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EDITORIAL

Explorations in the Arctic regions are claiming a great deal the attention of the public now. Amundsen, a Norwegian explorer, purposes a trip in early spring to cross the pole. The expedition will leave Spitzbergen in three airplanes and will fly to Alaska, making sketches as accurately as possible of the country, and taking moving pictures of the region over which they pass. The United States Government is also sending forth a flying expedition to the pole. A great military dirigible will sail over the polar regions during the summer to map the country in order to determine how much of that section is land and how much water. Airplanes will be sent beforehand to sink great posts here and there at suitable landing places to which to attach the dirigible. It will then be protected from being blown away by the strong winds on the great bleak tundras.

This research has been spurred on by recent investigations of Steffanson, who spent three years exploring the Arctic islands and the northern