

## ALPINE ACCIDENTS IN 1915.

On August 8 Herr **Thomann and his son**, of Zurich, accompanied by the guide Alfred Supersaxo, of Saas-Fee, were making the ascent of the **Allalinhorn** by the ordinary route. Close under the summit they started an avalanche and were carried down. The rope caught round a projecting rock and broke. The guide was able to stop himself, but the two travellers fell 300 to 400 metres and were killed.—(*Alpina*, No. 9, 1915.)

On August 17, Herr **Louis Meyer**, an elder brother of the two climbers mentioned below, and Herr **Paul Köchli**, who seem, from the work they had done, to have been quite competent climbers, appear to have been killed in attempting to traverse from the Dom to the Südlenspitze and Nadelhorn. They were last seen on the summit of the Dom. All that could be found was a trail leading from the Dom to the Nadeljoch, which disappeared near the first gendarme on the arête leading up to the Südlenspitze, at which point a length of cornice on the E. or Saas side had broken off. Notwithstanding continued and very thorough search, much interfered with by bad weather, no further trace of the party has been found.—(*Alpina*, No. 10, 1915.)

On August 25, two Bernese tourists, **Fritz Klein** and **Werner Kunz**, were descending the **Weisshorn** arête. Near the second gendarme Klein let his axe slip from his hand, and in attempting to recover it he himself slipped and dragged his companion down. The bodies were recovered 450 metres below, on the Schalli glacier.—(*Alpina*, No. 9, 1915.)

Readers of *Alpina* will have noticed in the August and September numbers very useful monographs of the Kreuzberge, striking rock peaks near the Säntis, in Appenzell. The style in which they are written is particularly attractive. The author was **Dr. Armin Müller**, a well-known Swiss surgeon. Before the second of the articles had appeared the author was killed on the **Tschingelhörner** in the Segnes district. Accompanied by a friend, Herr **J. Wyss**, of Wetzikon, he left the Segnes hut at 5 A.M. on August 29, intending to traverse the Tschingelhörner from W. to E., descending on to the Segnes Pass. A garde-chasse named Feltscher brought Dr. Müller's sack by arrangement to the Segnes Pass at 2 P.M., at which time the party was descending the last wall, only about 150 feet away from and plainly visible to Feltscher. Dr. Müller was singing and was evidently in great good-humour. He had been leading down, but now Wyss took off his boots and went down first on the rope until he found a stand on a steep slab. Dr. Müller then started to let himself down on the doubled rope, but either the rope must have been slippery and run through his hands, or he must have been

attacked by faintness, for, a few feet above the slab, he suddenly fell right on Wyss's head, and after a desperate effort on the part of Wyss they both pitched on to the snowfield below. Feltscher, who had witnessed the whole affair, hurried to their assistance, only to find them dead. The rocks of this mountain are described as very treacherous, and the climbing difficult and exposed.—(*Alpina*, No. 10, 1915.)

On the same day two young Zurich climbers, **Otto** and **Emil Meyer**, attempted and may have completed the ascent of the **Gross Tschingelhorn** from the Tschingelmaad. As they did not return home several search parties went out, whose operations were much disturbed by fresh snow. Finally, after hunting the whole mountain over, the bodies were discovered on September 18, roped together and nearly buried in ice and snow, in the so-called Knie-Kamin or knee-chimney, about 350 metres above the valley. This chimney has never been climbed and would only be possible when the rocks were quite dry. The injuries showed that death must have been instantaneous. The guides, Peter Marti of Matt and Hans Kubli of Glarus, are mentioned for their praiseworthy efforts, while several members of the S.A.C. took an active part in the search. The bodies could only be recovered with great danger.—(*Alpina*, No. 10, 1915.)

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