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How Lieutenant Colonel Whittlesey Answered the Boche Demand That He Surrender.

Lieut. Col. Charies W. Whittlesey, commander of the "Lost Baitalion." and winner of the first congressional medal of the war, has been dubbed Go-to-Hell Whittlesey, because of his reputed pithy answer to the German demand to\_surrender. Now comes Lieut, Arthur McKeogh, adjutant of the battalion, with the complete story which he tells in Everybody's. "As matter of fact." writes Lieutenant McKeogh, "the colonel sent back no written answer whatever. To those nearest him he did suggest that the Boches could take the well-known easy descent. But the most complete, practical and splendid answer that could have been made to the German proposal he made as he finished reading

"On the side of the hill our airplane liaison agent had spread out his panel to indicate the battalion's position to the divisional planes that had been trying to drop message cylinders and even food within reach of the command. That panel was an equilateral cloth triangle, more than six feet long. Moreover, with the exception of a small black patch, it was white. The thought sprang into the colonel's mind that, inclined as it was on comparatively open ground, the big signal device was probably visible in the Boche lines. And it was white. Messages and food were essential enough, God knows, but suppose the Germans mistook that panel for surrender!

"Whit ordered it taken in at once. That was his answer "What words could have been as

magnificent!"

WILL NOT BE MADE RELIC

Clemenceau's Coat to Be Missing From Collection of Mementoes of the World's Famous.

Apparently M. Clemenceau's practical mind and hate of show are going to deprive his admirers of the right of gazing at the famous perforated coat and waistcoat in one of the Paris museums, for this is not to be included among the reiics of greatness for a future age, like Nelson's cont and the Napoleon relics. There have been some very curious souvenirs of the kind, apart from the half-smoked cigars of royalties which are treasured by some. Most curious of all undoubtedly was Lord Anglesey's "leg." Lord Anglesey lost a leg at Waterloo, and it was buried in the garden of the villa to which he was taken. In after years he used to recall how parties of people visited the spot "to view the grave." A relic of another kind was George II's famous coat, and it was a pleasant traft in the flery little king that he squeezed himself at Dettingen into the coat he had worn years before at Oudenarde. Horace Walpole's "researches after Queen Mary's comb, Welsey's red hat, the pipe which Van Tromp smoked during his last sea fight, and the spur which King William the flank of Sorrel's" are famous,-Westminster Guardian.

## Mineral That Can Be Molded.

Charles E. Sweet has discovered a preparation of silver which may be made in a plastic form like wax or clay, and also thinned down to the consistency of paint, according to the Little Journal, Cambridge, Mass. Copper, copper alloys and bronzes may be worked in the same manner. By simple technology, the preparation may be reduced to the pure metal without any change in its form or shape.

A sculptor may work it in the rough or in relief, just as he does his usual materials, or in dilution it may be applied to a metallic surface with a brush. It greatly simplifies the problem of artistic work of a high order, although, of course, it is more expensive than stamped wares. Medallions and figures may thus be presented in the original without the need of casting, and such articles as silver sets may be made of which every member is original and unique. It provides a new medium for artists. The invention has been patented.

## He Wears a Necklace.

Did you ever hear of a man wearing a necklace? Well, that is what the male Canadian warbler does, while on the female of this attractive bird there is only the slightest indication of a necklace, says the American Forestry association, Washington, which is conducting the nation-wide birdhouse building contest among school children. The warbler's necklace of black spots shows up very strikingly on his offive green and yellowish throat and breast. On the back the bird is of a slate gray color with the tall more of an olive brown tone. This is a very lively bird. It is very seldom still for more than a few seconds before it dashes out at some tempting bit to eat. It is partial to the wooded banks of streams. It usually keeps in underbrush near the ground.

America possesses some of the largest chicken hatcheries in the world, a single establishment sometimes having a capacity of 225,000 eggs. One room in such a hatchery has 33,000 eggs in process of incubation at one An interesting by-product of the industry are the shells which accumulate in mountainous piles. They are not wasted, however, but are ground and sold to chicken raisers for feed, principally as bone builder, thus scorpleting the cycle to everyone's satish etion. - Popular Mechanics Maga-

## ACTION BETTER THAN WORDS HAD HIS DESIRE REALIZED

Clemenceau Wanted to Come Into Contact With the Private Soldier, and He Did!

