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# Changes In The Cabinet STORM OF SHOT

All Sorts of Rumors at Ottawa Regarding Cabinet Reconstructions.

Cartwright and Scott are to Go After The Present Session.

Parliamentary Press Dinner Was Last Evening a Great Success.

rumors are flying about recarding cabinet changes. Hon, Mr. Sutherland, of the public works department will quit immediately. His health is poor and he is disgruntled over the limitation of his administrative powers by reason of Minister Prefontaine grabbing half his department. Mr. Hyman will succeed him.

Montreal Witness, a Liberal paper, says tonight: Messrs. Cartwright, Fisher and Sifton are going to quit the cabinet. In well informed circles this is regarded as somewhat improbable, as regards Sifton and Fisher. They know how to hang on. Mr. Cartwright may go after the session, also Mr. Scott. The latter will be succeeded by Belcourt.

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The parliamentary press dinner tonight was a great success. Premier
Laurier, Mr. Borden and the Speakers
of the Senate and Commons were
among the guests.

Application will be made this session
for an act to incorporate a company
under the name of the White Horse,
Kluune & Northwestern Railway Company, with power to construct a line
of railway from a point near White
Horse, thence running in a northwesterly direction to a point near Klunne
dake, Yukon (Territory, with branch
dines, roads, ferries, etc.

An order-in-council has been passed
allowing the law to take its course in
the case of Clement Goyette, now in
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the case of the council control of a bill for issuing whaling licenses for
the Atlantic coast.

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St. Peteroburg, April 16.—The papers here which, since the Andio-Prench acreement, have been distracted, first and a new and that, if so, that it was a Ressian arrennent, have been distracted, first in decasesing the agreement significantly and the provided of the provi set by the Russo-Austrian and Franco-Italian agreements.

The Russ says: "For France, and perhaps for all Europe, the Anglo-French agreement is a turning point. France was being drawn towards Germany against her will. Emperor William has made it one of the principal tasks of his life to reconcile France to her fate, but besides the Berlin road there is one other open, namely, the London road. French statesmen had long anticipated the moment when they would have to choose between them. Germany is now abandoned to involuntary isolation: France has left her irrevocably; her complete isolation will now depend upon Russia. If the latter concludes an agreement with Great Britain, Germany's position will be critical. The prospect is so pleasing to Great Britain that she will scarcely place unacceptable conditions before Russia. Great Britain knows that her agreement with France will become friendship, if Russia desires to join the coalition. Germany understands that the Anglo-French agreement will not weaken the dual alliance, which it simply supplements."

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# Japan Is Hotly **Pressing Her** Advantage

VICIOUS BOMBARDMENT

Ottawa, Out., April 16.—All sorts of Viceroy Alexieff Reports Fresh Enemy's Squadron and Some Fatalities

> St. Petersburg, April 15.— A telegram from Admiral Alexieff from Port Arthur to the Emperor says:

"From 9:15 o'clock this morning to midday the Japanese fleet, in two divislons, bombarded the fortress and the town alternately from the Lino Tisshin promontory, firing 155 projectiles.

"The Russian squadron,

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# FORTAND FLAGSTAFF LAST PORT BASH AND DOCKYARD. FARBOR, WHEREY RUSSIAN, SHIPS WARE DISABLED BY JAPANESE, FORT

Bira's-Eye View of Port Arthur, showing Harbor and Fortifications.

# **Deny Report** Made By Togo

Russians Declare He Did Not Sink Mines Off Port Arthur Harbor.

Offer No Explanation of the Disaster to Battleship Petropavlovsk.

Statement That Submarine Boats Were Seen Hovering in the Vicinity.

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St. Petersburg, April 16.—The claim of Vice Admiral Togo, commander in chief of the Japanese standing squadron that die sank mines off Port Arthur at midnight Thesday has elicited an authoritative statement that not a single illupanese torpedo boat approached the entrance to Port Arthur at that time. The informant is in a position to have access to all official reports, but he admits he cannot explain the Petropavlovek explosica.

An admiral has given a version of the affair confirming that of Vice Admiral Togo. He declares that Japanese torpedo boats came up the previous evening and laid mines along the silout of the entrance to the harbor. He claims that the torpedo boats were seen to make off in a different direction from that in which they came.

The flagship, he says, drew out from the line as the squadron re-entered the harbor, thus getting among the Japanese mines. The theory that the disaster to the Petroparlovsk was caused by a submarine boat, which had been scouted out by the admiralty, is revived by a statement published in the Novi Krai on March 24th that a sentry's cutter stationed in the roadstead reported what looked like a sumarine vessel two miles off shore.

Launches from the torpedo boat were seen out to investigate but found no trace of the vessel. The same issue