

This river was at a near maximum in carrying capacity because of recent rains and was a picture of strength and power, whirlpools, rapids, high crested waves facing upstream and above all the mass movement at a high velocity. The color was mud. The many small whirlpools along the edge of the river reminded me of the whirlpools of life - never ending and always being perpetuated by a mother force. Crossed this river over a high suspension bridge and up again to a high ridge and valley suggestive of Strawberry valley but with pine instead of aspen as the tree form. The entire valley was green. From here to beautiful valley of Yungping. The vegetation now consists of large Ponderosa like pine with short grasses covering entire region, even among the pine. It could be compared to that transition zone between the deep rain forests of the northwest and the dry plains of eastern Washington. It is definitely a transition zone but one with the jungle forms still represented in favorable spots. As one progresses to the east the jungle is lost entirely and is replaced by continuous grasslands. In these broad expanses of grassland it is difficult to realize that at one time this area was all vegetated by a subtropical forest and since then has been converted over to grassland. To me it looks like it has always been a grassland. You frequently hear that China is overpopulated but they have not touched this country. We would take a long time in America to find such nice grasslands, but over here they do not even graze the area. Three main articles are desired by the Chinese - soap, cigarettes and candy. They will pay the outrageous price of 1,000 yuan for a package of cigarettes. Cows are used for burden and plowing - very few horses. No purdah system practiced and women have no compunction in feeding children in public - all such normal and natural activities are taken for normal - it is such a relief when compared to the chastised women of India. Arrive Yungping.

26th departed Yungping. Yellow pine & grasses dominant. As we gained mt found ^{shrubs & a} deciduous trees - dominant along at higher levels. Dropped down into another valley and hence up a canyon like Spanish Fork Canyon to Likwan and reservoir. The mouth of this canyon or rather the divide is completely fortified by wall,