

only bridge. Time,<sup>3</sup> rimaie 10, Pte. Burnaby 3.10 P.M. Descent to Zinal.

'Mooser, who led, exhibited remarkable coolness when the cracking occurred, and cut up this dangerous bit with a delicacy and calm which probably saved the situation.'

## VARIOUS EXPEDITIONS.

### *Bernese Oberland.*

NESTHORN (3820 m. = 12,533 ft.), BY N. AND S.E. ARÊTES. On July 19, 1924, M. de Selincourt and H. Booth, with Theodor Biner of Zermatt, left the Oberaletsch hut at 1.50 A.M., and reached the summit of the Nesthorn at 7.5 A.M. by the N. ridge (route 2 of Mr. Coolidge's 'Bernese Oberland,' vol i. part ii., p. 143). Beyond the cutting of a few ice steps it presented no difficulty.

'We gained the foot of the N. arête at the col between Pt. 3468 and the Nesthorn by means of a chimney almost below the col. Thence we kept to the rocks as far as we could, till we could traverse to the right to above the ice cliffs on the right of the line of the arête on to snow slopes of moderate inclination. This point is about three-quarters of the way up, and is by the prominent rock tower just to the N. of the summit. Up these snow slopes we walked to the summit, taking two hours from the bergschrund (below the chimney below the col) to the top.'

The descent was made by the S.E. ridge. A shallow couloir to the N. of the ridge was followed, to a point a little above the col (Pt. 3533), whence the crest of the ridge was gained at the col. Pt. 3617 was reached by traverses on the N. face, where the rocks were easy, though loose. The ridge itself was followed from Pt. 3617 to the foot of Pt. 3576. To avoid this ascent a long traverse was made along the S. face to a point on the ridge S. of Pt. 3517. A direct descent to the Unterbächen glacier was made with the help of a spare rope. Belalp was reached at 4.20 P.M. The conditions on the ridge were perfect, no ice or snow on the rocks to speak of.

As far as Pt. 3617 time was saved by the traverses on the face under these conditions, but probably no advantage is to be gained by not following the ridge afterwards.

<sup>3</sup> The caravan slept at the Boden Alp (above St. Nicolas), which lies much too low (1899 m.), although good.