

arrived from the United States of North America. This was the captain of whom they bought the *Juno*, as related above, with whom they had sailed from the island of Sitka to California, and had always been on the most friendly terms. This captain and Mr. Von Langsdorff, who was also well acquainted with them, paid them a visit, and as the captain was to go to Cronstadt the following day, in order to return to America, they agreed to spend the evening with Langsdorff who lived in Wassilij-Ostrow. They accordingly met there, and staid till two o'clock in the morning. When they got to the bridge over the Newa, they found that it was open*. As they wanted to be at home early in the morning, they were in haste to get to the other side. At that moment, (so the accounts say) a boat was passing through the bridge. It appeared to them easy to jump from the bridge into the boat, and from that, to get again on the bridge. But the attempt failed, and both fell into the water. The darkness of the night, the rapid current under the bridge, and a violent wind, rendered assistance impossible. The Newa had buried them in its waves.

Such was the melancholy end of these two highly distinguished and unfortunate officers. Their bodies were not found.

* It is a draw-bridge. (See note, page 301.)