

successful this summer, as chronicled elsewhere in these pages. In addition we understand that this past fall a small group of four Japanese were successful, on the second attempt, in climbing Nanda Kot (22,530 ft.). A small Swiss party under the leadership of the well-known geologist Arnold Heim and composed of August Gansser and Werner Weckert was also in this district.



Sikkim Himalaya. A small party under the leadership of Marco Pallis was active in this section. An attempt was made on the N. W. peak of Simvu during which the party had the terrifying experience of an earthquake at the highest camp, which opened a crevasse next to the tent. They later climbed Fluted Peak (ca. 20,400 ft.) in Lhonak together with another summit named by them the Sphinx. A small German party composed of Paul Bauer, Karl Wien, Dr. S. Hepp and A. Gottner was also in this region late in the summer and succeeded in conquering Siniolchum, the beautiful ice-covered peak known so well to all mountain lovers from Sella's photographs. They also climbed Simvu and reached 23,500 ft. on Tent Peak (24,000 ft.). They were also continuing the work on the photogrammetric map of the Zemu Glacier region started in 1931, extending it to the N. One of the objects of the expedition was to get more experience for an attempt on Nanga Parbat planned for this coming year.



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Ecuador has been the scene of considerable aerial activity of late. An expedition headed by Capt. Erskine Loch has recently completed a fifteen months' survey for an aerial route across the Andes to the eastern provinces in the Amazon Basin and now the aerial mapping expedition of the Heye Foundation from New York is reported as planning to fly over this route for photographic mapping purposes as well as attempting to photograph the craters of the volcanoes Chimborazo, Cotopaxi, Illiniza, Sanguay, Tunguarhua, and Cayambe for mapping purposes.

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