

HARD FIGHTING IN NICARAGUA

General Estrada's Forces Completely Rout Troops of President Estrada. War Nearly Ended

Bluefields, Nicaragua, via Galveston, Texas, Dec. 22.—General Estrada's victory at Rama is complete. The Zelaya forces have been practically annihilated. Those not killed, wounded or captured are sent off from retreats. Six hundred are dead on both sides; the government loss being by far the heaviest. In addition, Estrada has captured more than two thousand men; fifteen hundred rifles and a mil-

Fourteen surgeons and assistants have been landed from the United States cruisers Tacoma and Des Moines at the order of Commander Shipley and are caring for the wounded in a improvised hospital there. Among the prisoners is General Gonzales, one of Zelaya's two leaders, who was in command of the forces at Rama. General Estrada considers his victory practically ends the war as nothing now stands between him and Managua.

Brilliant fighting characterized the two days' battle. The revolutionaries contended against heavy odds, charging again and again through the thick bush. Their equipment, however, was modern; the troops were handied, and their strokes decisive. Two Americans are among the killed. Yesterday's fighting was resumed.

At daybreak today. After 7 hours of fighting, guerrilla and gunboat fighting yesterday, Estrada's forces had Tatumbo Hill and Kaituma as well as the oil works at Recreo. This position commanded both the right and left flank of the Zelayan army. The revolutionists, were recruited during the night and under Generals Fornos, Diaz and Emiliano Chamorro, moved on the main fortification in strong array early in the morning.

Several hundred stands of arms and 30 or 40 injured Zelayans besides prisoners, were captured. The wounded were fed and their injuries cared for. Deserters from the government forces are arriving in large numbers.

It is known that the prisoners captured by the Zelayan forces at Katter were immediately shot. Captain J. Claderon, of the revolutionary army, was captured in a wounded condition and by order of Zelaya's general, killed by about a musket.

There is small doubt that today's battle will settle the fate of the Zelayan cause.

LOCAL OPTION: CAMPAIGN
Keen Contests Took Place Yesterday in Manitoba.
 Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—"The Wets" and the "Drys" yesterday were at teeth and nail in the local option contest in some forty-three towns and municipalities of Manitoba, and as far as heard from the opposing forces broke about even. In the court appeals and contests proper the law

option people won in about twenty places, mostly municipalities, the anti-optionists got about the same number. "On the whole the towns went 'Wet' and the municipalities 'Dry,' so that altogether, according to the liquor people, there are only about eight hotels closed by the vote of the v-to-by-law Roblin municipalities of yesterday. In the repeals again, it was the only place to vote for the return of license and then by only a small majority. Manitow, South C.

In Carman where two hotels deprived of licenses by the vote it almost certain that one hotel will closed fight against accommodation as the proprietress of the Victor hotel intimated that should the by-law pass she would close her house for that very night. It did carry there.

In Dauphin the by-law was rejected by the ratepayers by a majority sixty-four and in Stonewall seven-

ARRESTED FOR MURDER

Quarrel Leads to Death of Rail-
Operator in Ontario.

North Bay, Dec. 22.—Two section
men named Morin and Cornish were
arrested by provincial constables
Ford and Jerry Leffvre last night
for the murder of W. J. Dyson.

and N. O. night operator at K. Water. The prisoners were brought here by special train early this morning with the body of Dyson. Cornish's story of the tragedy is that he had some words with Dyson over orders given by the latter to unload a car of coal. The quarrel resulted in a fight and Dyson threw Cornish on the floor and was pounding him when Morin rushed in with a head club and struck Dyson repeatedly over the head until he rolled on to

Toronto Civic Nominations.
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—Ex-Alderman
man Davies, Controller Höcken
Controller Geary were nominated
mayor this morning, with three oth-

joke candidates. The fight is between Geary and Hocken. Davies being a factor to the extent to which he can draw votes from the other two. The controllers Spence and Hubbard and Aldermen Harrison and Ward, and Alderman Hales. Aldermen Bredin and Lieghe were nominated for the board of control. There is less interest in the election than for many years.