

The route varied in one important particular from that taken by Mr. Fynn on the second ascent (*cf.* 'A. J.' xxv. 88 *seq.*) and from the line of the first ascent.

Where Mr. Fynn's line, as shown on the plate opposite p. 81, makes a sharp bend to the right the third party bore away to the left and climbed right up the great western face of the mountain to a shoulder just below the higher arête, then, traversed to the right and up again to the arête, which was followed for a short distance until by a further traverse to the right Mr. Fynn's route was rejoined at the last cliff below the summit. The climbing throughout was of the first order, and this route avoids the great couloirs, the dangers of which are mentioned by Mr. Fynn. Mr. Richardson spent sixteen days last summer with a pack train going to the Headwaters of the N. Saskatchewan, the country adjacent to Mt. Forbes. This country is described as most interesting, the great icefields of the Freshfield and Lyall groups being particularly noteworthy. Weather prevented any high climbing.

ALPINE NOTES.

'THE ALPINE GUIDE.'—Copies of Vol. I. of the new edition of this work, price 12s. net, and of 'Hints and Notes, Practical and Scientific, for Travellers in the Alps' (being a new edition of the General Introduction), price 3s., can be obtained from all booksellers, or from Messrs. Stanford, 12 Long Acre, W.C.

'THE ALPINE GUIDE,' THE CENTRAL ALPS. PART I.—A new edition of this portion of the 'Alpine Guide,' by the late John Ball, F.R.S., President of the Alpine Club, reconstructed and revised on behalf of the Alpine Club under the general editorship of A. V. Valentine-Richards, Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, is now ready, and can be obtained from all booksellers, or from Messrs. Stanford, 12 Long Acre, W.C. It includes those portions of Switzerland to the north of the Rhone and Rhine valleys.

THE ALPINE CLUB OBITUARY.—

P. GOSSET (1859).

S.A.C.—The published accounts to December 31, 1910, of this Club give the following interesting information :

Total Members (including 1245 new members) ..	11,667
	fros.
Total Income	69,375
Total Assets	66,670

The principal items of expenditure are :—	fros.
For New Huts	24,552
„ Repairs to Old Huts	1,096
„ the fortnightly Alpina	8,745
„ Assurance of Guides	9,348
„ General Expenses	5,647

The 'Jahrbuch' apparently realised a profit of fros. 5602 (including the sale of old numbers).

D.u.Ö.A.V.—The total income for 1910 of this powerful association was as follows :

	£
Members' subscriptions (91,198)	30,813
Interest	486
Various sources	153
Advertisements	952
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	32,404

The expenditure was as follows :

	£
'Zeitschrift,' including forwarding.. .. .	10,316
'Mittheilungen,' including forwarding	5,382
Huts and Paths	7,863
Management	2,223
Expenses in connexion with Guides	1,592
Central Library	696
Alpine Museum	1,000
Accident Fund	500
Other objects.. .. .	1,311
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	30,883

GOTTLIEB LORENZ OF GALTÜR.—The death of this veteran—one of the Old Guard of Tyrolese Guides—is announced as having taken place on March 30 in his sixty-seventh year. Although little known to Englishmen, his quaint and honest face, unassuming manner, and considerable capacity in his profession made him a great favourite. He was for some years the caretaker of the large Jamtalhütte at the foot of the Fluchthorn, the ascent of which he had made over 200 times.

FATAL ACCIDENTS IN 1910.—The 'Echo des Alpes' for April 1911 contains a list of all those that happened in 1910, compiled by M. F. Montandon. He accounts for 89 accidents involving the loss of 110 lives, and he points out that during the period 1859 to 1885 the average annual total was only 5 and even as late as 1890 only reached 24, involving 32 lives.

M. Montandon attempts an interesting classification, viz. :

I. UNAVOIDABLE ACCIDENTS.

<i>a</i> Objective, i.e. caused by the mountain without contributory imprudence ..	5 accidents
<i>b</i> Subjective, i.e. caused by a sudden seizure, etc., without contributory imprudence..	6 „
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Total	11 „
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II. AVOIDABLE ACCIDENTS.

<i>a</i> Alone	17 accidents
<i>b</i> Folly	1 „
<i>c</i> Temerity	8 „
<i>d</i> Imprudence of inexperience	2 „
<i>e</i> Imprudence of experience	14 „
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Total	42 „
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Of the 89 accidents 83 were caused by a fall or a glissade due to a false step, a sudden seizure, bad weather, etc.

The Jungfrau claimed 3 accidents involving 11 lives, the Mont Blanc 2, the Säntis 4.

THE NAMES COL DE ZINAL OR ZINAL JOCH AND COL DE LA DENT BLANCHE.—The Federal Topographical Service applies the former name to the col between the Dent Blanche and the Pointe de Zinal and reserves the latter name for the col between the Dent Blanche and the Grand Cornier, vide the map Evolena-Zermatt-Monte Rosa, published in 1892, scale 1:50000 Ueberdruck mit Relieftönen, although the plain Ueberdruck Zinal-Zermatt-Saas Fee, published in 1904, scale 1:50000, leaves nameless the col between the Dent Blanche and the Pointe de Zinal. The nomenclature of the Swiss authorities was adopted in describing Mr. R. W. Lloyd's ascent of the Dent Blanche ('A. J.' xxv. pp. 452, 453). The Rev. F. T. Wethered draws attention to a note of his own on this subject in 'A. J.' ix. 172 *et seq.* in which he argued in favour of affixing the name 'Col de la Dent Blanche' to the col between the Dent Blanche and the Pointe de Zinal, leaving the then accepted alternative name 'Col du Grand Cornier' to the col between the Dent Blanche and the Grand Cornier. Mr. Wethered's suggestions were adopted in Conway's 'Pennine Guide' (1890) pages 89 and 81, although the alternative 'Col de la Dent Blanche' is given for the Col du Grand Cornier. Mr. Wethered writes, in a very cogent letter dated May 5, 1911: It seems to me a great pity that there should be a babel in the nomenclature of this very interesting col and I venture now, in 1911, to reiterate *every word* I wrote in 'A. J.' ix. pp. 172, 173 in regard to my arguments therein advanced in favour of the col

being thenceforward known as and called 'Col de la Dent Blanche,' when Douglas Freshfield was editor of the 'A. J.'

