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[illegible] of a man riding into [illegible] leaping into fame, but [illegible] done this literally, as [illegible] Collins, the speedemeter[illegible] automobilists who [illegible] Echo, in the suburbs [illegible] He is the man who last [illegible] up three automobilists [illegible] Italian ambassador [illegible] consisting of the [illegible] Assistant Secretary of [illegible] and a number of other [illegible] who two or three [illegible] up Her von Radovitz, [illegible] to the German em[illegible] point of a pistol; and [illegible] caused the tremendous [illegible] and other places [illegible] shots, or was reported [illegible] shots, at the automobile [illegible] Shonts. Many have been [illegible] that the redoubtable [illegible] makes a sort of special[illegible]. If it is so it is be[illegible] make a specialty of [illegible] speed limits in the vil[illegible] Echo; but if they do, [illegible], for since the 8th of [illegible], when the new speed [illegible] effect in Maryland, [illegible] has arrested 125 auto[illegible] people and haled them [illegible]esty, the mayor of Glen [illegible] with violating the [illegible] 12 miles per. And the [illegible]ceeded forthwith to col[illegible] the costs and as the [illegible]shal Collin's activities [illegible]ling support of his [illegible] have come into the [illegible] Glen Ech the sum of [illegible] Glen Echo never before [illegible]oney in its history, save [illegible] the gamblers and other [illegible]who, before the days of [illegible]ins and Mayor Garrett, [illegible]eighborhood.

[illegible] not begin to attract gen[illegible] until he, by holding up [illegible]ats, some real sure[illegible] ones with monocles, [illegible]nes, coats of arms, and [illegible]arshal brought on inter[illegible]plications. True, he did [illegible] in front of an auto con[illegible] daughters of Mr. The[illegible], but one of the Misses [illegible]r foreign beau along, so [illegible]ering on the line.

[illegible]ECOME A JOKE.

[illegible]ollins has been a sort of [illegible]is picturesque manner of [illegible] diplomats and others, [illegible] dangerous looking uni[illegible] still more dangerous [illegible]trapped to his side, and it [illegible]airly good joke to those [illegible]him from afar, and those [illegible]out him in the newspa[illegible] those who have run up [illegible]arshal in the flesh and [illegible]niform, he has not been [illegible] and chagrined at the stigma which attached to them for living in such a [illegible] town. Collins is a small [illegible] man, about five feet four inches. He has slightly yellow hair, blue eyes, and sallow much-tanned face. To be such a mortal terror to anybody even chauffeurs and diplomats he is about the calmest, timidest, mildest-mannered looking man in all the country round. He is always deliberate, never loses his temper, and when he says to a chauffeur "sto," the chauffeur generally finds it convenient to stop. When I asked him how he did this thing, Collins reached back into his hip pocket and began, "In the first place, before we go any further, let me show you my tremendous hoss pistols, you have been hearin' so much about." He produced a small 32-calibre Smith & Wesson. "That's all the hoss pistols I got," said he. "That don't look to you particular dangerous, does it?" Then he continued and told how the trick was done.

HIS PLAN OF ACTION.

"Well, when I hear the automobile comin', I get on my bicycle and ride along behind it, watching my speedometer. If the speedometer says that they are going more than 12 miles an hour, I don't in generally bother 'em, unless they are going somewhere about 20 miles, or more an hour. If they are goin' that fast I in generally ride up to the side where the automobiles speedometer is, and then if his speedometer is like mine, I show it to the chauffeur, and sort o' suggest to him that he is violatin' the law. Then in generally he sort o' slacks up, but if he don't, then I ask him to stop his automobile and let me have a word with him, as I have something to say to him. Now, the other day, when this German fellow you hear about come along, I was sittin' there in front of the hotel talkin' to a lot of people who had come up in buggies and carriages, and they was tellin' me how they liked to drive out on this road, but the automobilists seemed to have charge of the whole road. Then I saw this automobile coming tearin' down the road, at about 35 miles an hour, as it seemed to me. I got on my bicycle and followed along behind, and I saw he was running about 16 or 17 mile san hour. When he saw me he slacked up. There was two men and two women in the automobile. I co't 'em about two miles down the road. I don't in generally stop 'em if they are not running faster than 16 or 17 miles, although the law limit is 12; that is when there aint no carriages or other vehicles on the road. A man in the automobile stop up behind, looked around at me, and tried to guy me, but I never paid no attention to that. I just went on. When they got to the sign down the road there, the fellow turned to the chauffeur and said, 'we are out of his jurisdiction now, speed it up!' Then he went on at the rate of 35 miles an hour. I rode up beside the chaffeur and suggested to him that he stop as I had something to say to him. The man in charge told him to go on, that he was out of my jurisdiction. Then I rode behind the car about two feet from the rear wheels, took out my pistol and shot behind we twice. Then the chaffeur stopped. I said to the chauffeur, 'consider yourself under arrest.' The man in the auto got mad and told me to get on out of the way; that I had nothing to do with them. I said, 'will you put up the guarantee that the chauffeur will appear before them when the mayor calls?' He said he guess he would, and was go[illegible] to jail rather than pay up. I told him to go ahead and take him to the office, when the man who had been speaking to me took out his card and handed it to me, and I read, 'Herr von Radowitz, second secretary to the German embassy.'

