

The clouds dissipating, the column of vapor issuing from the volcano stood out preeminently against the pinky color of the sky, as an invitation to the curious dwellers of Masuglu to climb the mountain and see for themselves the energy that Nature has stored up in the crater of the Canlaon. Shortly before retiring to rest, the temperature at 8^h 10^m p.m. in the open field around Masulug was 23.6°C, the wet thermometer read 19.6°C and the relative humidity was 62 per cent.

Monday, March 13, 1933 - Hardly had the first beam of light crossed the eastern mountains of Negros, when every member of the party was out in the field around Masulug ready to receive orders. The expedition was essentially a scientific expedition, organized under the auspices of La Central Azucarera de La Carlota. Modesto Colmenares, the king of the forest, offered his valuable experience to the Central and in spite of his sixty years and sporadic attacks of malaria, consented to lead the party to the rim of the crater. Francisco Esteban, the president of Pulupandan, who for many years had been longing for an opportunity to climb the Canlaon, joined the party at Masulug. Enrique Martin, who enjoys the mountain deer as well as the vegetables of the cainging, gave up the social pleasures of the haciendas in the lowlands for the rough climbing of a tropical mountain. Colmenares had 28 cargadores at his disposal, Paco 7 and Enrique 14, making a total of 49 helpers, guides and cargadores. The rest of the party up to 63 was made of the following gentlemen: Villazon and Dr. Alexander Gordon, of Central Azucarera de la Carlota; Ramon Eche copar, cashier of the Iloilo Branch of Inchausti and Co.; Jose Silverio, sugar hacendero Hacienda Montserrat, Pontevedra; Francisco Esteban, President of Pulupandan; Modesto Colmenares, Jose Colmenares, Severo Cadungon, Manuel Digon,