One of the greatest of living authorities, Dr. Coolidge, in his edition (1898) of Ball's 'Western Alps' (p. 487) applies the name Col du Grand Cornier to the col between that mountain and the Dent Blanche, adding 'by an unfortunate slip it is called Col de la Dent Blanche in the Siegfried map.' The col between the Dent Blanche and the Pointe de Zinal is not described at all in that authoritative work although by implication one may assume that the editor considers the name Col de la Dent Blanche as proper for it.

At the same time, with very great respect for the opinion of a veteran mountaineer like Mr. Wethered and with still greater disinclination to gainsay in the slightest degree the authority of a Coolidge, it appears to be difficult to combat the ultimate right of the Federal authorities to settle the names of passes in their own country, nor should it be overlooked that they are supported and followed by another great authority, Dr. H. Dübi, in his edition (1898) of 'Ueber Eis und Schnee' vol. ii. p. 455.

While it is certainly to be regretted that the Federal authorities should have rejected an already adopted and very appropriate name for the col N of the Dent Blanche when the alternative name would then have been available for the col at the end of its E. arête, it seems beyond the province of the Alpine Club after this lapse of time further to challenge their dictum.

J. P. F.

Since the above note was written I have received a further letter from Mr. Wethered which, with his permission, is reprinted below :—

HURLEY VICARAGE,
NR. MARLOW,
May 12, 1911.

DEAR CAPTAIN FARRAR,—Your very kind letter of the 6th inst. gives me an opportunity for another 'say' on the name of the Col in question. You tell me that the Siegfried Map (1892) spots the Col between the Dent Blanche and the Grand Cornier as 'Col de la Dent Blanche.' But I have now open before me Vol. I of the ALPINE JOURNAL in which (on pp. 431, 432) under 'Summary of New Expeditions—Monte Rosa District' there is a note signed 'J. J. H.' (Dr. Hornby, the late Provost of Eton) relating the *first* passage of this Col. on July 27, 1864, by himself and Mr. Philpott, and he heads it 'Col du Grand Cornier.'

Surely, surely, Colonel Siegfried has no right (in chivalry) calmly to override, thus, the name deliberately given to it by the first passers—the creators of the Col. If he had not done this, he would have left the title 'Col de la Dent Blanche' as *eminently* the proper name for what he calls the 'Zinal Joch.' Please, when you write your note for the JOURNAL let your remarks be in favour of the *resumption* of that name by the public for the Col between the Dent

Blanche and the Grand Cornier which the creators of that Col assigned to it in 1864, *viz.*, the 'Col du Grand Cornier,' and of the recognition of the name of 'Col de la Dent Blanche' for the Col between the Dent Blanche and the Pointe de Zinal.

The Swiss Alpine Club map calls the Col between the Dent Blanche and the Grand Cornier 'Col du Grand Cornier (Dent Blanche),' and the Siegfried Map polishes off the name 'Col du Grand Cornier' from it entirely, by calling it 'Col de la Dent Blanche' pure and simple, in 1892. Dufour's—Swiss Federal—Map, in Blatt XXII, styles the Col between the Trifthorn and the peak marked 3540 by giving it the name of 'Col de Zinal o. Triftjoch.'

Bear in mind also that the English Alpine Club Map calls the Col between the Mt. Durand and the Pointe de Zinal by the name of 'Col de la Dent Blanche,' whereas the Dent Blanche is *not* the peak immediately on *either* side of that Col (the Mt. Durand being on the E. side of it and the Pointe de Zinal on the W.), and I think you will fully, then, realize altogether the *pot pourri* of confusion which ranges all around the district referred to, as regards the nomenclature of its passes.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) F. T. WETHERED.

[I will take care that this correspondence is seen by the Swiss Topographical Service. Mr. Wethered must for the moment be satisfied that they have in their latest map left the Col at the E. of the Dent Blanche without any name. This may be the first step towards the resumption of the old nomenclature which he advocates which such refreshing enthusiasm.—J. P. F.]

BALL'S ALPINE GUIDE, VOL. II., PART 2.—Mr. Broke reports that the whole of the text of this Volume was in paged proof by the middle of April, and that he then began the arduous task of the Index. This, together with the final revise, preface, etc., will take at least two months, and possibly more, but he hopes that the Volume may be finally complete for publication during the month of July.

'ALPINE JOURNAL' xxv. 443, line 13 from bottom, for 'sly humour' read 'dry humour.'

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall on Tuesday evening, February 7, 1911, at 8.30, Sir Edward Davidson, K.C.M.G., C.B., K.C., *President*, in the chair.

Messrs. Freeman Allen, A. M. Kellas, Victor von Leyden, J. D. Patterson and Erhard Schiess were balloted for and elected members of the Club.