"'You may proceed on,' I said. 'If you had showed me your card like a gentleman at first, I would have let you alone.' That is all there is to it.

NEVER STOPPED ITALIAN.

"Now, this here Italian man, that you hear about. The most ridiculous things have come out in the papers about me and what I did to him, and what he did to me. I never stopped any diplomat, because I know as well as they do that they are immune from arrest for things like this, so I never stop them if I know who they are. I stopped the party last Sunday because they were exceeding the speed limit. When the man in the middle automobile told me he was the Italian ambassador, I bowed to him, and told him he was privileged to pass on. He bowed to me, got back in his auto, and went on, and that is all there is to that. Now this here Shonts matter, that is a different thing. We are going to get that chauffeur and the mayor and I am going before the grand jury, and the grand jury will make requisition for him, and we will get him no matter where he is."

"When I arrest a man, I don't say nothin' to him, I just bring him on up to the mayor. Then I have done my part, and the mayor must do the rest. So you see it is a very simple matter after all."

Mayor Garrett does not mind telling about the performances of his marshal, or the proceedings of his court. He is having some fun withal. "Of course," he said, "most of the ones we catch violating the speed law, do not intend any harm and are perfectly sensible about it, so I make it a rule to let that kind off light. But there are a lot of bigoty, haughty, fellows who come in here snorting and growling, and when they see me sitting behind the desk, they look contemptuously and act insolently, apparently chagrined because they are brought before a mayor whom they considered nothing but a kid. I make it a rule to stick that kind pretty heavy, and it is out of these that we have collected most of our revenue. Generally, when they come in, it is either on Sunday or at such a time when we cannot have the full hearing, and then we have to make them come back the next day. Of course they won't come, if they can help it, once they are back in Washington they are out of the jurisdiction and there is no way to get them. We don't bother about it very much, though; we just have them put up some kind of a bond, some money, or valuable, for which it is worth their while to come back."

LEFT WATCH AS BOND.

Here the mayor took up from his desk a buttonhole watch, whose value it is hard to estimte. It may have been worth $10 or 10 cents. "One fellow," he said, "left this as a bond, and he has failed to show up to get it back."

"That won't keep him from getting arrested if he comes back into this county" put in Warshal Collins.

"Would you know him, if you were to see him?" the marshal was asked.

"If ever I arrest a man, I know him forever," said the marshal, "and if he [illegible] Mayor Garrett, "but the asphalt road is very narrow, and before we began to enforce this law, we could find an nearly every Monday morning signs of collisions the day before; broken wheels, broken bones and every other sort of thing; and our road was a dangerous place for buggies, carriages, and other like vehicles to travel on. Now we have this law, I am mayor, and Collins is marshal." And the young mayor said this with a certain air of finality. Collins bowed approval.

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GARRETT YOUNGEST MAYOR.

Mayor Garrett is a heavy set young man, with a smooth round face, blue eyes, and slightly auburn hair—the youngest mayor in the United States. In addition to his duties as mayor of Glen Echo, he is a dilligent and promising student at one of the law schools in Washington. He also holds down the office of deputy treasurer of the county of Montgomery. His father before him was a tax collector of Montgomery county. He is a veritable Necker of governmental finance. Gathering around him this efficient coterie of officers, Marshal Collins, he proceeded to execute the laws and he has executed them. Within six months he had driven all the gamblers, speakeasies and other den keepers from the parks of Cabin John, and converted the place from a community of offensive riot into a suitable place for a Sunday school picnic. He found Marshal Collins walkng up and down the scenic railway, as night watchman. Recognizing at once the qualities of the marshal in him, he called him to him, and striking the broad side of his sword across his neck, he dubbed him Knight. Since that time Marshal Collins has not closed his eyes.

