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MONT BLANC TUNNEL PROGRESS

**35 mm. developed dupenegative 38 meters - 125 ft
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Above the Alpine station of Chamonix, on the site of the Mont Blanc road tunnel, a giant machine is put to work to fight the mountains by the inside...

It is a modern steel monster and the only one existing to date in Europe, called Jumbo. Jumbo was especially built for the Mont Blanc project and is the greatest drill-holding charriot ever built. Its vital connection trails behind while its steel heart is beating inside the air-compressors station wherefrom compressed air is sent in the bowels of the mountain to the sixteen drilling machines operating on three large platforms.

This the rock can be drilled on a 80 ~~meters~~ square meters surface. Even now the work on the Mont Blanc tunnel will rapidly go on, and in a record time Turin will not be so far from Geneva.