

DARING ROYAL EXPLORER.

PRINCE LUIGI HOPES TO FIND THE NORTH POLE.

The King of Italy's Nephew Has an Original Plan for Invading the Arctic Regions—He Ascended Mount St. Elias Last Year.

Prince Luigi, of Savoy, Duke of Abruzzi, is certainly a born explorer. Otherwise, how account for the fact that this man, who is a nephew of the King of Italy, should at present be bent on making a trip to the North Pole. Moreover, this is not the first proof which he has given of his love of adventure. As our readers know, he ascended Mount St. Elias, in Alaska, last year, thus accomplishing a feat which had baffled several older and more experienced men.

The Prince's great aim now is to approach nearer the pole than Nansen did, and in the depths of his heart there is a wild hope that he may have the good fortune to plant the Italian flag in the very centre of the pole. He is especially spurred to action just now, because he knows that Captain Sverdrup is also bent on a Polar expedition, and the idea of playing second fiddle to any one, even to the redoubtable Sverdrup, is abhorrent to him.

HELPED BY THE KING.

King Humbert, though he hesitated at first, has at last given his sanction to his nephew's plan, and has even shown his practical interest in it by promising to contribute 500,000 lire towards the expenses of the expedition.

The Prince does not propose to follow in Nansen's footsteps. His plan is to go by sea as far as Francis-Joseph's Land and to complete his journey by means of sledges and Eskimo canoes, known as kayaks. Apparently he is the first to conceive the idea of arriving at the North Pole in this manner, but the arguments which he brings forward in favor of his plan show that he is not acting rashly or without due forethought.

He claims that the main reason why his ascent of Mount St. Elias—a feat which was vainly attempted by a party of tourists a few days before he accomplished it—was such a pronounced success, was because he had with him a large and thoroughly organized caravan, the members of which were trained mountain climbers. Now he reasons that, if he and such men could ascend Mount St. Elias, there is no reason why they should not succeed in reaching the pole.

His plan then is to take with him about twenty of the most skilled Italian mountaineers, as well as several Esquimaux and teams of dogs. When the party approaches dangerous ground scouts will be sent ahead to reconnoitre, and thenceforth the journey will be made by means of relays. In other words, the party will form it to a sort of human ladder, the duty of the foremost being to take possession of a certain point.

Prince Luigi maintains that in this way, not only is the risk of physical danger reduced to a minimum, but the chance of reaching the pole also becomes much greater. General Baldinera recommended that the same tactics be employed during the recent Italian campaign, but unfortunately his recommendation came too late.

The expedition will certainly not fall for lack of funds. "Not only will I have my uncle's 500,000 lire," said Prince Luigi to a friend the other day, "but I will also have ample funds of my own. My intention is to devote my entire income of 150,000 lire to this object during the three years that the journey will last, and if that is not enough I am ready to encroach upon my capital."

The Prince is only twenty-five years old, and he looks even younger. One who did not know him would say that he has not the robustness or physical strength which is necessary for the successful completion of such a hazardous enterprise. He is of slight build, medium height, and, so far as outward appearances go, is not to be compared to such hardy explorers as Nordenskiöld, Nansen or Sverdrup against whom he has fearlessly entered in competition. On the other hand, he has an immense fund of energy and will power, as his successful ascent of Mount St. Elias amply proves.

A TRUE SAVANT.

His brother, the Count of Turin, aptly described him some time ago. Speaking of the members of the family, he said: "My oldest brother, the Duke of Aosta, is the handsome one of the family; my youngest brother, the Duke of Abruzzi, is the savant, and I am simply a good fellow."

A savant Prince Luigi indeed is, but by no means one of the ordinary type. "A fin de siècle savant" he is," says a French journal, "and there is nothing in common between him and the legendary scientist."

Every one of the Quirinal is much interested in the forthcoming expedition, and the Italian people in general are proud to think that a member of the royal family has the courage to undertake such a perilous work and the scientific knowledge without which no one could hardly be looked for. On the other hand, the immediate members of Prince Luigi's family, with the possible exception of King Humbert, are rather frightened at the thought of what the young man is about to undertake and they would not be sorry if some unexpected obstacle were to prevent him from carrying out his intention.

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will arise is extremely improbable. Prince Luigi has made all preparations for starting, and those who know his resolute character are satisfied that he will start. The exact date of his departure from Italy has not yet been fixed, but all the indications are that he will begin his journey within a few weeks.

The Prince will be the actual and not merely the nominal leader of this expedition, as he was of the Mount St. Elias expedition. His lieutenant, too, on this occasion will be M. Capri, who is a son of General Capri and a distinguished officer of marines. M. Capri has for some time acted as aide de camp to Prince Luigi, and on all his foreign expeditions he has been his most trusted friend and companion.

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Miss Blackleigh, looking at her photograph—I should like to know what Daisey say about my picture. Miss Daisey—No, dear, I don't think you would.

The Accepted Time.—Pa, can I go to the circus? No, my son; if you're a good boy, you won't want to go to the circus. Then I'd better go while I'm had enough to enjoy it, hadn't I?

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