



*The valley of the Togra-su from the north.*

who had been frozen to death during this winter, 10 in 1906 and 6 in 1905. A few years ago 63 people were buried by a snowstorm in the Tekes valley. They became exhausted and fell one after another. In the sarai I saw an old man with a frostbitten hand. He had just arrived. His wife and daughter had been frozen to death and were left by the old fellow close to a stone, where he covered them with a capan. The other daughter escaped with a frostbitten foot. — Better wages attract them to Ili. In Kashgar, Yarkand and Aqsu a workman earns 10 cop. a day, in Uch Turfan 5 cop., all with free board, in Ili in the summer 80 cop. and in the winter 32 cop. A woman earns 24 cop. a day for cleaning wool.

The caravan arrived at 12.30 in the night, having started before 7 a.m. It was a pleasant surprise, especially for the Qarakeshes, to be welcomed with a hot pälaw. The bright moonlight had helped them on the march along breakneck paths and over the slippery ice of the Togra-su.

We rested to-day to give the men and beasts a well earned respite. The horses had grown much leaner, but none were galled. The shooting is very good here. There are any amount of ibexes. A flock of eight, some with beautiful horns, was grazing this morning quite close to the sarai. I had a lazy morning and did not get up until 8 a.m. When I went out with my Mauser after a thorough wash and a cup of tea, they had gone a considerable way up the mountain. I could only see them through my glasses. The