"Before I found Collins," the youthful mayor said to me, "I tried something like 25 men in this position. The first one was a very good marshal, except when some difficulty arose, or there was some infraction of the law. Then he had the toothache, or the backache, or was suddenly taken with an ingrowing toe nail, or his shoes were off, or his mother-in-law sick, or something was the matter that he was never on the spot. One day I carried a paper to him and asked him to sign it. He signed it, then asked me what is was, and I told him it was his resignation."

In a similar manner the various other 25 marshals preceeding Collins relinquished their office.

EVER ON THE ALERT.

Besides the youthful mayor seated behind his desk in the front room of his house, which constitutes the city hall, sits the redoibtable Collins—that is, he sits there after he thinks all the chaffeurs are in bed. No matter ho wmuch conversation, no matter how much conversation, no matter or hubbub, nor how much Collins is interested, the slightest, vaguest, faraway choo-choo sound wafter thro' the trees from the distance, catches his ever alert ear, and he drops everything and everybody, runs to the door, mounts his trusted steed, the speedmeter bicycle, and is off and away. [illegible] Mayor Garrett, "that the asphalt road is very narrow, and before we began to enforce this law, we could find an nearly every Monday morning signs of collisions the day before; broken wheels, broken bones and every other sort of thing; and our road was a dangerous place for buggies, carriages, and other like vehicles to travel on. Now we have this law, I am mayor, and Collins is marshal." And the young mayor said this with a certain air of finality. Collins bowed approval.

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The coming of the Postal Company to our city will give our business [illegible] still better communication with outside world and Washington will still have two competing lines, Postal and the Western Union.

It has been stated upon good [illegible]thority that the Postal office will [illegible] located on Main street between [illegible] alley and Market street.

Mr. C. T. Mumford, of Greenv[illegible] has purchased the entire stock [illegible] goods of W. N. Cooper under H[illegible] Louise on Main street and is sel[illegible] the entire stock at cost.

Miss Bettie Farrow is having [illegible] handsome residence erected on [illegible] property on the corner of Fourth [illegible] Bonner streets which will be quite [illegible] ornament to that part of the [illegible] when completed.

Prof. J. M. Resseler, president [illegible] the Southern Shorthand and Busin[illegible] University of Norfolk, Va., will o[illegible] a branch of this school in this [illegible] about June the first. The school [illegible] be located on the third floor of [illegible] Fowle Building on the corner of M[illegible] and Respass streets, and this build[illegible] is now being placed in suitable c[illegible]dition preparatory to the open[illegible] This school means much for this [illegible] and Washington will welcome the[illegible]tablishment of this institution [illegible] lend all possible encouragement [illegible] its success. The school will o[illegible] with a large class of young ladies [illegible] young men.

The amateur company, which p[illegible]sented the comic opera, Pinafore [illegible] this city last week have been inv[illegible] to present this opera in the town [illegible] Greenville. They will in compli[illegible] with this request present Pinafore [illegible] Greenville on the evening of May 3[illegible] Quite a large crowd expect to att[illegible] from this city.

Mr. S. S. Ellis, of Pungo, wa[illegible] the city yesterday and he reports [illegible] people in that section are very m[illegible] pleased with the prospects of the p[illegible]posed new Mattamusket Railroad [illegible] run through that section and [illegible] they are ready to lend all aid in t[illegible] power towards establishing the [illegible] railroad, and with but a few exc[illegible]tions the work of securing the ri[illegible] of way have been comparatively e[illegible]

The "Cuban Spy," a comedy dr[illegible] in four acts will be presented in [illegible] city at Brown's Opera House in[illegible] one month by home talent. The [illegible]ceeds will go toward the benefit of [illegible] Washington Light Infantry. [illegible] play is under the direction of C[illegible] R. R. Handy and this alone bids [illegible] to make it a success.

The series of protracted mee[illegible] that have been conducted by Re[illegible] P. Tyer, of the Meth[illegible] Church, during the past week c[illegible] to a close on last Friday eve[illegible] Sunday morning the pastor will [illegible] the doors of the Church for the [illegible]pose of affording all who desi[illegible] opportunity to conect themselves [illegible] the Church.

Mrs. C. B. McKeel left on the m[illegible]ing train to be at the bedside of [illegible] sister, Mrs. Paul Jones, who is rep[illegible]ed very ill at her home in Tarbo[illegible]

Aw, Come Off.

Charlotte still has enough tro[illegible] to keep the press busy.—Durham [illegible]

Charlotte seems to be losing son[illegible] her population.—Wilmington Star

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