

showed clear and sharp, as if on a relieve map spread before me. The triangulation, too, was extended to the great peaks north-east of Lake Karakul. After long and trying hours on the wind-swept bleak ridge I was glad to hurry down to my camp, which in the meantime had been moved again to its old place south of the lake. To my pleasant surprise there awaited me a troop of 'Kirakash' men with ten ponies, whom Mr. Macartney, most thoughtfully anticipating my need of fresh transport, had sent from Kashgar to meet me. Through them there came, to my



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intense joy, a packet of home letters which had reached Kashgar from Europe by the Russian post viâ Samarkand. The latest bore the date of the 24th of June, a proof how near the railway has brought even the slopes of Muztagh-Ata.

On the 22nd of July the weather cleared very suddenly, and the day of rest and quiet work in camp was made doubly enjoyable by a perfect view of the grand mountain. Even the great glacier-clad range to the north-east, dubbed "Kongur" on our maps, but locally bearing neither that nor any other general name, lifted for an hour the veil of