

Alpine Club. After three weeks of herculean efforts, they attained an elevation of 24,600 feet on the long ice ridge which descends from the main north ridge of Kanchenjunga to the Zemu Glacier. From here to the summit, prospects appeared excellent, but they were forced to abandon the attempt by a snow storm which dropped no less than six feet of snow, and they considered themselves fortunate to be able to come out safely.

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The Volcano Purace (15,420 feet) in Colombia was climbed last summer by W. Jenks Woolston of Chestnut Hill, Pa., who was on a collecting trip in that region. The climb was made from Purace village, about twenty or twenty-five miles from Popayan in the Cauca Valley and is reported to have been very easy having been accomplished without the use of any particular mountaineering equipment.

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The complete reports of the climbing accomplished by the Andes Expedition of the D. u. O. A. V. has just appeared in its *Zeitschrift* for 1929. The purely mountaineering aspects of the trip were often subordinated to the necessity of assisting in the survey work. Illampu and a peak to the north, only slightly less high, were climbed as well as Casiri, Chearoco, and Vinohurara to the south, all in the Cordillera Real of Bolivia.

Shortly after the departure of the D. u. O. A. V. expedition a lone German from Sorata made the ascent of Illimani over the north ridge, a new route chosen merely because of its directness from La Paz.

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*International Kanchenjunga Expedition.* Dispatches in the *New York Times* of May 24th report the death of Chettan, a veteran porter of all three Everest expeditions, who was killed by an avalanche on the upper Kanchenjunga Glacier on the northwestern side of the mountain. By a miracle, the rest of the climbing party, Hoerlin, Schneider, Wieland, Duvanel and eleven porters escaped, although two of the latter were slightly hurt by blocks of ice. The avalanche which covered an area one mile square, stopped only three hundred yards from Camp No. 1. In consequence of this disaster, the party has abandoned its attack on the north ridge and will transfer its efforts