

and Robert Hayes accomplished the first ascent of Mt. Baker from the north on June 28th in twelve and a half hours.



*French Alpine Club:* Our former president, Dr. William S. Ladd has recently been made an honorary member of the Club Alpin Français. Professor Piccard of stratosphere fame and F. S. Smythe, the conqueror of Kamet have been likewise honored.



*Mt. McKinley* was climbed for the first time since 1913, early this summer when an expedition led by Alfred Lindley of Minneapolis and Harry K. Leik, Superintendent of Mt. McKinley National Park with Erling Strom of Lake Placid and Grant Pearson, a park ranger, succeeded in reaching both the north and south summits, the first party to ascend both peaks. On their return, they came upon traces of the accident which involved one of our members, an account of which appears elsewhere in these pages.



*Labrador:* The Grenfell-Forbes expedition to northern Labrador led by Dr. Alexander Forbes in the summer of 1931 brought back considerable information on that country and reports a number of climbs in the Torngat and Kaumajet Ranges. In the Torngats, Noel E. Odell, Brewster Morris and Ernest Abbey ascended Tower Peak and another nearby. In August, Messrs. Odell, Abbey, and Hurlbut climbed a peak north of Ekortiafuk while Odell and Forbes ascended another unnamed peak north of Kangalaksiorvik, all being first ascents. In the Kaumajet Range, Odell, Morris, and Abbey climbed both summits of the Bishop's Mitre and another peak to the west of it, while Odell, Abbey and Harrison Kennard climbed yet another to the south-east.



*Accidents:* The summer of 1931 was a most disastrous one for climbing. The terrible weather in the Alps caused a tremendous loss of life, while practically no great range was without its toll. In the Himalayas and the Caucasus and even in our own mountains, there were accidents fatal in results to climbers. Mt. Rainier has claimed another victim, although the whole affair may be attributed to bad mountaineering practice rather than to any danger inherent in the climb. The crumbly sandstone monoliths of Zion National Park have also claimed a victim, a solitary climber, whose fall may probably be explained by the deciduous nature of the handholds. An account of these accidents will be found in *Appalachia*, Vol. xviii No. 4 (Dec., 1931) pp. 471-72. Nevertheless, as time goes on, the tragic losses of mountaineering appear to be getting relatively insignificant.