

Crusades, when they were establishing a power in Asia, the last remnant of which only disappeared with the Moghal Emperor at Delhi in 1857.

What fused this inert mass into so vivid a life, was the genius of one great man. Unscrupulous, treacherous, and pitilessly cruel, Chengiz Khan undoubtedly was, but he had to a supreme degree, that vital energy which in one direction irresistibly attracted men to him, and in another direction crushed down everything before it. Driven by this fiery force, the Mongols were hurled forth over Asia as from a volcano. The eruption subsided, and to-day only the bare crater is visible. Whether the volcano is altogether extinct, time only can show. It may after centuries of quiescence break out again. But certainly now there is no indication of such an eventuality, and anything less dangerous than these listless nomads, it would be hard to conceive.

Two new camels having been purchased, we set out again on the 28th, in spite of the violent wind that was blowing; but we did not get far, and had to halt again the whole of the next day on account of the wind. Although it was