

FORTS OPEN FIRE.

SHOT AND SHELL BEING SHOWERED  
UPON DA GAMA.

State Department at Washington. Ass-  
tounded by a Despatch Announcing the  
Rejection of Da Gama's Terms—Govern-  
ment Forts Begin to Cannonade at Noon

WASHINGTON, March 13.—A despatch received by Secretary Gresham this afternoon from Minister Thompson at Rio reads as follows: "The forts loyal to the government commenced firing on the insurgents to-day at noon. The insurgents have not returned the fire. The government has refused the terms of capitulation offered by Da Gama and announces that they will commence firing from the city batteries at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The city of Rio is practically deserted."

Secretary Gresham and his advisers were literally astounded by the information. Although the despatches received last night from Minister Thompson sufficed considerably either in transmission or in putting them into cipher at Rio, enough was learned from those parts which were decipherable to justify the interpretation placed on them, that Da Gama had consented to become a exile and deliver up his vessels on the sole condition that the lives of his followers would be spared. It was not for an instant doubted that these terms would prove acceptable to Pixoto, and he would promptly grant the partial amnesty which was considered so reasonable.

At the cabinet meeting this morning every one present expressed satisfaction that the end had been reached. An hour later a messenger from the State department hurried over to the White House with the latest news which upset all previous calculations.

**Report that Da-Gama Has Fled.**  
RIO JANEIRO, March 13.—The government troops, after a day's operations against the insurgents at noon today, have been given notice given by President Peixoto having expired. The hill top batteries opened fire at 3 p. m. No reply was made by the insurgents. The government vessels entered the harbor at 6 o'clock, but did not fire. The boats of the delegation and the soldiers abandoned by the insurgents, the fleet was greeted with cheers from thousands of people on the hill tops and with salutes from the government forts. The insurgent ships meanwhile hid themselves among the merchant vessels lying in the bay. Admiral Da-Gama is reported to have fled aboard the Brazilian ship *Albatroz*.

**HELLO! ST. ALBANS.**

**Metallic Circuit Telephone Line to the Railroad Town via Fort Ethan Allen.**

Work on the construction of a metallic circuit telephone line between this city and St. Albans will be begun as soon as the frost is out of the ground. The line is to be laid by way of Fort Ethan Allen and Colchester. This will bring St. Albans within speaking distance of Burlington, and the communication which it will give with Fort Ethan Allen will be particularly convenient. It will take some two months to build the line.

**A Reception for Gov. Fuller.**

**SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.**—The Union League club gave a reception last night at the Hotel Montgomery for the Governor of Vermont, Gen. Russell A. Alger, of Michigan and ex-Senator Phillett Sawyer of Wisconsin. Among those present was John

**Bids on the St. Johnsbury Hatchery.**  
 WASHINGTON, March 5.—Proposals for the construction of fish hatchery building at St. Johnsbury, Vt., were opened at

The following bids were entered:

Holtzclaw Bros., Washington, D. C., hatchery, \$8946; out-building, \$2283; ice house, \$493; total, \$11,722.

Isaac H. Hathaway & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., hatchery, \$6990; out-building, \$258; ice house, \$699; total, \$13,275.

Era E. Lamoureux, Newport News, Va., hatchery, \$5390; out-building, \$1718; ice house, \$432; total, \$7740.

A. L. Bragg, St. Johnsbury, Vt., hatchery, \$9830; out-building, \$2375; ice house,

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The president today nominated Frederick W. Childs to be postmaster of Brattleboro.

Representative Grout has presented a petition of citizens of Orleans county, Vermont, for a Christian amendment to the constitution of the United States.

**Vermont Pensioners.**

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The following pensions have been granted to Vermonters: Reissue, W. H. Stannard, Dorset; Charles Spaulding, Brownsville, original, widow, etc.; Georgianna F. French, Haverhill; Mary F. Greenleaf, Lyndonville; Phoebe Soper, Springfield; reissue, Margaret Mahan, Middlebury.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The president today sent to the Senate the following nominations: Postmasters, Vermont, William F. Bonahue, Proctor; W. D. McMeekin, Woodstock; Charles A. Fitzpatrick, White River Junction.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Pensions were granted to the following Vermonters: Original Edwin S. Quigg, Woodstock; Charles F. Varnier, Balto. Increase, Horace W. Albany; reissue, A. J. A. Bostedy, Brimboro.