



The Fantai and Njetai arriving in litters to call on the author at Urumchi.

nostril, a swelling on the left side between the jaws, blisters and sores in the nostril, sores on various parts of the body) are so characteristic that with great regret I was obliged to give away the beautiful animal. It was my strongest horse. I only hope that it will save the others.

August 6th. At last I have found a man who can serve as interpreter during Tchao's illness.
Urumchi. Prince Lanj returned my call to-day. It appears that he is a brother of Prince Tuan, renowned as the instigator of the Boxer rising. Sitting at table with him, you would scarcely believe that this modest and outwardly very charming man of fifty was one of the leaders of the Boxer rising, the object of which was nothing less than the massacre of all Europeans residing in China. He has easy and elegant manners and much natural dignity. One piece of news he told me was that, in order to avoid building a railway across the mountainous province of Kansu, the Dzia Dziaun had put forward proposals that Peiping should be connected with Urumchi via Kalgan—Kuku Khoto—Kucheng.

Later in the afternoon Bauer called at the consulate. He is an Austrian officer of the reserve and held the post of instructor in a Chinese military school at Shantung for two or three years. He has concluded a contract with the provincial administration and has undertaken to deliver a machine, adapted for water-power, for making cartridge cases for their Mauser rifles 71/84 of 11 calibre. The maximum output annually is to be about 6,000,000 cases. He had not been able to sell rifles because of the lack of money. The Dzia Dziaun had complained that the contributions that other provinces were bound to make to Sinkiang annually had not come in. In general, Bauer said, since Yuan Shih-k'ai had fallen into disfavour he noticed a certain disinclination in all the provinces to make purchases of arms except through Peiping. As everyone in China is anxious to make something