

Glacier and up a steep icy wall (1000 ft.) to col between "Andromache" and objective; thence S. to summit in half an hour's walking over easy boulders. Ascent five and a half hours.

Mt. Wilson (10,631 ft.), S.-N. traverse. From Saskatchewan Forks up long steep gully to notch in S. ridge. The Wilson Glacier once descended to this notch, but it has now greatly receded, and 1000 ft. of altitude are lost in reaching a deep glaciated trough before ascending icefall to upper névé just E. of main N.-S. ridge. The subsidiary S. peak is traversed to the main peak. Ascent six hours. Descent of the steep N. ridge requires stepcutting. From the N. end of the névé it is possible to swing S. and regain the route of the ascent. Under fresh snow the concealed crevasses make it desirable to have three on the rope.

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SOUTH AMERICA

Patagonia. During the early months of 1949, Maynard M. Miller and Robert L. Nichols participated with three Argentine geologists in a glaciological and geomorphological expedition to the Argentine Lake District. The party left Buenos Aires in the middle of February and journeyed southward to Lago Argentino by truck and jeep. Later, with two of the Argentine geologists, Miller travelled north to Tronador, whence they headed for Buenos Aires again late in April. The undertaking was under the joint auspices of the Argentine Museum of Natural Science in Buenos Aires and the American Geographical Society.

Aconcagua. On 19 February 1949 Lieutenant William D. Hackett reached the summit of Aconcagua in company with an Argentine officer, Lieutenant Jorge Mottet. Hackett thus became the first to have ascended both McKinley and Aconcagua. The five-man climbing party, which was supported by six Argentine soldiers and a civilian, left Puente del Inca with 19 mules on the 15th; camped at Plaza de Mulas (4200 m.) on the 16th and 17th; and arrived at Refugio Plantemura (6400 m.) at 3.20 P.M. on the 18th. On the following day, which was clear and cold (-27° C.), Hackett and Mottet left camp at 10.00 A.M. and attained the summit (6960 m.), having climbed the last few feet together, at 6.00 P.M. They reached Plaza de Mulas about midnight.