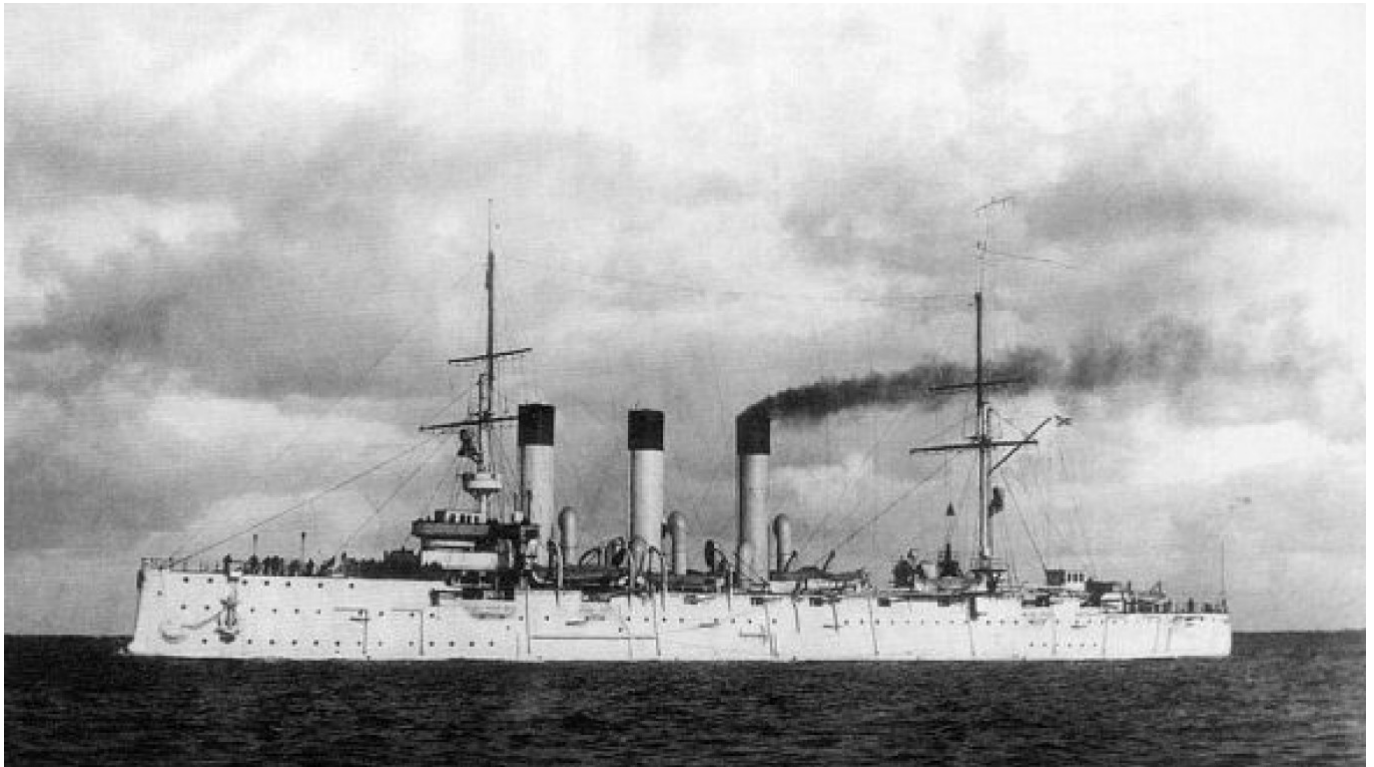


## Today in History, May 24

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The Aurora, 1903.

113 years ago today, on May 24, 1900, the cruiser Aurora was launched by Nicholas II in St. Petersburg.

The Aurora has since become synonymous with the Russian Revolution because it was a blank shot fired from this ship that heralded the storming of the Winter Palace in October 1917.

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