

owing to the increased cost of all services. The increase is offset, however, in the case of families, by the introduction of a "family subscription" at a reduced rate, provided husband and wife are content to receive only one copy of Club publications between them instead of one each as in the past.

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SOUTH AMERICA

Argentine-Chile boundary. The first ascent of Mt. Fitzroy (11,500 ft.) in Patagonia is reported to have been made in January 1952 by two French climbers, members of a party from the Section Lyonnaise of the Club Alpin Français. Fitzroy, a spectacular 6000-ft. shaft of granite, rises from the eastern edge of the ice cap near Lake Viedma. Fine photographs of it, and of this incompletely known area, are to be found in a book *Andes Patagonicos* by Agostini, published in 1941 at Buenos Aires.

Aconcagua. It was reported some months ago that an Argentine military mission had set up three huts on Aconcagua, at 4200 m., 6400 m. and 6700 m. The last, which is the highest in the world, is named for General Perón. In February 1952 it was reported that two priests had carried a statue of Our Lady of Carmel to the summit, placed it in an improvised sanctuary, and offered mass.

EUROPE

Grandes Jorasses. On 6 August 1951, after four days of extraordinarily difficult climbing, in bad weather, A. Heckmair and H. Köllensperger completed the Cassin route on the N. face of the Grandes Jorasses. Guides and *chasseurs*, headed by Lionel Terray, had turned out to search for them. The news recalls Heckmair's participation in attempts on the Grandes Jorasses and the Eiger Nordwand during the 1930's.

Undercutting the Monarch. We have heard talk about a funicular on the Matterhorn. Now it is reported that this spring actual drilling will begin for a seven-mile highway tunnel, 50 ft. wide and