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to possess. The Wangs alone have some modern rifles occasionally. There is no drill. In case of war one horse is requisitioned without payment from those who have less than 30; if they own more, two or more may be taken. Those who only own one or two horses are apparently exempt. — In Ordos they are said to pay their Wangs a tax of 1 tael per horse and 0.6 taels per head of cattle. — The whole of Ordos is said to pay the Bogdykhan 40,000 taels annually.

The Dungans are a true blessing to whatever place they inhabit, for it is only thanks to them that you can buy a little milk. Here there are many Dungans, consequently plenty of milk at a cheap price and not yet mixed with water. The number of Dungans is estimated at about 3,000 tja. They, too, state that they immigrated in the time of the Emperor T'ang from Turkey under the leadership of the Wang Kaz, a Turk, and a Chinese, Asier. Only men had come here and had married Chinese women, who had gone over to the Mohammedan faith, not only themselves but with their parents and brothers and sisters. Documents relating to their previous history are said to be in existence in the town of Kwantung in the S, where the Wang Kaz died. Marriages with Chinese women still occur, but the Dungans do not give their daughters in marriage to Chinese. Occasionally Chinese go over to the Mohammedan faith, though no propaganda is carried on. At an old mullah's I saw two visiting cards sent from Peiping by two «ambassadors» from Turkey. Habzu Hassan and Ale Rizuan were reported to have been sent by the Sultan to establish schools among the Dungans. They were said to be at Kai-feng-fu at the moment, but were expected here shortly.

There is a Swedish mission station in the town from the Helgelse association. A very pleasant elderly and modest missionary, Mr En, and his wife are at its head. I believe Mr and Mrs En are the only, or at any rate among the few, former Swedish missionaries, who survived the Boxer rising. They were on leave at the time. — There is also a Roman