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ANDES

Lanin (12,390 ft., Lat. 39° 40' S., Long. 71° 30' W., on Argentine-Chilean boundary). The first ascent of this peak was effected on February 9th, 1933, by A. T. Howat and E. de la Motte. From a base camp at 3,600 ft. near the Tromen police station they placed a bivouac at treeline ca. 5,000 ft. on the north-east side. Starting from here at 2.00 A.M. the morning of the 9th they climbed directly to the top which was reached at 2.45 P.M. After an hour on the summit they descended, reaching their high camp at 7.10 and continued on down, but were forced on account of darkness and the dense woods to spend a second night out.



Tronador. A reconnaissance of this peak with a view to finding the best approach was made by the same party that climbed Lanin. They forced a route up the Rio Tronador but found that one of the ridges which they had thought to be possible would be extremely difficult. This approach is, however, quite feasible and would lead to a good point from which the mountain can be attacked with a reasonable chance of success. The mountain itself has been attempted eight times by F. Reichert and the highest point reached was 11,400 ft. in 1931.



The Polish Expedition to the Ranada Range on the Chilean-Argentine frontier, which has been in the field since the first of the year has succeeded in making a number of new ascents. On January 18th, 1934, S. Daszynski, A. Karpinski, W. Ostrowski, and S. Osiecki effected the first ascent of Mercedario (22,206 ft.), the second highest mountain in the western hemisphere. On February 9th, Ostrowski with J. R. Dorawski made the first ascent of Cerro Almane (20,075 ft.), and followed this up by making the first ascent the next day of Mesa (19,350 ft.), while on the same day, February 10th, Karpinski effected the first ascent of Cerro Ramada (21,025 ft.) alone.



An Italian expedition to the Andes has been organized by the Club Alpino Academico Italiano under the leadership of Count Aldo Bonacossa. We understand that the plans call for an ascent of Aconcagua and Cerro del Plomo. The party hope to make a complete ascent of the Tronador (see above) and the Cerro