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MOUNTAINEERS' PERIL

DISASTROUS ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE A RECORD CLIMB

News has been received at Berne from Dr. Jacob Guillarmod's expedition, which went to the Himalayas and endeavoured to scale Kanchanjango, 28, 156 feet in height, or at least to beat the record made by Mr. Graham on that mountain. The expedition, which left Darjiling on August 8th, was composed of Dr. Jacob Guillarmod, of Neuchatel; Mr. A. E. Crowley, engineer, of Ireland; Lieut. Alexis Pache, of Morgres, and Mr. Charles Seymour, of Neuchatel, No Swiss guides accompanied the party, and the British Government supplied an escort of Goorkhas, who are capital mountaineers. The following telegram has been received from Darjiling: —

This is despatched from our highest camp on September 1st. Pache has been swept away by an avalanche and killed. Insurmountable difficulties caused by natives compel us to retrace our steps, and we are returning to Darjiling, where we expect to arrive about September 20th.

M. Pache was a lieutenant in the Swiss cavalry. He was 31 years of age, and most energetic in character. He joined the expedition chiefly in order to hunt in the Himalayas. His love of adventure led him to fight among the Boers in the late was in the Transvaal.