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Preparing For
CRUCLIL TEST
The Turning Point of War is Near at Hand.

REBELS DEFENSE STRENGTHENED

Oregon Volunteers and the Twenty-
Second Infantry Were the First Second Infantry Were the First
Regiments to Go to the Front. Regimeats

Manila, March 24,-Noon.-Tbe eaemy is extremely active in the vicinity anticipating an attack. They keep well under cover. A small body of rebels, however, emerged from the jungle ou the extreme left and fired on the Kansas Privates Cohen and Murr.
The Oregon volunteers and the front today. The Third marched to the regiments have disembarked from the Sherman. General H. G. Otis' brigad atruck their tents this morning, and an early move is probable.
Sixteen English refugees arrived here yesterday from Dagapan, the railroad terminns, on board the Satarnus. They report that the natives are generally friendly, and the officera invariably courteous.
According to Filipino accounts 1000 Americans have beenkilled, the fatalitles being eapecially heavy at Calocan, where the United States troope "Ruahed like madmen against a storm of bullets.

have escaped from Polo.
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that the Fillipinos have concentrated
their force their forces at Mala haven and Polo. They
add that only Aguinoldo add that only Aguinaldo's body. gyard is
at Maloloo, and that the rebel leader apparently intend to atake their tortunes
on a figbt at Mslobon, where it was expected an engagement would take place
yeeterday. It defeated, it is further asserted, the rebels intend to
the swamps and mountanns. Rebels were pulling their bolo men in
front, believing that their charas will avert the bullete. The boloa of the Filipinos greatly outnumber the rifles in
their hands. The rebels are further aid to have admitted that they canno withatand the
bayonet charges.
The escapped Spanish prisoners corrob
orated the stories told of a food shortage among the rebels, and they added
the hospitals are ebort of supplies. Rebels Propose to Make a Final Stand Nkw Yosk, March 24.-A diapstch to
the World from Manils the World from Manila eays: The rebele opposite our lines on the north. This of Agnty comes from a belief on the part rery soon at Malolos, their capital. Pithisonerb who have been brought in that tlie rebels have the "laet-ditch" tand they have yet taken.
The second line of defense occupied by and Mannaliches. There are rows Irenches there, and the advance of our troops can only be step by step, with resittance to be expected at every trench.
The weather now is most favorable and there are only eighty-five men in the

Will Destroy Aguinaldo's Army. Warbingtos, March 24.-It is under is plere that Otis has so far matured or ten days he will be able to movement which is expected to marl the destruction of Aguinaldo'E army Alhough stragglers and fugitives ma it is believed that delivered his next blow, the ineargent army as an organization will have cease

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE Rushed home

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A FORMIDABLE
UNDERTAKING
renty-three Regiments Must Be Moved, and Every Available Transport will be Pressed Into Service.

New York, Mareh 24.-A digpatch the Tribune from Washington says: Ad-atant-General Corbin has undertaken get the volunteers out of Cabs by ap perfected with anments are now be this is fully two weeks within the limin May 10 set we the president hefor left for sothe
The proportions of the undertatin The proportions of the undertaking hat twenty-three regiments must be ransported by sea to the United States within a month. All the government within a month. All the government atilized. These include the Dixie, which has been secured from the navy epartment; the Comal, the Crook, the Kilpatrick, the Sedgwick and the Thomas, besides such Ward
For the past week every effort ha been made to bring home at least ten of Surgeon-General Wyman, of the marine hospital service, ineiats that quarantine


## Lrwistox, Idaho, March 23.-Charles

 covered the famous Buffalo, Hamp las sommer, died here today of pheumonia,He had been on a big apree ever since He had been on a big apree ever since
the tiret discovery, and came to Lewis. Con only a fow days ago to receive medtriends were with him at the time of tonp death. He had frittered away almost part of his original Big Buffalo interest left. He was 42 years old and an-
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