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peninsula and Che Foo, and the report that new aircraft had been erected on the tip of Lao Tung seems to corroborate this idea.

Independent reports keep coming in from merchant ships that a heavy firing was going on early yesterday morning between Port Arthur and Che Foo.

Russian Account of Disaster. ST. PETERSBURG, 5:38 p. m., April 13.—It is officially announced that Vice Admiral Makarov was drowned at the time of the sinking of the battleship Petropavlovsk.

Twenty Men are Saved. The correspondent of the Associated Press has been cautioned by a high authority to be extremely reserved about accepting the reports current in the city.

Grand Duke Cyril was only saved from death by a miracle. His brother, Grand Duke Boris, witnessed the catastrophe through a marine glass.

It is estimated that from 600 to 700 men perished when the Petropavlovsk sank. According to very high authority the latest advice received at the Winter palace here are to the effect that a naval battle is still progressing off Port Arthur.

Petropavlovsk Turns Turtle. The Japanese fleet, including torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, totals forty. Vice Admiral Makarov ordered his whole squadron out of the harbor to meet the attack.

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DEPENDS ON KOURPATKIN

Russia Places Her Trust in the Great Pluck of Skobeleff. SETTLES DOWN TO SERIOUS BUSINESS. Capital Shows Little Sign of the Furious Activity that Prevails Along the Transiberian Railroad.

By special arrangement with Collier's Weekly The Bee is enabled to present the following letter from John Callan Laughlin, Collier's special correspondent at St. Petersburg. It is the first of the special letters from the Russian capital that will follow. Other letters from Mr. Laughlin will follow in due time.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—Russia has settled down to the serious business of preparing for a war upon which it has already embarked. In its capital there are few signs of unquiet activity; along the Transiberian railroad thousands of soldiers and tons of supplies are rushing to Manchuria, in obedience to orders issued from the quiet offices which overlook the Nevyki. During the war with Spain the White Sea was filled with the fleet of industry, and the War and Navy departments were surcharged with excitement.

Quiet at the Capital. St. Petersburg knows no such scenes as those of Washington and London. A few persons gathered around the official bulletins pasted upon lamp posts, and interested groups examining photographs of Kourpatkin and Makarov, or of soldiers of the different corps at the front—these were the only signs of the war which the thought of the people has taken. Walk to the Place Dvortsovy, a huge semicircle, the base of which is formed by the imposing Winter palace, and the circumference by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Finance and the Department of the Imperial Court.

Kourpatkin's Departure. The hour approached for the departure of General Kourpatkin for Manchuria. I drove down the Nevski Prospekt, looking at the thousands lining the boulevards awaiting the man who had sworn to meet and defeat the Japanese upon his name day—March 17 in the Russian and April 3 in our calendar.

Had an Averation for His Mission. The emperor in his summons to Vice Admiral Makarov said: "My choice has fallen upon you and I will not take a refusal, and so the admiral went to the far east. The emperor's sorrow is doubly keen on this account, for by imperial command a regular service will be celebrated at the Admiralty church at noon tomorrow for the emperor's favorite admiral.

Makarov Was Very Popular. Rear Admiral Rojenskiy is a man of an utterly different mould from Vice Admiral Makarov. He is tall, thin, and has a man of talent and ability, but he is not so popular with the jockies as was the dead commander-in-chief.

Objections to Marriage. It is said, according to the dispatch, that the grand duke was deeply in love with the Hessian grand duchess before her marriage. One of the objections to the marriage was that Grand Duke Cyril was of orthodox, Russian faith, while the grand duchess is a Lutheran.

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Queen Victoria, and that, to please the British government, he was stripped of his rank and banished. "When the Little Father needs him," peasants and soldiers say with childlike simplicity, "he will reappear upon his famous white horse."

Confident of Winning. How many Russians have asked me: "Do you think we will win?" The question seemed to imply doubt in their ability to conquer. But often they answered the question themselves: "The Japanese are brave and hardy," they said. "The war will be long and fierce. We will lose heavily. But we will win, for we must win."

Who, I asked, "was responsible for the separation?" "Well, you know," he answered evasively. "We did not expect war. In fact, our orders were to refrain from taking any action of a warlike character. Our hands were tied."

LIVES SNUFFED OUT. Continued from First Page. In keeping social or business engagements carried out as usual, but he was not to be other social or business engagements carried out as usual, but he was not to be other social or business engagements carried out as usual.

Death Record. STRONGHURST, Ill., April 13.—A. H. Silbes, well known among grain men throughout the middle west, died here today of pneumonia. He was 50 years old.

Hand Sapolio Equals. A mild Turkish bath in many of its advantages. It demands no extreme of heat or cold, but removes all scurf, casts off the constantly dying outer skin, and gives the inner skin a chance to assimilate new life.

Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills. In keeping social or business engagements carried out as usual, but he was not to be other social or business engagements carried out as usual, but he was not to be other social or business engagements carried out as usual.

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