

### Actions of Rum Fleet Worrying "Dry" Officials

#### Vessels Withdraw From Virginia Capes and Officials Fear Way to Land Goods Has Been Found.

Norfolk, Va., May 27.—The Atlantic coast rum fleet, the operations of which federal officials say has revealed an "international ring," has withdrawn from the entrance to the Virginia capes and enforcement officers expressed the fear that it had found a way to land its goods. Meanwhile William L. Burwell, his wife and Rex D. Sheldon, arrested on charges of conspiracy in connection with the operations of the smugglers, were ordered released on bonds for a preliminary hearing June 4. The bonds of the Burwells were fixed at \$5,000 each and that of Sheldon was placed at \$10,000. He was held when he failed to make it.

might secured the city for another man said to be implicated in the smuggling plot which, they said, had ramifications in several countries, including Cuba and Scotland. They explained the present activity of smuggling operations off the capes was due to an effort to send large quantities of liquor to Washington where several hundred thousand visitors will gather next week for the Shriners' convention.

## ONE OF OURS

By WILLA CATHER. Famous Nebraska Author.

(Continued from Saturday.)  
That morning, in response to a telephone message, "There's not much to do here, by way of amusement," said the Major. "A movie show tonight, and you can get anything you want at the estaminet, the one on the square, opposite the English tank, is the best. There are a couple of nice French women in the Red Cross barrack, up on the hill, in the old convent garden. They try to look out for the civilian population, and we're on good terms with them. We get their supplies through with our own, and the quartermaster has orders to help them when they run short. You might go up and call on them. They speak English perfectly."

Claude asked whether he could walk in on them without any kind of introduction.  
"Oh yes, they're used to us. I'll give you a card to Mile. Olive, though. She's a particular friend of mine. There you are: Mile. Olive de Courcy, introducing, etc. And, you understand, here he glanced up and looked Claude over from head to foot, "she's a perfect lady."

stepped into one of those holes a few nights before, and been drowned. This had been a rich town of 18,000 inhabitants; now the civilian population was about 400. There were people there who had hung on all through the years of German occupation; others who, as soon as they heard that the enemy was driven out, came back from wherever they had found shelter. They were living in cellars, or in little wooden barracks made from old timbers and American goods boxes. As he walked along, Claude read familiar names and addresses, painted on boards built into the sides of these frail shelters: "From Emery Bird, Thayer company, Kansas City, Mo.," "Daniels and Fisher, Denver, Colo.," These inscriptions cheered him so much that he began to feel like going up and calling on the French ladies.  
The sun had come out not after three days of rain. The stagnant pools and the weeds that grew in the ditches gave out a rank, heavy smell. Wild flowers grew triumphantly over the piles of rotting wood and rusty iron: cornflowers and Queen Anne's lace and poppies; blue and white and red, as if the French colors came up spontaneously out of the French soil, no matter what the Germans did to it. Claude paused before a little shanty built against a half-demolished brick wall. A gilt cage hung in the doorway, with a canary, singing beautifully. An old woman was working in the garden patch, picking out bits of brick and plaster the rain had washed up, digging with her fingers around

the pale carrot-tops and neat lettuce heads. Claude approached her, touched his helmet, and asked her how one could find the way to the Red Cross. She wiped her hands on her apron and took him by the elbow. "Vous savez le tank Anglais? Non? Marie, Marie!"  
(He learned afterward that every one was directed to go this way or that from a disabled British tank that had been left on the site of the old town hall.)  
A little girl ran out of the barrack, and her grandmother told her to go at once and take the American to the Red Cross. Marie put her hand in Claude's and led him off along one of the paths that wound among the rubbish. She took him out of the way to show him a church, evidently one of the ruins of which they were proud, where the blue sky was shining through the white arches. The Virgin stood with empty arms over the central door; a little foot sticking to her robe showed where the infant Jesus had been shot away.

"Le bel est case, mais il a profage sa mere," Marie explained with satisfaction. As they went on, she told Claude that she had a soldier among the Americans who was her friend. "Il est bon, il est gai, mon soldat," but he sometimes drank too much alcohol, and that was a bad habit. Perhaps now, since his comrade had stepped into a cellar hole Monday night while he was drunk, and had been drowned, her "Charlie" would be warned and would do better. Marie was evidently a well brought up child.

Her father, she said, had been a schoolmaster. At the foot of the convent hill she turned to go home. Claude called her back and awkwardly tried to give her some money, but she thrust her hands behind her and said resolutely, "Non, merci. Je n'ai besoin de rien," and then ran away down the path.  
As he dimmed toward the top of the hill he noticed that the ground had been cleaned up a bit. The path was clear, the bricks and heavy stones had been piled in neat heaps, the broken hedges had been trimmed and the dead parts cut away. Emerging at last into the garden, he stood still for wonder; even though it was in ruins, it seemed so beautiful after the disorder of the world before.  
The gravel walks were clean and shining. A wall of very old boxwoods stood green against a row of dead Lombardy poplars. Along the shattered side of the main building, a pear tree, trained on wires like a vine, still flourished, full of little red pears. Around the stone wall was a shaven grass plot, and everywhere there were little trees and shrubs, which had been too low for the shells to hit, or for the fire, which had scoured the poplars, to catch. The hill must have been wrapped in flames a long time, and all the tall trees had been burned.  
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