

Chamounix forty years afterwards, and the remains of the deceased mountaineers were then found.'

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## ALPINE ACCIDENTS IN 1917.

ON July 19, Herren **Ernst** and **Willy Frank**, **Hans Wagner** and **Karl Hndenlang** ascended the **Wetterhorn** from Rosenloui. On the descent, about thirty feet below the summit ridge, the last man slipped and the whole party fell right down the lower couloir on the Grindelwald side—being of course killed—as the fall must be quite 2000 feet. A climber with one of the Almers and another guide were close witnesses of the disaster.

On September 27, a lamentable accident cost the lives of Herren **Karl Seelig**, **Walter Hurter**, and **Frl. Cabanis**. They appear to have intended to ascend the **Klein Spannort**. For some unexplained reason they attempted to descend the steep hard névé on the north flank of the east arête. After a few steps their crampons apparently failed to bite or one of them slipped. The slope is described as only about 60 feet long, but at its foot is a great bergschrund, the upper lip of which is some 70 feet higher than the lower. In this bergschrund the bodies were found. Herr Seelig was well known in Zurich as the former owner of extensive dye works. He retired from business about four years ago, and lived at a charming place on the Lake of Lucerne, where he entertained in a very hospitable manner some of the foreign delegates to the S.A.C. Jubilee. As a younger man he had been a very energetic climber, spending every week end in the Trift or Damma districts, and in the 'Jahrbücher' of these days will be found enthusiastic narratives of his expeditions. In 1897 he was the victim of what ought to have been a fatal accident. He and Dr. Hans Brun, now the famous surgeon in Lucerne but then a young student who held the Führer-Patent, ascended the Schreckhorn. They descended the great couloir—it was a snowy year—and appear to have trodden loose a great avalanche which carried them down a thousand feet or more and left them, fortunately not covered up, on the snow at the foot of the rock face. They were both considerably battered about, and Seelig had a broken ankle. It was mainly due to Brun's energy and self-sacrifice in seeing to his friend that Seelig survived the night. Two English parties, with the guides Daniel Maquignaz, young Kederbacher,

Abraham Müller Vater and a Lauterbrunnen guide, happened to be at the hut, and scenting an accident when the two Swiss climbers failed to return, they started out before dawn next morning—the one party by the couloir, the other by the Gagg—and were able to render assistance. Herr Seelig had travelled in Montenegro and Albania as well as in the Andes of Bolivia, and although sixty years of age was still active enough to have made, during the last summer, ascents of the Matterhorn and Gabelhorn. He was an enthusiastic mountaineer, a charming host, and the accident to him and his companions is much to be regretted.

Herr Hurter is described as twenty-seven years of age and a competent mountaineer.

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