

the opinion of later times, according to which the Ts'ung-ling included the *Kara-korum mountains* as well.

In spite of SEVERTSOFF's unsuccessful attempt to introduce the classical name of *Ts'ung-ling* into the European literature, this name of a gigantic world of mountains will forever maintain its position as one of the most imposing monuments of historical geography. For thousands of years these snow-covered walls of stone have stood with their enormous ramparts between east and west before the eyes of Chinese conquerors, merchants and pilgrims. In later times European epigones have succeeded in dissecting this horse-shoe-shaped *indigesta moles* of mountain masses and separating them into their constituent parts.

From the mists of the past the systems and ranges of the *Pamirs*, the *Tien-shan*, *Kwenlun* and *Kara-korum* have gradually made their appearance. And now we possess a fairly detailed knowledge of the ancient *Ts'ung-ling* of Chinese geographers.

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