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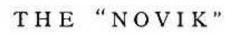
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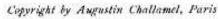
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### PREFACE

THE author of this little work, Andrew Petrovitch Steer, was born in 1878. Entering the Imperial Navy, he became Sub-Lieutenant in 1897, Lieutenant in 1901. In December 1903 he joined the 3rd class cruiser Novik, Commander von Essen, of the Pacific Squadron, after previous service on that station in the Digit and Rossia. Between March 1905 and March 1906 Steer commanded the submarines Delphin and Som at Vladivostok. Returning to St. Petersburg, he commanded a torpedoboat in home waters for a year, then, in February 1907, once more proceeded to Vladivostok to assume command of the destroyer Skory. On 17th October the

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same year the crew mutinied, and a petty officer shot Steer dead while in bed in his cabin.

Readers of *Rasplata* will find many of Semenoff's statements corroborated in this account, which was written soon after the war was over, with the principal object of setting right the many incorrect or purely fanciful statements which had appeared in the Russian Press.

It is believed that Steer never saw any of Semenoff's books.

L. A. B.

October 1912.

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