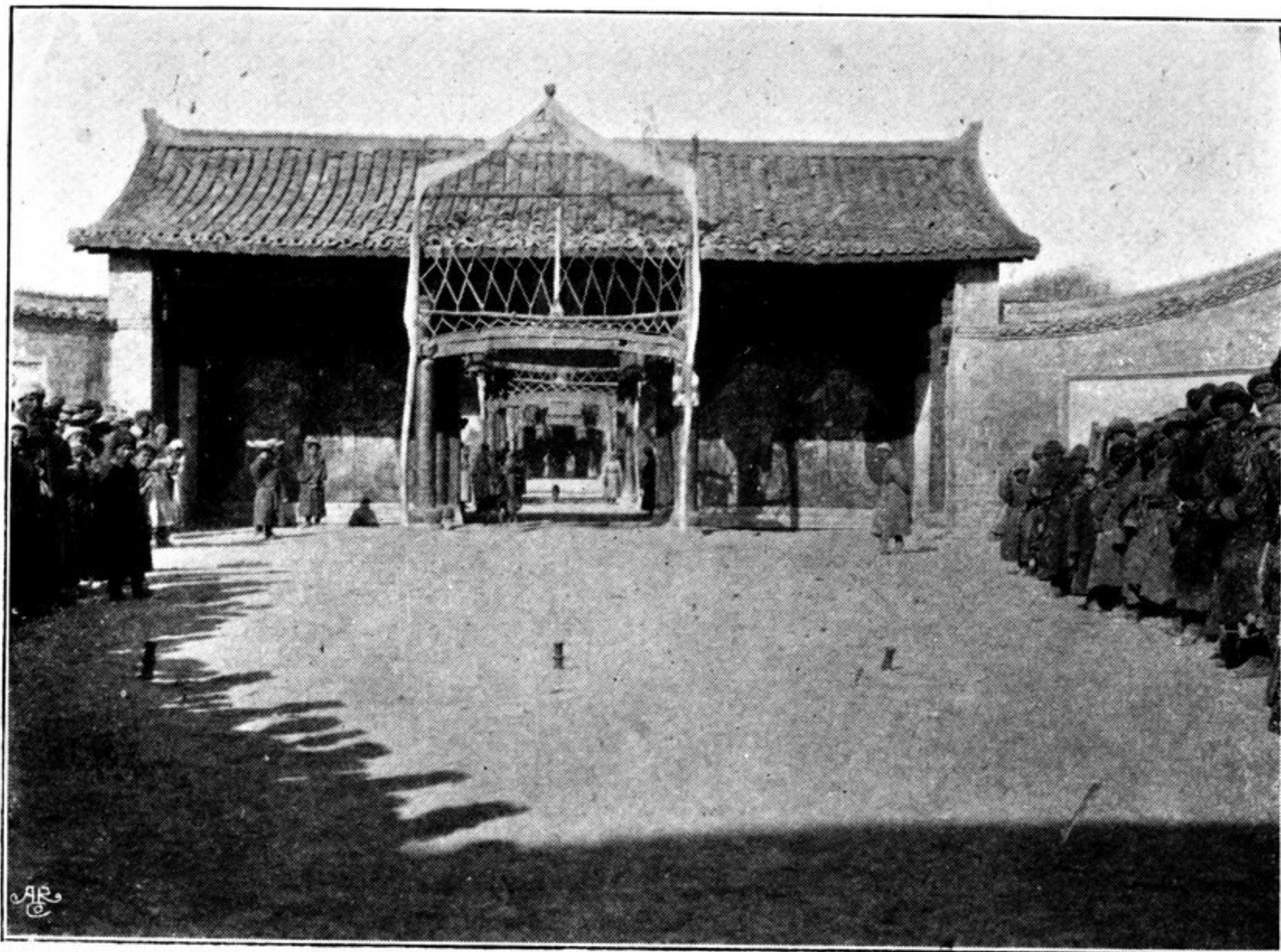


bright red paper 9 inches long and $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, he went to the Yamen and, sending in my name to the Chow-Kuan, intimated the hour of the intended visit. The Chow-Kuan, with the civility usual in such circumstances, replied that he would be pleased to receive me at the appointed hour. The question of dress is of course important, and a European traveller does well to provide himself beforehand with raiment suitable for such occa-



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sions. Chinese officials do not undergo the hardships of explorers, and can make no allowance for a guest with travel-stained clothing. If one intends to appear in uniform, he is expected to give due notice, that his host may be correspondingly arrayed. I had now no right to wear uniform, but put on the brightest garments I possessed—a smoking jacket, knickerbockers, leggings, brown boots, and a terai hat with scarlet puggaree.