"OVER THE TOP"

By An American Soldier Who Went

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Machine Gunner, Serving in France

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EMPEY LEARNS THAT SOMETIMES A STREAK OF YELLOW CAN TURN PURE WHITE.

Synopsis.—Fired by the sinking of the Lusitania, with the loss of American lives, Arthur Guy Empey, a young American living in Jersey City, goes to England and enlists as a private in the British army. After a short experience as a recruit he is sent to the front-line trenches, where he takes part in a bombing raid. Later he is in a bombing party that blows up a German sentry post. Empey's company is sent into the front-line trenches, where he takes his first turn on the firing step while the bullets whistle over his head. Empey learns, as comrades falls, that death lurks always in the trenches. Chaplain distinguishes himself by bringing wounded men under hot fire. With pick and shovel, Empey experiences an intensely poignant detail. In No Man's Land—an open space between the trenches—he helps bury a comrade killed by a sniper. Empey's company is relieved by another company, and he is sent back to the rear for a rest period. Later he is sent back to the front trenches, where he "lives over the top" in a successful but comrades require a rest period. Soon afterwards Empey and his comrades require a rest period. Soon afterwards Empey and his comrades are ordered "over the top" in a successful but