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## ALTITUDE TOO MUCH.

### Rough Experiences of Three Young Mountain Climbers.

**NOTE:** [Read](#) CSM's excellent essay on Crowley's climbing experiences in Mexico. It includes much background information and provides context for the *Mexican Herald* articles.

[Read](#) a complete set, arranged chronologically, of the *Mexican Herald* articles dealing with Crowley's time in Mexico.

A. Roosevelt, of New York, the cousin of Col. Roosevelt, the hero of Santiago, left last evening by way of the Mexican Central for Los Angeles, Cal., accompanied by his travelling companions Dr. Thoan and H. Say of Paris. George Pinzon and other young Frenchmen were at the depot to take leave of them.

The young men returned yesterday morning from a trip up Popocatepetl during which they had some rather rough experiences. Fatigued by much travelling the party left this city last Monday morning after a one day's rest and the effect of the mountain's altitude came near putting some of the party out of the mountain-climbing business forever. The strange part of the experience was that Mr. Roosevelt who led the expedition was the greatest sufferer, while at the same time he knew nothing at all about it.

"When we had reached a certain height," said Mr. Roosevelt last evening. "I lost consciousness although my physical condition did not seem to be impaired as I continued the journey. I joined the other boys in their explorations, photographed and allowed my blood vessels to be tapped regularly at different altitudes for the benefit of the experiments being made by Dr. Thoan, but the entire journey is to me a blank. I'm glad to get away from Mexico. I believe I would die in this country. A person should not come from a low altitude and go at once to the dizzy height of Popocatepetl without first being acclimated perfectly to the city of Mexico."

Dr. Thoan who is furnishing the scientific knowledge of the party concurs with Mr. Roosevelt in his conclusions, and said

that while the trip had been full of interest he had no desire to repeat the journey.