On one occasion when Premier Clemenceau visited the French army at the front, says a contributor to Je Sals Tout, the general who was his host suggested a sightseeing trip, but the premier declined the invitation.

"General," he said, "I did not come here as a tourist; I have only one purpose, and that is to come into direct personal contact with the private soldier. I wish to see him as he faces the enemy."

"In this sector," was the reply, "it is easy to do that. At post 8 there are only four meters between the poilu and his adversary." "Very weil," said Clemenceau. "I

wish to go to post 8."

Complete silence reigned in the trenches where the soldiers stood, gun in hand, ready to go "over the top." Their faces were tired and deeply lined; in them were the traces of suffering and of anger. These men asked no favors, but they forgave nothing. In their eyes shone a de termined resolution to win, and then to punish. When the party reached the covered passage leading to post 8 the guide told M. Clemenceau that for the remaining distance he would have to crawl upon his stomach, and in that fashion the premier advanced until he met a sentry. There for an instant he forgot that he was not in the tribune of the senate and, speaking loudly, said:

"Well, my friend, what-A hard slap cut the sentence short, "Shut up!" hissed the sentry. "Can't you hear that Boche coughing?"

The soldier never doubted that his blow had saved the man who was destined to lead France to victory. He had treated M. Clemenceau like a comrade. The premier had been near indeed to the private soldier; he had come into direct personal contact with him. He: desire was realized .- Youth's

### CAN WIN DESPITE HANDICAP

Wounded Soldiers Not "Out" in the Battle of Life and Do Not Ask to Be Coddled.

"I have found that you do not need hands and feet, but you do need courage and character. You must play the game like a thoroughbred," said Michael Dowling at the international conference on reconstruction.

"You fellows know how it is in a handicap race. A handicap is put on the horse that has proved himself, so that he may not beat the others too easily. But the horse with the handicap is the one to bet on.

"You fellows are handicapped, but we know you can win the fight. You have been handicapped by the Hun, who could not win the fight. For most of you it will prove to be God's greatest blessing, for few men begin to think until they find themselves against a stone wall.

"And you other folks-don't treat these boys like bables! Treat them like what they have proved themselves to be-men. Don't spoon-feed Don't coddle them. They would rather get their own faces down into the blueberry ple and eat it for themselves."

## The United States Fish Crop.

The total value of the American fish crop, including that of Alaska and the insular possessions, is estimated now to be \$150,000,000, allowing for the advances in value of the last year. The capital invested in the fisherles of the United States, including vessels and the land establishments for handling the fish, is estimated at about \$75,000,000 and the number of persons employed is 220,000. The value of the sea products turned out by the canneries is \$50,000,000.

Food experts did well during the war times to urge Americans to eat more fish, not only because this helped conserve the supplies of beef and pork products but also because eating some good fish frequently means a change in the average man's diet which is to his benefit. The same argument holds true in regard to vegetables and green things, of which many people in citles do not eat enough for their own

## Ghost Altogether Too Real.

One of the most amusing mishaps that ever happened in any production of Sir Henry Irving was in "Hamlet," during the first appearance of the The actor impersonating the dead king of Denmark was suddenly seized with a violent fit of sneezing but sought valiantly to go on with his lines, thereby giving a new and curious rendering to the words: "Hamlet -achou !- I am-achou !- thy father's achou!-spirit!" The house was in an uproar, and when next the ghost appeared a chorus of sneezes resounded from the gallery and another episode of the great tragedian went from the sublime to the ridiculous,

## Planting Trees on Wall Street.

They are preparing to plant trees along Wall street for soldlers from Denmark, but this Denmark is a town in Wisconsin and while there may be bulls and bears also on this Wall street they are not the ones usually associated with that thosoughfare. These memorial trees are being planted by John Jorgensen, according to a report to the American Forestry association of Washington, which is registering on a national honor roll all such trees set out.

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