 1869, p. 103.*

² *A Journey to the Western portion of the Thian-Shan or Tsun-Lin, etc. Journal Royal Geographical Society. Vol. XL. 1870, p. 343 et seq.*

³ *Ibidem, p. 387.*

⁴ *Ibidem, p. 391.*