

*Other Ascents*

*Symmetry Spire (10,500)*. First traverse and ascent from west on July 13th, by William Cederberg, Rudolph Edmund, Leland Horberg, Neumann Kerndt, Elof Peterson, and the writer.

*Gratification Peak (11,600)*. Register placed on summit by writer on July 16th. Probably other unreported ascents of this easy peak were made later in the summer.

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*Mt. Kamet*: An English expedition led by Mr. Frank S. Smythe successfully assaulted this Himalayan peak (25,447 feet) and effected two ascents of the world's highest yet climbed summit. It was favored with good weather conditions and like several other recent expeditions to the Himalaya used skis to great advantage. On June 21st, 1931, Messrs. Frank S. Smythe, E. E. Shipton, R. L. Holdsworth and the porters Lewa and Nima Dorji reached the top and were followed two days later by Capt. E. St. J. Birney, Dr. R. Green and the porter Kesar Singh.



*Kangchenjunga*: The Bavarian expedition under Paul Bauer, which last summer attempted to avenge their defeat by the weather two years ago on Kangchenjunga, again conquered almost superhuman difficulties only to find their way barred at 26,000 feet. After battling for several months with the tremendous ice walls, towers and battlements of the northeast spur and losing two men in a most unfortunate accident (the young Viennese, Hermann Schaller and the porter Passang), they were repulsed in September by the bad state of the short (400 feet) but very steep slope leading to the north ridge, which according to their observations would have led them without difficulty to the summit. As it snowed every day, there was no hope of improvement and a retreat was necessary, a most unfortunate end to a heroically conceived and executed mountaineering enterprise.



*Khan Tengri*: A Russian expedition of last summer, under the leadership of a Mr. Pogrebezki succeeded in accomplishing the ascent of this peak, the highest summit of the Tien Shan, and confirmed the accuracy of Merzbacher's determination of its altitude, his figure of 23,622 feet having been at one time declared too high. It is, therefore higher than Mt. Kaufmann (Lenin Peak), 23,391 feet, in the Trans-Alai, and is only surpassed by Garmo, ca 24,605 feet (25,000 feet according to some authorities) in the Seltau Range.