

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The order to be issued covering into the civil service a large majority of the offices of the government now excepted is still under deliberation by the President and the extension contemplated will involve about two-thirds of the offices at present outside the civil service.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Senor Dupuy de Lome has received the following cablegram: Havana, March 20.—The detachment of Variadro, near Cardenas, captured 150 boxes of ammunition for Remington and Winchester rifles; nine boxes of cavalry rifles, 14 boxes of medicine; two boxes of explosives and three boats.

(Signed) WEYLER.

The Spanish minister is of the opinion that the war material mentioned is that of the Collazo expedition, shipped from Cedar Keys in the schooner J. S. Mallory, captured by the U. S. revenue cutters, released by the authorities of Tampa, and afterwards trans-shipped somewhere near the southern coast of Florida to the steamer "Three Friends."

NEW YORK, March 20.—Felix Tausig, one of the passengers on the steamer Cambria which arrived yesterday from St. John, Porto Rico, and who told of the firing on United States Consul Hall, by a Spanish soldier, in speaking further about the affair today said:

"When Consul Hall asked Governor General Marin for an explanation of the occurrence, the governor told him with a smile on his face that the shot was fired at a woman who was looking over the wall at the side of the highway, into the prison."

"Marin asserted that it was the rule of the prison for the guards to fire upon any person looking over the wall."

"The wall is but four feet high, and a person passing along the street could not well help seeing the prison yard, so that the explanation vouchsafed by Gen. Marin did not satisfy Consul Hall, who thinks the shot was fired at him intentionally."

"Mr. Hall says that only a few moments before the shot was fired he saw an officer of the prison walk out to the guard and apparently give him some instructions. He says that since he has been at St. John there has been no shot fired from the prison, although numerous persons have stood in the street and looked over the wall into the prison yard."

Mr. Tausig says that the feeling against Americans was very strong in St. John, because there were many Spaniards at the capital city. The feeling in other parts of the island is in sympathy with the Americans and against the rule of the Spanish. On the morning after the news reached Porto Rico that Congress was about to recognize the Cubans, hand bills to Spaniards were distributed broadcast in Ponce and St. John, calling upon the people to hold demonstrations against the American consuls in those cities. Consul Hall protested to Gov. Marin and this prevented the demonstrations.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The weather bureau observer at Jupiter, Florida, reports that the British

steamer Craigmore went ashore last night eight miles south of the station. The wind is moderate.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 20.—A formal application from a prominent organization in this state to the emperor of Germany for arms and ammunition for use in this state and the answer from the German minister of war to such request is a most unusual affair that has just been learned. The Deutsche Kriegesverein, an organization of German veterans, most of whom had served in the War of the Rebellion in this country and afterwards tendered their service to the fatherland during the Franco-Prussian war, made the requisition for the arms six weeks ago, especially desiring to secure some of the same arms they had used in their service as soldiers, for use in firing farewell salutes over the graves of dead comrades.

The answer was received today in the shape of a letter from the German minister of war, Baron Von Ploetz, explaining that owing to the lack of arms suitable for the purpose stated, none could at this time be sent.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., March 20.—A hurricane passed over Hart Creek valley, fifty miles south of here, last night. Buildings were blown down, and immense damage is reported.

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill., March 20.—As a result of a slight misunderstanding, which it was agreed to settle with gloves, Private Daniel M. Cail and Private Allen, company A, 15th United States Infantry, are in the post hospital wounded. Call got the best of Allen in the fist encounter. Allen made an excuse to go and get a drink of water. Instead he got a pistol and returning, shot Cail, the ball entering near the groin. In disarming Allen, the pistol again was discharged and Allen was shot in the leg. Cail will probably die.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The Senate committee on territories today agreed to report favorably the bill for the admission of Arizona.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—No denial is made in official circles here of the fact that direct negotiations with Great Britain respecting the Venezuela boundary dispute have been resumed by our state department at the point where they were left by the exchange of notes between Secretary Olney and Lord Salisbury of last July and November, respectively. Lord Salisbury had the last word according to the published correspondence, and the sending of the special message to Congress by President Cleveland had the effect of delaying a response to Lord Salisbury's note, but did not relieve the department of the necessity of fulfilling the obligation to reply eventually. It is believed here that not only has this response been made, but that other exchanges have followed, principally through Ambassador Bayard at London, and that once more the negotiations are running along in excellent temper, with fair prospects of a satisfactory termination.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, March 21.—A boy named Swinehart, 13 years old, was arrested last night as the leader of a gang of youthful ruffians who at-

tempted to burn alive a small boy avowedly whom they had a spite. They persuaded the little fellow to enter the cellar of an empty house and then tied him securely to a post. After torturing him with tales of death in different forms, they deliberately set fire to the building and then ran away. Parties passing seeing this, broke in and extinguished it and discovered the almost unconscious child tied in the cellar.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 21.—Mr. Fitzmaurice, the British vice consul, has returned from Urfa, and reports that eight thousand people were massacred in the recent disturbances there.

BAYFIELD, Wis., March 22.—Julia Bird, an old squaw, and quite a character in this section, her daughter, Charlotte Bird, an infant daughter of Charlotte, and C. Riquette, an Indian from the Bad River reservation, were burned to death this morning at 2 o'clock in a house on the outskirts of the town. Biquette was quite well-to-do.

CHICAGO March 22.—The Times-Herald's New York special says: Thomas Edison has succeeded, with the aid of the X rays, in penetrating the human body with the naked eye, the successful experiment having been made last week. He looked into the lungs and heart and examined the arteries, muscles and blood vessels of one of his assistants. With the powerful cathode light behind the subject, he looked through a screen of prepared chemicals, and is said to have plainly seen the workings of the various organs of the body.

BARCELONA, March 22.—A renewed manifestation of the emotional spirit of the citizens of this town was made today, though no hostile demonstration was attempted against the United States consulate. As is usual on Sunday, there was a promenade of light-hearted holiday makers and a concert by the municipal band for the enjoyment of the promenaders. A remarkable scene occurred during the afternoon which seemed to be occasioned by a spontaneous movement of the crowd.

Cries were raised for the playing of the national march by the band, and the regular program of the concert had to be interrupted to satisfy the demands, so importunate were the cries. The crowd then proceeded in a body to the French consulate, where a deputation entered to express sentiments of friendship and esteem for France. The people here are confident in their belief that France is pledged to assist Spain in a possible conflict with the United States.

Five thousand persons outside were meanwhile cheering for Spain, Weyler and Cuba.

The American consulate and the chief thoroughfares of the city were guarded by gens d'armes as a precautionary measure. But there was no attempt at violent disorder.

MADRID, March 22.—The Herald says: "Spain could never officially recognize a United States commission of inquiry into Cuban affairs. It is impossible that President Cleveland should have such an idea. War between Spain and America would be preferable."

The same paper also says: "Spain in former times has accepted the conse-