

ESTRADA WILL TAKE OFFENSIVE

Against Government of President Madriz, a March on Managua Seemingly Imminent.

MAY BE BY WAY OF GREYTOWN

Expects Its Capture Soon—Route to Capital Will be Along Lake Nicaragua

Bluefields, Nic., Dec. 23.—Gen. Estrada, it is said, will immediately assume the offensive against the government of President Madriz. The insurgent leader holds that the Zelayan element was removed from consideration by the sweeping battle of Rama. The march on Managua is believed to be imminent.

The prisoners captured at Rama have been well fed and all who now espouse the cause of Estrada will be armed and enrolled in the ranks of insurgents.

The details of Estrada's further campaign are not made known, but it is understood his movement will be by way of Greytown, which he expects to fall with little show of resistance. The various groups of the enemy in the vicinity of San Juan river will be wiped out and the path to the Nicaraguan capital made along Lake Nicaragua.

The exact number of dead, injured and captured in the two days' fighting near Rama either is not determined or that it is not being reported.

Today Bluefields realizes what real war means. The wounded fill the hospitals and the dead lie in many homes. Funerals are being held in great numbers. Insurgent elation over the triumph that has placed Estrada in unquestioned possession of Rama, Recreo and the strategic point of Tatumla hill, as well as the adjacent territory heretofore disputed, is tempered by the sorrow of grief-stricken homes.

There is less of noisy rejoicing at the capital of the provisional government, but the grim determination to overthrow the government of Managua has been strengthened by the sacrifices of the last few days.

The American surgeons from the cruiser Des Moines are giving splendid service in the care of the wounded.

**WASHINGTON LOOKS
FOR ESTRADA'S SUCCESS**

Washington, Dec. 23.—Messages received at the state department indicate a condition of excitement throughout the western portion of Nicaragua. Zelaya seems to have assumed dictatorial

aya seems to have assumed direction of the military operations in that part of the state, and in consequence a stubborn resistance to the expected advance of the revolutionary army is looked for.

Riots are reported at Masaya and Granada, where the people have collided with the military forces. American citizens at Granada are again calling for protection, but so far as can be learned the only provision so far made for them is the announcement that

The marines recently landed from the troop ship *Prairie* have been sent from Colon to Bas Obispo. This action has been taken with a view to the marines being within easy call in case

Officials here regard the recent overwhelming victory of the revolutionary army at Rama as the beginning of the end of Zelaya, Madriz and their faction, as potential forces in Nicaragua. The feeling, here in general, that the con-

The feeling here is general that the conquest of the western half of the country will be far more easily accomplished than was the eastern, and that within a month at the farthest it is believed

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Butte Miners Compel
Switchmen to Quit

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Butte, Mont., Dec. 22.—A committee representing the Butte Miners' union today drove switchmen who had returned to work in the Butte yards of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads from their work and told

them that if they returned 2,000 miners would wait on them tomorrow and see that they stopped work while their brother switchmen were on strike.

Every switchman on the two roads quit and tonight switching operations in Butte are completely tied up. All the Boston and Montana mines and the Colusa mine closed today, and other mines and smelters are preparing to

WARDLAW SISTERS

MUST FACE TRIAL

New York, Dec. 22.—The three mysterious Wardlaw sisters must face trial

the murder of Mrs. Ocey W. M. Snead, the East Orange bath-tub victim. The Essex county grand jury at Newark this afternoon reported that two in-

The proceedings before the grand jury were brief. Chief of Police Bell of East Orange told of finding the

body; William J. Kinsley, a hand writing expert, told of the "suicide notes" he had examined, while physicians testified as to the condition of the body.

POSTMASTERS AND PATENTS.
(Special to The News.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—Mary A. Penrod has been appointed postmaster at Liberty, Weber county, Utah, vice M. C. Penrod, resigned.

Patents issued: Utah—M. T. Lyon, Salt Lake City, trunk structure for garbage

Idaho—W. N. Joy, Moscow, wrench; J. A. Lloyd, Clarkfork, shell fish opener; W. S. Simpson, Hope, railway signal.

Wyoming—W. H. Beach, Wyncote, whip

lock; A. Noble, Rock Springs, incubator.

**EXPOSITION TO CELEBRATE
PANAMA CANAL OPENING**
