MERRILL DECLINES TO OPPOSE REBELLION

He Declares More Trained Regulars Are Required to Capture and Hold the Islands.

NEW YORK, May 14.—Major-General Emory D. Merril, who has been selected by the Government to lead an expedition to the Philippines with the purpose of ousting the Spaniards, today declined to send to the Philippines a force selected by the War Department, which is being mustered and trained at Camp Merril, Md., to the extent of 8500 men, as ordered by Washington.

Merrill said his object was to prevent the attack on the Philippines by the enemy, and to make preparations for its defense by the Spanish.