

*Himalayan Expeditions:* There are at present several expeditions under weigh, one of which contains several American members. Herr Willi Merkl of Munich left at the end of April with a large party to attempt Nanga Parbat (26,629 feet), the trip having been postponed from last year. The other members of the party are F. Bechtold, H. Künigk, F. Wiessner, F. Simon, P. Aschenbrenner, H. Hamberger (doctor), with E. Rand Herron and Miss Elizabeth Knowlton of the American Alpine Club.

Current dispatches indicate that the party is operating on the Rakiot glacier and aims to pass to the left of Rakiot Peak towards the main summit. Camp Four has been established at 20,000 feet on the glacier. Avalanches have been frequent and dangerous. Snow caves are being utilized for protection. By August 8th they were encountering much unfavorable weather, although it had been excellent through July, and the health and strength of the climbers were suffering from their exertions. Coolies had been taken to Camp Six but the party realized that they cannot be counted on any higher.

Mr. Marcel Kurz, who accompanied the 1930 Dyhrenfurth expedition to Kangchenjunga as topographer has left on an exploring and surveying expedition.

*Kamchatka:* It is reported that the highest summit on the island, Kluchevskaya (16,124 feet), has been recently ascended by two Europeans after a long expedition.

*Ruwenzori:* A group of Belgians under the leadership of Count Xavier de Grunne, with mountaineering and scientific aims, has left for the exploration of this range, and will approach the mountains from the Belgian Congo on the practically unknown west side.

*Mikeno:* We hear that our honorary member, His Majesty, the King of the Belgians, has recently during his tour of the Congo, attempted the ascent of this volcanic peak, 14,350 feet high, north of Lake Tanganyika. The party consisting, in addition to His Majesty, of Major Van Caubergh, Professor Van Staelen, Colonel Hoeir, the District Commandant Hackers, and the Catholic Missionary Hoes, reached on April 13th the height of 13,940 feet, before being turned back by a sheer wall.

*Andes:* A new German expedition, financed by the Deutscher und Österreichischer Alpenverein and led by Philipp Borchers, the leader of the mountaineering group of the 1928 Russo-German Alai Expedition, has left for the exploration of the Cordillera Blanca in Peru. We hope that the members of the expedition