

we have to our right the mouth of *Belden-jilga*, and a little beyond it *Topchumurum-jilga*. The next right tributary is *Musde-jilga*, coming out at a widening of the main valley called *Kara-su*. From here the *Gäjek* valley is for some distance a narrow gorge, where only very short and insignificant tributaries enter. At the point where *Yaman-jilga* opens from the left, the valley again suddenly becomes broad. A little lower down we notice *Kara-gai-jilga* from the same side.

The valley then remains broad and open; its brook had about half a cubic meter of water per second. The whole landscape was snow covered. There are bushes and grass. The road is good. The prevailing rock is black crystalline schist. To the left we have the *jilga* of *Arka-terek* and a little lower down to the right, *Sarik-kis*. We rode up 3 km. to the *aul* of *Sarik-kis* in this valley. Looking south from the *aul* we had to our left a little steep *jilga* with a path across the *Yapchandavan* to the valley of *Chumbus*; to the right another little *jilga* with a road to *Kuru-bel* and *Gäjek-beles*. Between both is a mighty massif.

The *aul* of *Sarik-kis* consisted of 5 tents and 20 persons of the *Kara-teit* tribe. They pass the winter here and go in summer to the upper *yeilaks* of their valley.

October 16th we travelled 3 km. north to the junction of *Sarik-kis* and the *Gäjek* valley, and thence 36.5 km. E. N. E. and N. E. to *Igis-yar*. The descent is 1,026 m. and the rate 1:38.5. After 14.5 km. in the *Gäjek* valley we reach the junction with the *Keng-kol*, from which we followed the same road as before by *Igis-yar-karaul* to *Igis-yar*.

The three following days I only noted the time and principal names. October 17th: left *Igis-yar* at 12.50 p. m., reached *Aktam*, a garden, at 2.58 p. m.; *Shanas*, a village, at 3.45 p. m.; *Teter*, a large village, 4.30 p. m. and *Tebes* or *Teves*, a village, at 5.15 p. m. October 18th: left *Tebes* at 11.23 a. m., crossing several small branches and canals irrigating *Tebes* and several villages north of it; at 1.28 we reached the village of *Yingis-kerik*; at 2.15 p. m. we crossed a low ridge stretching eastwards to *Yangi-hisar* which we now leave to our right; at 2.30 p. m. we reached the village of *Agus* north of the ridge; at 3 o'clock p. m. the village of *Hergusa* between small detritus hills; and 6.30 p. m. *Kone-sak* a large village. Between *Hergusa* and *Kone-sak* the country is very desolate. October 19th: left *Kone-sak* at 9.45 a. m.; at 11.30 a. m. we crossed at *Akto*, a branch of the *Khan-terek-su* on a bridge; at noon we reached *Chahr-shanel* on the *Gez-su*; at 1 o'clock p. m. *Kosala*; an hour later we crossed the *Gez-darya* and 2.12 p. m. the *Khan-arik*; at 2.50 p. m. we reached *Tasgun*; at 4.30 p. m. *Yangi-shahr* and at 5.45 p. m. *Kashgar*.

In these three days we covered 90 km. in all.