

furtively, she looked up at Ronald. He and the officer were laughing at the children.

"Va par ci, va par la," The giggles of the others echoed the song, but Arlette did not move. She was entranced, as someone is who is faced with a sudden fear. Through her body had run a slight stir; it had been ecstasy and it had been pain. Above all it was unknown. Now she was left void and waiting, but with a knowledge that

filled her and overflowed, like one's arms in a fever. It made her blind. There was no happiness in her soul, no smile on her face. In her thoughts there was a painful confusion, for she knew that she was a mile above these giggling children, and yet, simultaneously, she felt that they had all turned against her; even the face of the kind Sister Superior had become a mask of iron which detested her. She wanted the song to end.

"FATHER OF THE JAPANESE NAVY"

The Story of Will Adams, English Shipwright and Pilot

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TO-DAY THE guns of our coastal batteries stand ready to deal with any "hit and run" raid the Japanese may attempt on this country, yet it is not so long ago when the same guns thundered forth a salute to a representative of that navy which is to-day at grips with the Allies. We remember the visits of Japanese naval units to these shores—yet how many of us remember that an English seaman was responsible for the founding of that navy?

The year 1588 is a memorable one in English history. When the Spanish Armada was nearing the coast of England, and Drake and his seamen were preparing to meet the Spaniards, Will Adams, a boy barely fourteen years of age, was serving as a shipwright's apprentice on the banks of the Thames. Fifteen years later this English shipwright and pilot was to found a navy, the same navy which three hundred years later met the Imperial Russian Fleet and practically annihilated it at the Battle of Tsushima.

Born in 1574, in Gillingham, England, Adams was twelve years of age when he was apprenticed to the shipwright's

trade; a highly important calling in the days when the sailors of the Virgin Queen were hammering out the foundations of the British Empire on the southern seas.

In 1598, ten years after the defeat of the Armada, Will Adams, his apprenticeship long since served, and engaged as a pilot by the Dutch East India Company, sailed from Texel, in the Netherlands, for the East Indies.

The fleet of five vessels sailed on June 24, 1598, but ill luck dogged the fleet from the commencement of the voyage. Driven off their course, half-starving and exhausted, with scurvy taking deadly toll of the crews, the five ships reached the Straits of Magellan in



The tomb of Will Adams at Hemi.