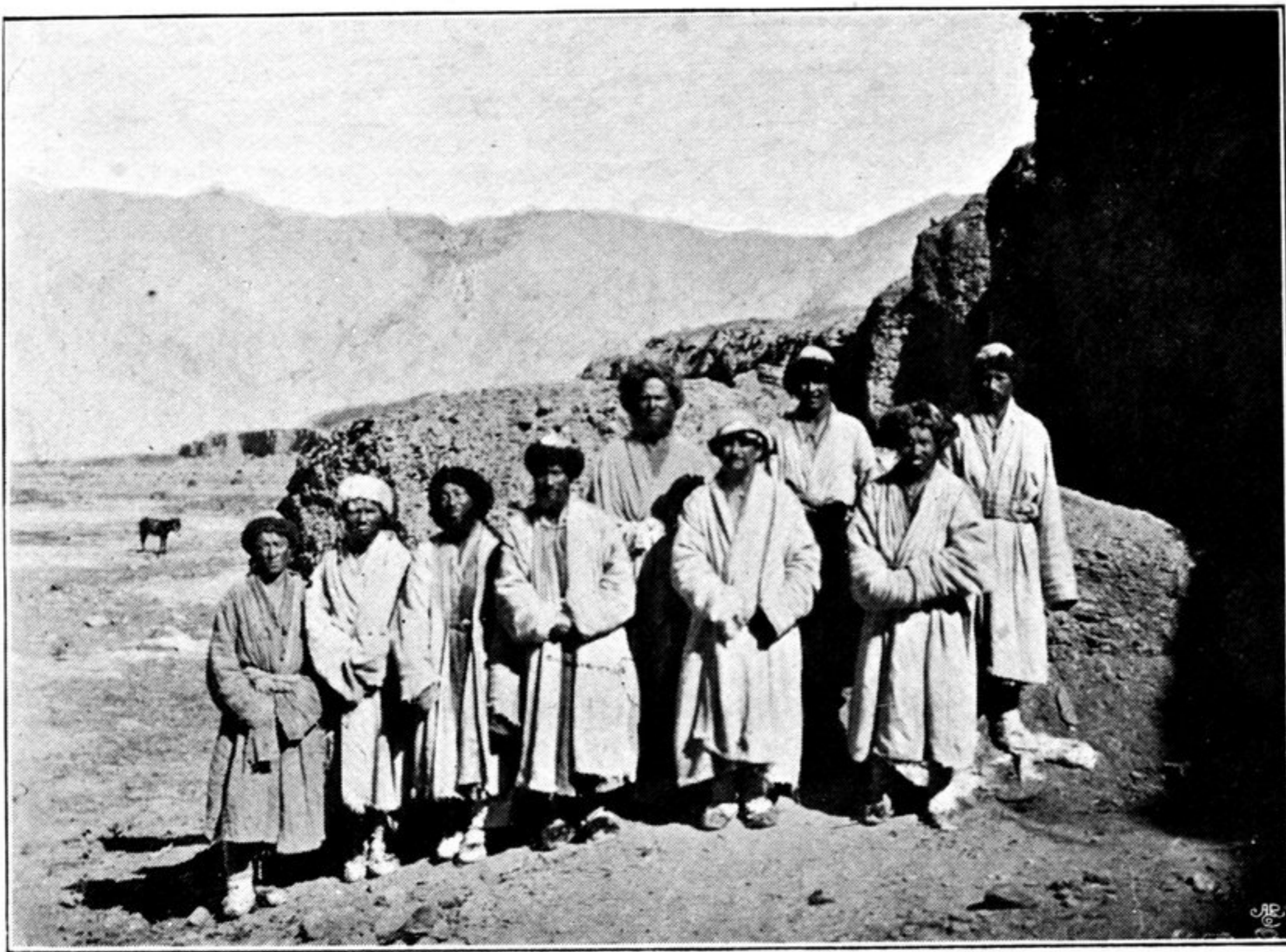


matters with the caravan men. Humdum, a native of Kiria, who had been working in an unsatisfactory manner, asked for his discharge. The Kara Sai men had rendered excellent service, but they had fulfilled their engagement and wished to return home. Not a week longer would they continue with me, but eventually, by the inducement of very high pay, I persuaded one of them, Uzman by name, to take Humdum's place. This



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man had a brother among those who were returning home, and when the time for parting came the leave-taking was ceremonious. After shedding copious tears, the two men separated reluctantly and slowly. Each had his arms crossed, and, walking backwards, bowed again and again with dignity to his sorrowing brother. The performance was not mere acting, and it would have been pathetic had it not exceeded the require-