

Valley. Thence via the Zanner Pass, Kitlod, Tuiber, and Tot Glaciers, the Bashil Pass, Leksur Glacier, Jantugan Icefall and Pass they proceeded to Adyl Su in the Baksan Valley where they arrived on June 11th, a total trip of some 50 miles with ascents totaling 23,000 ft. Although only one very short section had ever been skied before, it was necessary to carry the skis only three times over very short rocky ridges. When it is realized that the trip was carried out in the face of bad weather the performance becomes even more creditable.



English Expedition. Four English climbers, R. L. Beaumont, R. A. Hodgkin, M. S. Taylor, and J. R. Jenkins, made a number of notable ascents in the week of July 20th-27th. They negotiated the first ascent of Jailik-Bashi, 14,868 ft., by the S. face, the first traverse of the Adyr-su-bashi, 14,673 ft., by the N. E. ridge from Urubashi Pass to the Adyr Valley, and two unclimbed peaks on the ridge between Kichkidar and Junonkara, which they named Trident and Kupolatau. They then crossed the Betscho Pass and traversed Gulba, after which they climbed Ushba by a new route up the S. ridge. In the upper part this is very similar to that tried a few years ago by Coolidge and Lambert.¹ They also did a very fine climb on the N. face of Tetnuld, 15,918 ft., descending by the E. face.



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The American Alpine Club has received permission to send a small expedition to the Karakoram. A party of six climbers will leave New York early in April, follow the route of the Duke of the Abruzzi from Srinagar to the Baltoro Glacier, and camp at the foot of K2. The object will be to complete the latter's reconnaissance of the ridges of the mountain, and, weather permitting, to make an attack on the summit.



Nanga Parbat. Probably the most talked about mountaineering expedition this past summer was the German attempt on Nanga Parbat, which ended so disastrously. The news last June, informing us that practically the entire party had been wiped out by an avalanche was unbelievable. At Camp IV, in the early morning of June 15th, shortly after midnight seven of the nine German members, and nine Sherpa porters were overwhelmed by an immense avalanche which descended from the hanging glacier on Rakhiot Peak. It swept three-quarters of a mile across the level terrasse, on which the camp was situated, and buried the tents under many feet of

¹ *A. A. J.* I, p. 277. For comparison see *A. J.*, 39, p. 276.